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**PAL Christmas Party**

The PAL held its 28th Annual Christmas Party at the PAL's Walshin Recreation Center last Saturday at the PAL's Walshin Recreation Center for 126 mentally and physically challenged children and adults from Yonkers and the Hudson Valley.

The guests were given lunch, donated by Guilio's Restaurant, desserts from Santos Bakery and beverages from Metro Dairy. Entertainment was provided by DJ Sai Corrente and guitarist Ray Varghese, who was a finalist in the American Idol competition in 2011, made a special appearance and sang to the crowd.

Santo (Chris Polantrone) and Angie Mongelli singing holiday tunes to the crowd.

After a great meal, singing and dancing.

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**Kevin Bacon Films in Downtown Yonkers**

Actor Kevin Bacon recently spent time in downtown Yonkers filming for his new TV series, “The Following.” The Saw Mill River, which was recently uncovered at Van Der Donck Park in downtown Yonkers, was the location for filming, with a recreation of a carnival for a Mardi Gras Feast.

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**Saving the Catholic Schools in Yonkers**

The Archdiocese of New York may close St. Casimir School in Yonkers for two weeks and previously shot scenes in Yonkers earlier this year, as well as in Mt. Pleasant and Bronxville.

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**School 9 Celebrates the Multicultural Traditions of the Holiday Season**

In honor of the various cultural traditions of the staff and students, School 9 celebrated the history and ceremony of Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah.

Participating in the joyous program were the school’s administration, teachers, staff and students, who helped to create the message of respect while incorporating one’s own holiday stations.

It is worthwhile to honor the personal traditions and heritages of others.
For more than 10 years, Yonkers Firefighters Local 628 has organized a “Fill the Boot” charity fund drive on Central Avenue in front of Fire Station 14.

To date, Local 628 and the generous citizens of Yonkers have raised close to $500,000 through this event, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to charity. This year’s drive was no different. Yonkers residents reached deep into their pockets and change dishes to help Local 628 and the charities they support. As of December 9, close to $40,000 was raised toward this year’s efforts.

Local 628 President Barry McGoe thanked the residents for their support: “The firefighters of Yonkers Local 628 want to thank everyone who donated. Though this charity event does slow down traffic a bit, the donations are appreciated, especially at a time when the organizations we seek to support struggle to raise funds due to the economic downturn.”

Charitable fundraising and giving is an important part of the firefighters of Local 628’s mission. Some of the charities and organizations that Local 628 regularly supports include The NYC Ronald McDonald House and Maria Fareri’s Children Hospital.

What's Your Favorite Holiday Song?
Tell us what your favorite holiday songs, old or new, are. What memories do your favorite songs bring you, and what makes a great holiday tune?

The winning list and memories will get a $100 Visa Card and we will donate $100 to your favorite charity. Send your submissions to dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com by Monday, December 17.
Yonkers Science Barge “Captain” Bob Walters pointed out that the filming would not be taking place were it not for the new river, which was daylight as part of a $17 million restoration of the Saw Mill River.

Bacon plays a retired FBI agent who comes back to help find an escaped serial killer in “The Following,” premiering on Fox on January 21, 2013.

Half Moon Ventures, a Chicago-based developer of solar and wind energy projects, unveiled its first solar electric power generation system at New York at a ceremony on the roof of i.Park Hudson last week, joined by Mayor Mike Spano and i.Park owner Joe Cotter.

The $5 million roof, which is as long as two football fields, is one of the largest in the state of New York and will generate 15 percent of i.Park’s energy needs.

“The City of Yonkers is proud to be home to Westchester County’s largest commercial rooftop solar power system,” said Spano. “Private sector investments such as this play an important role in helping to move the nation toward a greener, stronger New York.”

Cotter said, “As a developer and owner with a fervent interest in sustainability and preserving resources, we thought this arrangement with Half Moon made great sense for the National Resources business model.”

The solar panels are housed on four different roof areas across the eight-building complex. Two on-site inverters will convert the panel-generated power from direct current (DC), the form in which it is generated, to alternating current (AC), the form in which it is consumed.

“This site is a good fit for solar,” said Half Moon CEO Michael Hastings. “Because it has enough rooftop square footage to locate the panel and inverters, because the cost of electricity in this region is fairly high and because the tenant base consumes enough electricity to make the cost savings significant. Using the 110,000 square feet of rooftop, we’ll generate enough power on-site to ease demand on the grid by about 15 percent and ease the owner’s operating costs considerably.”

When fully operational by the end of the year, it will generate more than 1.2 million kilowatt hours of electricity a year — enough to power more than 120 homes for a year — while removing the equivalent of the annual harmful greenhouse emissions of more than 160 cars from the environment. The panels, which have a life expectancy of 20 years, will generate the most energy in the summer, when energy is most expensive, and least in the winter, when electricity is at its cheapest.
Saves Stray Dog

By Erika Murphy

I was on Facebook and noticed an article about a lost dog in Field Creek in Yonkers. As my dog was digging through the garbage dumpster, skinny, and scared.

