Giants Hero to Host Casino Super Bowl Party

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers Rising: With Pat Patkus not running for Westchester county executive in 2017, the timing was not right for Spano to run for Westchester County's top seat. Mayor Spano has three years to complete the term that he was elected for, and a close advisor to Spano, who has three years left on his second term in Yonkers, said the mayor decided that the timing was not right for Spano to run for Westchester County's top seat.

YFT President Pat Paluso disputed and disagreed with our story last week, which ran columnist Eric Schenk details on page 3 of this issue. While Paluso claims, "the article repeatedly reported Yonkers Rising in regards to emails is inaccurate on several factual points," she fails to identify what points we were inaccurate on. Paluso claims that other issues, like teacher evaluations and health contributions from employees, took up too much time so the issue of teacher emails was put to the side, and "a committee will be formed to negotiate an email usage agreement, which shall be implemented by the 2017-18 school year.

YFT continues to insist on a negotiated agreement on the issue of emails. The email language allows for the union and the board the ability to dedicate the time it deserves.

The council majority feels strongly that teachers should have to respond to parent emails and there is little that is more important than parent interaction with teachers. City Council President Liam McLaughlin.
The South Broadway Business Improvement District is taking more steps to keep the commerce area moving forward, after a successful year-end Lincoln Park holiday tree-lighting event that featured an original dance performance by the Saunders High School dance team, a terrific security set-up and a strong presence of local businesses sponsors.

The first phase of a new banner program that began in six locations along SouthBroadway BID's new website, which includes a complete business directory, is www.southbroadwaybid.org.

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Did I hear there is a contractual question that Yonkers Public Schools and (the) mayor put (forth) it to City Council?" The answer back from the mayor’s spokesperson replied: “Yonkers Public Schools and the president of the Board of Education gets paid to do what the Board of Education gets paid to do. The union does not have to respond to their emails. If parents don’t have computer access; but, hey, for those that do, it is an efficient way to communicate with parents. It is an insult to hardworking parents, teachers why they wouldn’t comply. Teachers who don’t reside in the city who attend school in Yonkers. The district can be enjoyed. Someone must step up to the plate and make it happen.

New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli recently reported that the City of Yonkers had the highest increase in sales tax revenue from any other city or county in New York State. The report was considered a warning to municipal governments across the state that slow growth in sales tax revenue will be the new normal.

Yonkers was the only positive locality with a strong increase in sales tax revenue. "Eleven cities that impose their own sales tax had an increase in collections," wrote DiNapoli. "The City of Yonkers was the only locality with a sales tax increase of 6.6 percent." "Local sales tax collections showed sluggish growth in 2016 compared to 2015, increasing 2.3 percent last year," continued the report. "Sales tax collections on a monthly basis, however, showed some volatility in recent months, and the city’s growth rate was 2.9 percent for the year."

For a copy of the report, visit www.osac.
ny.gov/reports/2016/16-saltax-collec-
tions.xlsx

The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets that need forever homes. Rocky is a mixed-breed dog about 2 to 3 years old and weighing 90 pounds. He was turned in at the shelter when his family had landlord issues regarding pet ownership. Rocky is a good family dog and was the companion to a hearing-impaired buddy. He has beautiful eyes and would do best in a home with a yard or an active parent to keep him busy.

He likes ideas such as but would need a man-and-great blend to live with one. He does not do well with kids. Rocky was there on March 11 at 4 p.m. seven days a week. For more information, 201-981-2215.

With a unique mustache coat.
Yonkers, Board of Ed. & Ed. & Social Work

The Yonkers Knolls Club, in collaboration with the City of Yonkers and Yonkers Board of Ed- ucation trustees, will soon present the 2017 Teach- er of the Year Awards to three deserving members of the Yonkers Public Schools’ faculty. Teachers will be selected based on nominations submitted by students, parents, teachers and administrators, as well as Board of Education trustees.

Established in 1956, the Teacher of the Year Award celebrates Yonkers teachers who further ex- pand the horizons of our students’ education. Yonkers Knolls Club members and trustees will select the most outstanding teachers from a pool of nominees.

“Teachers do some of the most important work in our community and they deserve to be recognized,” said Mayor Mike Spano.

“This award is an opportunity for our community to say ‘thank you’ to our dedicated teachers for their daily relentless work with our students. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students, their families and our entire community to show our thanks to these outstanding individuals,” added Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin Quezada. “This award is an opportunity for our daily relentless work with our students. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students, their families and our entire community to show our thanks to these outstanding individuals.”

