How Yonkers Got Dolan For St. Patrick's Day Parade

McLaughlin Takes Center Stage in Yonkers Politics

Cardinal Timothy Dolan will serve as grand marshal of the Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day Parade on McAlvan Avenue on March 12.

By Dan Murphy

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decai, a descendant of King Saul of the Hebrew nation – due to his feeling disrespected by Mordecai, all the Jews – young and old; men, women and children younger than 7. Register with the synagogue hosts a Purim party Saturday evening, Monday morning brings the family.

Travel with the Lincoln Park Jewish Center during its Purim party, which this year is themed ‘Death of a Salesman’ at the Play Group Theater in White Plains. For more information on Stepinac High School, visit www.stepinac.org.

The renaissance-like young man, who studied at Oxford University last summer and finished at the top of his class in a politics and economics course, is also a member of the National Honor Society and captain of the debate team. And, in keeping with Stepinac’s tradition of giving back to the community, he has helped feed and clothe the homeless as an active member of Midnight Run.

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Give a Job... You Got My Vote

By Eric W. Schoen

I will play the role of a Personnel Recruiter for this week's column. I want to point for a picture of how Yonkers works. They are always crying that there is "no money in the city coffers." That is, unless they need to pay a member of the "friendly family" plan onto the roster.

First, a thank you to the many readers of this column who brought this particular situation regarding a Yonkers city consultant to my attention. It was long overdue because we have seen the same scenario played out for years, but probably not as blatant as it was in this case.

But first, here we go again. The youthful Yonkers Public Schools budget tug of war has begun. It has gone on longer than the tangos of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. It doesn't matter who the superintendent of schools is, who the mayor is, or frankly even who the president of the United States is: Like those Flowers in March, the budget dance begins every year around this time.

This budget tango and heels have been going on since I was a student in Yonkers Public Schools, attending Officer Kropicke in "West Side Story" at Yonkers High School in 1970. In the Schools, John Flynn, a Yonkers icon, represented Yonkers Schools, appearing as Officer Krupke in "West Side Story".

Now Mr. Voorheis has left the Assembly to join the Spano administration, receiving a nice salary increase.

Nothing here is illegal, but go tell me: Does it pass the smell test? Will Sabatino be able to vote for what's best for the city or for constituents, or because his husband is employed at the risk of losing his job? I'm not sure that the mayor wants or instructs him to be. This scenario is common in Yonkers City Hall.

You have a vote of a Yonkers Public School student, parents, students, teachers, administrators, and everyone who sets foot in a YPS building.

Superintendent Edwin Quinones has announced the budget gap for the 2017-18 school year. The status quo budget with no new hires or program additions results in a $30 million deficit. However, Quinones is proposing hiring 10 new guidance counselors, 10 music teachers, and 10 librarians. Good for them. They are all desperately needed. With the potential for the gap to be $35 million.

Right now, the district has 32 guidance counselors. That's a ratio of one to 1,000 students. You don't need a degree from Harvard to break these numbers down. You need common sense. So as everyone involved in education has to be careful who they hire – not knowing what the future holds – and kids and grown-ups being marched out like cattle to be hit with the Bible in the Schools, for money, the city quietly hired an equal employment opportunity and training administrator.

The position pays $80,000.

Duties of the position include: "developing, implementing and maintaining the equal employment opportunity program and the employee training program, studies and analysis of departmental employment practices to define problems areas with regard to employment practices and training needs. While general supervision, he is responsible for the implementation of personnel, general supervision is exercised over assigned personnel."

All same kook so far: Many people would be in the position. So the city did the city advertise the job opening? According to City

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Thanks President Trump - Thanks Frank Spottorno

By Dan Murphy

Congressman Eli Engel, who represents Westchester in the U.S. House of Representatives' 16th district, smiled his 28-year-tradition of naming an oxen and fur for the president of the Union Avenue fish market.