I looked up and saw a man and a chain attached, which was her dog. The young man spotted her and another person just to catch her but she was too smart to be caught. All were afraid she would get caught in the underbrush and be in danger. When I read this, I posted it on all our Facebook page and got in touch with the mother of the young man who spotted her to see if we could help her. Since an at the Yonkers Animal Shelter, I also alerted them that this poor skinny dog running loose in the park.

The next morning, the mother of the young man went back looking for her but could not see her. The Yonkers Animal Shelter sent one of their staff members to the park and called him when he arrived at the park. He told me he had her sights.

When we arrived at the park, I saw her stand- ing on the path above the field and as I got closer, she was running loose in the park. We could not see an injury. Very slowly he bent down the food. I went over and added the rest of the food to the bag and she came forward the biggest bit and ate the food. The shelter staff member very slowly and also on the railing and waited for a while, she still stayed in her position, just shaking. We could not see any injury. Very slowly he bent over and took the chain and stood up. She did not bolt; I started walking down the hill with the leash. I walked towards the shelter van and opened the door. She approached the van, sniffed around a few times and when I jumped on the leash, she sat on the step and remained there.

Thanks to all the wonderful, caring people who wanted to help. All the news now is a happy one.
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Yonkers Bonds Upgraded

The 2012 long-term bond ratings for the City of Yonkers were released by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and Moody's Investors Service, both rating the city's fiscal outlook as the highest rating.

In the meantime, Moody's upgraded the City's rating from Baa2 to Baa1 stable.

Eric W. Schoen, the City's Department of Finance and Development, noted that the rating was a result of the City's comprehensive financial plan and its commitment to fiscal responsibility.

"The City of Yonkers has made significant strides in improving its financial position over the past several years," Schoen said.

The rating also reflects fiscal stability.

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On Sunday, December 16 at 1 p.m., members of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival will perform a reading at HRM.

"Reading at HRM" is the perfect way to wrap up the year and prepare for the holidays.

"This is a unique opportunity to connect with the community and share the magic of Shakespeare," said Sarah Lawrence Salvatore, Director of HRM.

Sydney in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, will be the first to benefit from planned economic development.

"It's exciting to see the city's new administration under Mayor Mike Spano starting to take action on infrastructure," Salvatore said.

The agencies specifically highlighted were the Department of Planning and Development, the Department of Finance and Development, and the Department of Finance and Development.

"We are actively managing the numerous challenges facing the City, and we are confident that we will be able to meet our financial obligations," said Spano.

The City's fiscal position is strong, and we are committed to addressing outstanding fiscal issues that have long plagued the City. We are still working to ensure that our new management contracts are in place so that we can fully realize our promise.

"We are committed to improving the quality of life for our residents and helping them to benefit from planned economic development in the long run," said Spano.

The City's new administration under Mayor Mike Spano has announced as the City of Yonkers looks to sell $5, $3 for seniors and kids aged 5 to 16.

The performance is 85 min.

"The performance is a must-see for anyone interested in local arts and culture," said Spano.

"We are confident that this performance will be a success, and we look forward to welcoming the public to HRM to enjoy this unique opportunity."
embraces the disadvantaged and the disabled. The student body is made up of students from many different races, cultures, backgrounds, and financial situations. Although St. Casimir School is not sponsored by any religious group, it is a haven for all who desire a faith-based education. It is a school that is open to all without regard to race or color. The school is located in a residential area and is surrounded by trees and greenery. It is a peaceful and serene environment that is conducive to learning and growth.

Serving the Catholic Church

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Seniors — Too Nervous to Go to the Doctor?

Lambert Services has noticed a new trend in the calls they get for personal assistant services. Seniors have been calling asking for someone to help them in their doctor’s office. All of the healthcare battles in the news today have not added some small and present issues that will all face when going to the doctor.

How do we solve, get all the questions we have answered by the doctor and how does the doctor give us all the information we need in the all-too-quick visit. It seems that the minute the doctor comes in the room, he/she is already trying to get out. This can cause patients, especially seniors, to forget the questions they wanted to ask.

A great way to start is to write a list of questions and bring it with you to the doctor’s appointment. Call your doctor’s office prior to your appointment and ask them to provide you with your appointment time so you can be sure that was said.

Another idea is to bring a companion along with you to the doctor. This can be anyone you trust; a family member or an uninvited third party like a Lambert Services personal assistant who can only help you with your communication with the doctor but also drive a patient to and from the appointment. They can also pick up prescriptions, explain Medicaid or insurance paperwork and submit claims and make sure that you are being reimbursed properly for all your expenses.

