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50 Years of Marriage & More Celebrated in Yonkers

Yonkers Teacher & Students Honored for Service

McLaughlin & Khader Slug it Out at Debate

Lights... Camera... YoFi!

Yonkers Film Festival Returns for 5th Year

The red carpet will be rolled out Nov. 3 & 4 for the fifth annual YoFiFest, dubbed “YoFi5Fest” by festival co-founder Patty Schumann, who added: “This year we had more submissions than ever before, so we were able to curate our strongest line-up of films yet.”

Mariano Rivera of the Mariano Rivera Foundation; Gina Alvarez-Garcia of Yonkers Public Schools, 2017 WISE Award winner; County Executive Robert Antonetti; and Valarie Kinchy Ryan.

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YWCA Yonkers' Unity Walk
Is Scheduled Saturday

In honor of the “Work without Violence,” YWCA Yonkers recently launched a “Stand Against Hate” initiative to promote peace and unity in the community. Its goal is to organize a march to bring together people of all ages, genders, ethnicities and religions to help make a difference in the Yonkers community. Carrying out its mission, YWCA Yonkers is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

“Most importantly, we want to support and fight against hate and violence biases being racial, ethnic, religious, and (against) individuals with disabilities,” stated the YWCA Yonkers. “Hate crime victims become vulnerable when a place called ‘home’ is no longer a safe place.”

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A unity march is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 28 at 11 a.m. with a start at 11 a.m. (this is the Yonkers Coaches Walk). The game honored Coach Dan DeMatteo’s dad, Don DeMatteo, who may have been the greatest football coach in the history of Gorton H.S. Coaching legend John Volye participated in the centennial.

At the end of the game, a signed football by the team was presented to Don DeMatteo’s 4-year-old grandson, Donny.

In game action Alfred Koomsan had 122 yards on 16 carries and one touchdown; Rance Hamilton and Joel White, who each scored a TD pass. On the receiving end of Cathy’s passes were Hamilton and Joel White, who each scored a TD.

On defense for the Wolves were Koomsan with four tackles, Eddie Ortiz with five tackles and one sack, and Xavier Micahala with three tackles.

For the Blue Devils of Saunders, Ronga said senior Franklin Boateng had a 55-yard touchdown run, which was his ninth TD of the season. Junior Joel McNair and senior Nick Saunders had a great game, too – each scoring multiple TDs.

“We again had the early lead against Gorton, but the play of the game that turned it around was a blocked punt deep in our territory that led to a touchdown that put them ahead,” said Ronga. “Our players played very hard and they should be commended for their overall effort.”

On Oct. 27, Yonkers Montessori Academy plays at Lincoln H.S. at 3 p.m. Then on Oct. 28, Gorton takes on Port Washington for the Flushing Valley Championship at 2:30 p.m. at Saunders H.S. Riverside players at Saunders on Saturday starting at 11 a.m. (this is the Yonkers Coaches Bowl).

This past week’s scores are as follows: Nanuet, 32 – YMA, 8; Peekskill, 32 – Lincoln H.S., 16; and Pelham defeated Putnam two weeks ago by a forfeit.

YWCA Yonkers: "Stand Against Hate"
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Radisson Hotel 1 Radisson Plaza, New Rochelle 10801 (Restaurant) Nov 1, 15, 29, Dec 6 10:30 am
White Plains YMCA 250 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains 10605 (Community Room) Nov 2, 16, 30 10:30 am
Grassy Sprain Diner 477 Tuckahoe Rd, Yonkers 10710 Nov 9, 22 2:30 pm
Bronxville Library 201 Pondfield Rd, Bronxville 10708 (Round Room) Nov 3, 17 10:30 am
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Maple Center 35 Maple Avenue, New Rochelle 10801 Nov 8 2:00 pm

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Yonkers Downtown BID
Hosting Halloween Activities

Show up in a costume and enjoy $5 drink specials from 3 to 10 p.m. at participating bars in the downtown area, including Café Hudson, Dolphin, Frankie Ready’s, Gaugo, La Bella Vanna and Zuppa.

Tuesday, Oct. 31, Philipse Manor Hall “Haunted Manor House” – There will be a haunted house walk-thru upstairs from 4 to 7 p.m. with kid activities throughout the house. Admission is free.

Tuesday, Oct. 31, Trick-Or-Treating – From 2 to 6 p.m., enjoy trick-or-treating on New Main and Main Street, from the square to the waterfront, and on North Broadway. With more than 50 different stores to stop at, your treat bag is sure to be filled.

For more information, visit www.YonkersDowntown.com.

The Yonkers Pet Parade, one of the Halloween activities sponsored by the Yonkers Downtown BID.

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Yonkers downtown waterfront business improvement district has released its schedule of events for the Halloween season.

Every year, Yonkers celebrants celebrate Halloween in the most festive of ways. This year, there is going to be a pet parade, Halloween-themed bar crawl, a haunted Philipse Manor Hall, and trick-or-treating at the local businesses.

“Halloween is a time for the community to come together and have fun,” said Jaime Martinez, executive director of the Yonkers Downtown BID. “These events bring the community together in a way that is different than other Halloween celebrations and it makes the holiday enjoyable.”

Following is the line-up of this year’s events:

Friday, Oct. 27, Halloween Pub Crawl –

Hosting Halloween Activities

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A day of activities in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month was held Oct. 14 at The Westchester in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. "Five Ways to Reduce Your Risk." “One in eight women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime,” said Paula Kollmar, director of marketing at The Westchester. “We are proud to join forces with White Plains Hospital to present this special day of activities during breast cancer awareness month.”