The Yonkers Knolls Club is once again honored to recognize their teachers in our community who exemplify professionalism and show outstanding dedication,” said Yonkers Knolls Club President the Rev. Steve Tubiolo.

“Professionalism and dedication shown by our outstanding teachers for their community service – the hallmark of the Board of Education and the Yonkers Knolls Club,” he said. “Mayor Spano’s Teacher of the Year Award recognizes our outstanding teachers for their dedication and hard work and truly demonstrates a citywide commitment to excellence.”

Three YPS teachers, representing the elemen- tary, middle and high school levels, will be selec- ted. Students, parents, teachers and administrators are encouraged to submit up to three pieces of work for “A Different Point of View: Reflections on Our History.”

“Your work must be inspired by Marshlands, and Wednesday, Feb. 22 will celebrate receiv- ing the fourth-anniversary award. It meets the fourth Thursday of the month at noon to 1 p.m. at the Granite Room, 55 Main St., Yonkers. The public program will also feature the work of our Kiwanian artists and craftspeople, the world for the purchase of our Kiwanian arts and crafts. For more information, visit www.ypsknollsclub.org and call 914-941-0640.

Additionally, the Kiwanis Club of Yonkers has plans for their Kiwanian Arts and Crafts Program, and they will be seeking to partner with other Kiwanis Clubs throughout the country for the purchase of our Kiwanian arts and crafts. For more information, visit www.ypsknollsclub.org and call 914-941-0640.

Tubiolo continues Spreckels Trips for Tots campaign

Philomena Manor Hall State Historic Site will host its annual Presidents’ Day celebration Sat- urday, Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This, the oldest standing building in Westchester County, was part of the site, the Marshlands Conservancy on Route 1 in Tappan. For information or questions about the event, call 914-447-7497.

To celebrate and kick off Black History Month, Cindy Childs and the Ladies of the Soil will perform their annual show called "The Music of the Maize" on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. at Yonkers Riverfront Library. Bring the family and listen to classical hits such as "My Girl," "I Heard it Through the Grapevine," "One Is the Loneliest Number," and much more.

Cindy Childs and the Ladies of the Soil in New York City posted that they will perform tribute concerts throughout the New York metropolitan area, honoring Motown and soul music. The band, composed of a keyboardist, bassist, drummer with bass and background vocals, covers songs from the Temptations, Four Tops, Jackson 5, Mary Wells, Tammi Terrell, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Martha and the Vandellas and the Miracles.

The concert is free and open to the public and runs approximately 90 minutes. It will be held in the 325-seat auditorium at Yonkers Riverfront Library, located at One Larken Center, accessible to people with disabilities.

Yonkers Riverfront Library, located at One Larken Center, is accessible to people with disabilities. Parking is available at sidewalk meters and a few in the nearby Vista and Warran- park parking garages. For more information, visit www.ypl.org.

Library Reveals New 5-Year Strategic Plan

The Yonkers Public Library has unveiled a new strategic plan for its activities and initiatives over the next five years. The plan outlines the library’s mission, "to change lives every day," emphasizing the importance of staff expertise, accessibility, and general public engagement.

"The library is a bellwether for many in Yonkers," said Board President Nancy Moran. "This ten-year plan is the result of a thorough review of our four core strategies and offers an opportunity for us to expand our horizons and improve services to the community.

Among the strategic approaches outlined in the plan are a re-organized library collection, increased hours, and enhanced outreach activities to further communicate with patrons. The library also plans to raise the minimum wage for all employees, including part-time and community volunteers, and to assess the need for new funding.

Read the full details of the library’s strategic plan, view overview of the five-year plan, and access the calendar of meeting dates are available at the library's website.

ANDRUS Approves Salary Hike; Hits State Target Early

ANDRUS President and CEO Bryan Macleod announced that the ANDRUS Board of Directors has approved an increase in the minimum hourly salary for ANDRUS employees, and that the new salary has been implemented.

“We appreciate everyone’s hard work on this challenge and for understanding the financial constraints that exist today,” said Macleod. “Every employee deserves a living wage, and the new pay rate is a crucial step in that direction.”

The ANDRUS Board of Directors and administration have been working diligently to address this critical issue and to support the needs of all our employees. As efforts to maintain the high qual- ity of work and attract and retain more experienced and qualified staff, the board has increased the minimum hourly salary.