Lambert Services is a personal assistant boutique owned by Pelham resident Gill J. Rich. It has offices in Manhattan and the Westchester/Fairfield county area. For more information, call 914-338-7725 or visit LambertServices.com.
**SALE BY COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY**

**SALE IS SUBJECT TO ADJOURNMENT.**

**notice is hereby given that p.s. inc. will be selling the contents of certain storage spaces in lien at the below-listed public storage spaces to satisfy the owner's lien public sale by competitive bidding**

**on (date):** 12/28/2012

**at (time):** 1:30 pm

**Public storage address:** 403 Napepper Avenue, New York, 10701

The storage spaces in lien belonging to the below-identified tenants contain the following: Appliances/Bowls/Boxes/Bags/Bedding/Clothing/Electronics/Furniture/Tools/Toys

**name**

Debbie Johnson, Dorothy Gardner, Ernest Nicholas, Beverly Elvy, Juliet Ornstein, Nora Presley, Keisha Bishop, Deniece Hartley, Clairmont Grant, Clyde Thompson, Thornton Williams, Mau

The sale will be conducted at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 10:00am in the office of the MHACY, 1511 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710.

**Bidders must satisfy themselves by personal examination of the proposed work and shall not, at any time after submission of proposal, dispute or complain nor as- sete.**

For more information, please contact Joseph Schuldiner, Executive Director at (914) 474-0400 ext. 1111 or jschuldiner@mhacy.org.

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care was reduced to 27 percent from Astorino’s DA’s office; legislators present approved a compromise $1.7 temporary chair of the Board of Legislators and the 17 legislators present, Maisano was elected tem the video tape of the meeting ends. With nine of ez, Kaplowitz and the rest of the republicans — ing. Jenkins started the meeting but waited for the seven republicans, Perez and Kaplowitz to stay and continued the meeting. This is where the motion and, without a vote to adjourn, Jen Adjourn. Legislator Lyndon Williams seconded majority Leader Peter Harckham made a motion to retr get back to the budget committee and Board Ma Budget Chair Judy Myers recommitted the bud legislators agreed to suspend Rules 9 and 11. budget discussions and votes. Eventually, all 17 pen. Board Minority Leader Jim Maisano called the seven republicans, Perez and Kaplowitz to this year’s budget, Perez and Kaplowitz worked compromise and heading towards not voting on this proposed it; in addition $500,000 was allocated to Cornell Corporation Enterprise, making it total $1.25 million; and Additional awards were made for legal services for immigrants ($220,000) and small business low and technical services ($500,000). Astorino signed the new budget later that day. “This is a rough, responsible budget,” Astorino. “While it has been modified from what I originally proposed, it meets all my objectives. There is no increase in the levy and there is no use of reserves that could jeopardize the county’s AAA credit ratings.” Astorino said he was proud of the work of the bipartisan coalition that had drawn up the fi budget. “This is what government should be about — people of all political sides working together to do right by the public.” Astorino said that Perez and Kaplowitz, “have done their job well. That’s the way our country operates. It’s not supposed to be if you lose, you take your ball and you go home.” Jenkins and the remaining seven democrats disagreed. “They can believe what they like, but there is no budget that has been adopted by the board,” Jenkins said. “We are willing to compromise, but there are some things they tried to do.” Harckham said the actions by the Perez and Kaplowitz are despicable and make a mockery of the legislative process.Kaplowitz said he made his decision after Democrats “were not willing to compromise.” He added, “We need a healthy dose of common sense.” Perez said, “I was elected to serve the people of my district and the county, and if my dom the design of two new, mixed-income residential senior in Yonkers. Schoolhouse Terrace will comprise two new mixed-income residential buildings affordable to families and seniors. Schoolhouse Terrace sits on a site slightly more than one acre in size, previously owned by the City of Yonkers. The old school building is suffering from major structural dam making an Anastasia, but the school’s original asylum will be preserved and integrated into the design of two new, mixed-income residential buildings — one a 51-unit elderly family building, the other a 79-unit family building. The buildings will step up two underground garages to accommodate resident needs. Design includes a number of windows to maxi mize natural light and views. The sites location makes the project’s design a logical choice, as upon completion, the buildings will feature fantas view of the Palisades and the Hudson River. Of the 121 units, nine will be one-bedrooms, 29 will be two-bedrooms and 29 will be thee-bedrooms. There will be 2,480 square feet of communit space. Thirty one of the units will be reserved for residents earning less than 30 percent of the area medium income (AMI), 35 for those under 50 percent AMI and 2 for residents earning under 60 percent AMI. The project is expected to cost a total of about $18 million.
CAPTURE THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON WITH A SANTA PHOTO!

Santa is available for photos and visits at his winter wonderland house, located near Gap. Each child who visits with Santa receives a FREE gift! And, don’t miss nightly Tree Lighting events also at the Santa Village beginning at 5pm and continuing each half hour after.

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PAL Christmas Party
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Santa made an appearance and gave each guest a gift.

PAL President Angelo Martinelli welcomed Mayor Mike Spano, Council President Chuck Lesnick, Councilmen Mike Breen and Christopher Johnson, State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer and many other dignitaries and guests.

Many thanks to the Edward and Mary Doyle community assistance fund for sponsoring the party, and the Yonkers PBA and President Keith Olsen for their work and support for the party and many other events at the PAL. And thanks to the City of Yonkers Parks and Recreation Department and Tara Conte for their help organizing a special day for many.