“Halloween Curfew Issued

In order to provide for a safe and enjoyable holiday, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano last week announced that the Yonkers Police Department will issue a citywide curfew for children 16 years old and younger on Halloween night – Tuesday, Oct. 31.

“Halloween, a fun holiday meant to be enjoyed by all, which is why we are taking a proactive approach in providing safe Halloween for our communities,” said Spano. “In addition to the curfew, we encourage parents to be mindful of their children’s activities. Tuesday so our trick or treaters have a happy and safe Halloween this year.”

As part of the curfew, YPD advises that children age 11 and younger must be home by 10 p.m., children age 12 to 15 must be home by 11:30 p.m. and children age 16 to 18 must be home by 11 p.m.

Exceptions include kids accompanying a trained guardian, or on a errand with parental permission and prior notice to the YPD, or participating in a school activity, the navy, division 914-577-7757, youth who are out a half-hour after the end of school, religious activities Tuesday so our trick or treaters have a happy and safe Halloween this year. Tuesday so our trick or treaters have a happy and safe Halloween this year.

“Violations of the curfew will be taken to the nearest police precinct and a parent/guardian will be notified. For more information about the Halloween curfew, call 914-377-7757.”

“Following are Halloween safety tips issued by the City of Yonkers for parents, children and costumeїs.

Parents, do not leave children unattended, know the route your child will travel and give him or her a curfew, be sure children can see through masks and that they can be easily seen in the dark. Be sure your children are not wearing any debris or confess校园 guarded by a volunteer and officers who are out a half-hour after the work, with proof from a parent or guardian.

All youngsters age 16 and younger are not permitted to enter curfew areas that are located on community

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Sincerely,
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#6928 10/06 – 11/10
Congresswoman Nita Lowey, ranking member on the House Appropriations Committee, recently visited Open Door Family Medical Center in Port Chester – a federally-qualified health center serving Westchester County – during which she toured the facility and spoke with patients, staff, local elected officials, and leaders of community organizations about the need for re-authorization of Federal funding for community health centers.

“Joining Lowey were Open Door President and CEO Lindsay Farrell, Port Chester Mayor Richard Falanka, Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District Superintendent of Schools Keith Kulus, representatives of community-based organizations, and patients and staff of Open Door.

“By allowing authorization to lapse, congressional Republicans have created uncertainty for centers like Open Door that are unsure about whether they will continue to receive federal investments to provide health care to low-income people and those without insurance. It’s possible to provide high-quality health care in a cost-effective setting, “ said Lindsay Farrell, president and CEO of Open Door Family Medical Centers. “This is particularly important now to low-income people and those without health insurance. We’re grateful to Congresswoman Lowey for supporting renewed federal funding, and we’re confident that on this issue, bipartisan support truly exists.

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We know the harm this could cause. Here at Open Door, $4.2 million out of the nonrenewable $6 million federal grant is on the chopping block, which could result in fewer patients served and fewer medical professionals to receive federal investments to provide health care to low-income Americans,” said Lowey. “Congress must work on a bipartisan extension for community health centers and CHIP without delay.”

“Every election season I put myself through the debates among candidates for Yonkers City Council and City Council president always focuses on the same thing – inequality in education aid. The Yonkers candidates blame Albany for the inequity in education aid and say the first thing they are going to do is run up to Albany with their water pistols and get the education aid that Yonkers students deserve. Every year, Yonkers gets a little more money from Albany for education, but it’s never what it should receive. The issue is broken re- cord I frankly wasn’t in the mood to hear this year, although there are some bright new candi dates on the Yonkers political horizon.

But in all my years I have never witnessed an event like the one that took place Tuesday night: an audience screaming, cackling, clapping, and arguing amongst themselves, a moderator who was not in control, and candidates who talked over each other and showed little respect for each other. The debate turned into a joke.

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Committee Rules Allegations Against Khader

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the city’s leaders need to...
Aisling Irish Center Celebrates 3 Public Servants

The public turned out at the Aisling Irish Community Center’s annual dance Sept. 29 to celebrate this year’s honorees, Clive Anderson, Denise O’Flynn-Donaghy and Fr. Brendan Fitzgerald, and Executive Director Orla Kelleher.

Fitzgerald has been named pastor of St. Barnabas Parish in the Bronx. He served as...
Gennaro and Rosa Calvi married in 1957, and Len both come from parents with long marriages; and, of course, “you can kiss the bride.”

Couples sealing their 50-plus years with a kiss.

Mayor Mike Spano welcomed all to the celebration, which included re-enactments of the bride and groom enjoying their wedding cake, an event attended by entertainers in Westchester County.

Mayor Spano with his in-laws, Gennaro and Rosa Calvi, celebrating 50 years of marriage. Photos by Donna Davis.

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The Yonkers Salvation Army, celebrating 128 years of service in Yonkers, held its annual dinner Oct. 12 at Dunwoodie. City Court Judge Ed Gaffney was the master of ceremonies, and the guest speaker was Col. Kenneth Johnson Jr., chief secretary of the U.S. and territory of Salvation Army. The Salvation Army Brass Ensemble played throughout the evening, and Yonkers Salvation Army Commanding Officer Captain Cilianise Clairicius welcomed all.

This program was initiated by Spano, and it is a good one. It highlights another positive part of marriage—patience.

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Look for the Salvation Army’s kettle to be coming out soon for the holiday season.

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