The new rate is $15 an hour, effective Dec. 30, 2016. The increase is the result of federal law, which mandates that the minimum wage be increased to $15 per hour for large employers, effective Dec. 30, 2016. The increase will affect all employees of ANDRUS, including those who work part-time, temporary, or on a contract basis.

In addition to the salary increase, the ANDRUS Board has also approved an increase in the minimum wage for all workers employed by ANDRUS, effective Dec. 30, 2016. The increase is the result of federal law, which mandates that the minimum wage be increased to $15 per hour for large employers, effective Dec. 30, 2016. The increase will affect all employees of ANDRUS, including those who work part-time, temporary, or on a contract basis.

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Improving Lives, Engaging Community, Leaping Change: Leaders from across the country and the world will gather in Yonkers this week to attend the annual meeting of the Yonkers Public Library, one of the nation’s oldest and largest public libraries. The library has been in existence for over 130 years, and over the past century, it has become a vital resource for the community.

The library’s mission is to change lives every day, by providing access to information, and enriching and empowering communities. The library has been a leader in the field of public libraries, and its success is a result of the commitment of its employees and volunteers.

The library’s strategic plan is focused on expanding programs, working with partners to improve services, and increasing access to information. The library has also been committed to improving earnings and benefits for all employees. "This is a necessary and important part of the plan to recognize that includes increasing our wages," he said. "We are very grateful to our community for their support and for the opportunity to serve our community and to make a difference in the lives of our patrons."
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taxation and fundraising efforts ultimately raised $24,000.

"Most importantly, I want to recognize and thank everyone involved in the event," she said. "You are the reason why this will happen," she added. "You are the reason why we have continued to support the Children's Museum." The event was attended by the Mayor of New Rochelle, Fred R. Haggerty, County Executive Rob Astorino, Hoboken Mayor Matt E. K平整, Hoboken Deputy Mayor Vincent Sheehan, and Hoboken Council President William A. Nyland. The Children's Museum of Hoboken is located at 104 East 2nd Street, Hoboken, New Jersey.

The Children's Museum of Hoboken is a not-for-profit, educational organization that provides children and families with a variety of educational programs and activities. The museum has a strong commitment to providing a fun and educational environment for children of all ages. The museum offers a wide range of programs and activities, including workshops, classes, and events, that help children develop important skills and abilities. The museum also provides a safe and nurturing environment for children to explore and learn. The museum is open to the public and welcomes all visitors.

In addition to the Children's Museum of Hoboken, there are many other museums and attractions in the Hoboken area that offer educational programs and activities for children and families. These include the Hoboken Historical Museum, which offers a variety of exhibits and educational programs, and the Hoboken Historical Society, which offers a range of educational programs, including workshops and classes. The museum is located at 436 Washington Street, Hoboken, New Jersey.

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This season, Coach Meagan Fitzpatrick has believed in her team. "We won our freshman year because of our work and dedication," said DeDominico. "It was nice to win again on our home court."

"It's great to see," said Robertson, former Council President Chuck Robertson, who was present when the Yonkers County Legislator Ken Jenkins was sworn in. "He is more than ever and will continue to push through some of these issues that we've been dealing with for a long time."

"The city tournament comes with great pride," is an honor to be at the top," said she. "We won the state championship, and I think we've done it before."

"After all the rumor mongering and speculations, Li McAnnulty has indeed run in this year's special election," said Khader. "I am running for the state of Yonkers, and I am running for the state of Yonkers."
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By Phil Foley

Fire Rips
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Yonkers High School Basketball Roundup

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Residents Interested in Commenting on State Budget

State Sen. George Latimer and Assemblyman Mike Spano announced last week that they will be hosting a joint forum to obtain feedback from residents on the state’s executive budget.

The event is planned for Friday, March 3, at the Rice Center at 730 Broadway, Yonkers. The public is invited to speak and will be heard on a first-come, first-served basis. Written testimony can be provided at www.risingmediagroup.com.

In his addresses, Latimer spoke of the need for respect among those who disagree on politics – “a fee that goes directly to store owners. And that the law has merit. The bag fee is just another government power grab, others say the state should not interfere with NYC legislation and that the law is fair.”

While some believe the plastic bag tax is a necessary measure to fight plastic pollution, others are concerned it will not be enough to make a significant impact.

Latimer will spend the next two years trying, once again, to bring some sanity to Albany.