Engel, who made a statement on the floor of the House prior to President Donald Trump's speech to Congress on March 2, did not call for Impeachment or bring our job home. He run for Congress in 1989 with President George H.W. Bush, who continued with President Bill Clin- ton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

Last year, before Obama's eighth and final State of the Union address, Engel told Rolling Stone: "I'm not saying hello to the president regardless of party – a practice dating back to 1989 with President George H.W. Bush, which continued with President Bill Clin- ton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama."

Thank you, Mr. Spotorno. Thank you, Engel. Well, recently Frank did just that. He ran for Congress and although he did not win, he worked tirelessly to get his message across. Now as a member and a Republican he has shown the same message that President candidate (Donald) Trump was conveying. In fact, Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first person who is happy that this has been a number-one issue and a priority with new President Donald Trump.

Editor's note: Frank Spottorno is the founder of bringourjobshome.com. He ran for Congress in the 16th District against Rep. Joe Crowley and received more than 10,000 votes.

Engel Won't Stop & Shake; Maloney Did After Trump Speech

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Editor: Four years ago, Yonkers resident and po- litical newcomer Frank Spottorno appeared be- fore one Yonkers Democratic City Committee seeking our endorsement for the City Council president's race. Spottorno, a businesswoman and owner of Park Line Elevators, was the found- er of the "Bring Our Jobs Home" movement. Spottorno stated that he had taken a hiatus from work to travel across our nation to meet with the many workers who had lost their jobs because of the outsourcing of jobs to other countries. He stated that we have to bring our jobs home and, needless to say, many of us agreed with what he had to say. However, many of us -- myself included -- felt that he should address this on a national level and, perhaps even look to running for a compres- sional seat. Well, recently Franklin did just that. He ran for Congress and although he did not win, he worked tirelessly to get his message across. Now as a member and a Republican he has shown the same message that President candidate (Donald) Trump was conveying. In fact, Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first person
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man Rights will host “Hoops Against Hate” on
Saturday, March 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at
The William Boyce Thompson School, 1061 N.
Broadway, Yonkers.

The City of Yonkers Commission on Hu-
man Rights, along with Superintendant Dr.
Navin Quinones and the Yonkers Public School
district, and the Yonkers YWCA, will join to
gether to combat hate in the city with this eve-
time and expand the City of Yonkers Commission’s
time, they will be the most effective ways to see this message.

“Hoops Against Hate” is an event that
includes freshmen from public high schools
across Yonkers who will gather in the morn-
ing to sign up for a short program about creating
unity in Yonkers, regardless of race, ethnicity,
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Yonkers Students Put STEM Skills to the Test

Yonkers Historic Society

By Mary Hoar
President Emerita, Yonkers  Historical Society

Monday, March 13
March 13, 1904: The Woman’s Institute, a group of women interested in self-improvement and cultural activities, was organized and held its first meeting in the Yonkers' Historical Society's meeting hall.

Tuesday, March 14
March 14, 1910: Carrie Chapman Catt and her husband, who were prominent leaders in the women’s suffrage movement, were honored at a special dinner in Yonkers.

Wednesday, March 15
March 15, 1947: The Yonkers Public Library opened its doors to the public.

Thursday, March 16
March 16, 1960: The Municipal Housing Authority’s Tenants Selection Advisory Council, which aimed to ensure fair and equal access to housing, was established.

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The Fourth Precinct Community Council will meet Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in the Parent teacher conference room of Yonkers High School. The meeting will be open to the public. There will be time for questions and comments following the agenda.  Everyone who lives or works in the area served by the precinct is invited to attend.

Yonkers: A public school is closed due to inclement weather.

"It's sad, it's the 'friends and family plan' in Yonkers. Sadly, it's not what you know who you are, but who you know and who you are in touch with. We need to be on our game in order to push through our application through." - Mayor Spano, during the press conference.

Keep those tips coming.

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Legal Notices

- Notice of formation of TUNE Out Fund (with detail).
- Notice of formation of VELA (with detail).
Rep. Nita Lowey with White Plains resident Noah Buyon at President Donald Trump's address to Congress.

**News 12 Anchor Janice Rose Addresses Son's of Italy**

Janice Rose, who was invited to speak at the Sons of Italy Calandra Lodge 2600 of the Order of Sons of Italy in America, was the featured guest at the 2017 March meeting of the lodge.

Rose spoke about her experiences growing up in an Italian household and being influenced by her parents and grandparents in pursuing her dreams. Her family always encouraged her to be the best and brightest she could be and always maintained a strong work ethic and determination for knowledge and truth.

"I am not sure I have been more honored to speak about my Italian-American heritage to such a wonderful and attentive audience," said Rose. "The Sons of Italy-Cambridge Lodge was very welcoming."  

As the news anchor of Westchester Evening News and Hudson Valley News, Rose is well known for her in-depth reporting for News 12 Westchester. She also hosts "Newsmakers," a weekly program that focuses on local issues and events making headlines throughout the area. Additionally, she is the news director and general manager at News 12 Westchester and News 12 Hudson Valley.

News 12 Westchester provides local news coverage 24 hours a day, focusing on Westchester County and the lower Hudson Valley. It is one of the most watched hyper-local news channels in the U.S.

"It’s an honor to have Janice speak at our Lodge meeting," said Tubiolo. "I have watched her grow from a news reporter to an award-winning news anchor. She is very respected and informative news."  

"I am so proud that only Janice is an Italian-American, but she’s also a Yonkers native, bringing a great and valuable product to the people of Westchester," added Lodge President Joe Ragazzo.

White Plains resident attends President’s speech to Congress

White Plains resident Noon Buyon joined President’s speech to Congress. She was among 100 White Plains residents who attended the White Plains High School where President Donald Trump delivered his address to the nation.

"I am honored to be invited by Congressman Sean Maloney to attend the president’s speech to the Joint Session of Congress, said Buyon. "As a woman who lived with Cokie Roberts, I am extremely concerned about my employment opportunities. The president will need to be able to find affordable health care if the Affordable Care Act is repealed."

Cokie Robertson’s Crew is among the conditions that were likely grounds for being denied health insurance before the ACA was enacted. One month’s supply of Remicade, the medication Buyon takes, costs $10,000.

Since the ACA was enacted, more than 20 million Americans across the country have gained health care coverage in New York. The uninsured rate has dropped nearly in half, to the lowest level on record.

Earlier this month, Lowey was joined by constituents from Westchester and Rockland medical professionals, and advocacy organizations at White Plains Hospital for a roundtable discussion on the effects the Republicans’ proposed plan to repeal the ACA would have on the lower Hudson Valley.

Repel the ACA would cost uninsured coverage from 2.7 million New Yorkers, including more than 130,000 in Westchester and Rockland, according to New York State.  

Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, who represents northern Westchester, as well as Putnam, Dutchess and Orange counties in the House, was among the first to speak during the joint session of Congress, as he has done in the past through Democratic and Republican administrations. The time will be the first time during my 20 years in the House that I've made this decision.

"I have deep respect for the presidency, and I will attend the joint session, but that respect between branches must be mutual. The president has attacked the free press by calling it the enemy of the people. He's proposed America's traditional welcoming refugees, which have helped to make our country great. That's why I'm going to [Dutchess], the strongest advocate for immigration, who's made a point to give the Affordable Care Act a look and the other way when threats against the law and community have increased in recent years.

"We're not part of our normal political discourse," continued Engel. "This goes beyond ideological and political differences. The president needs to work with all people. And therefore, I will listen to what he has to say today, but it will not be easy and I'm not speaking in support of his plan," Engel continued.


**Engel Won’t Comment From Page 3**

the Bronx, it’s a dream come true to attend the State of the Union and greet the president of the United States."

"I was so excited to be there and meet the president, it was heavy on rhetoric and light on details, and as a result the American people are no closer to understanding how the president plans to deal with the real issues facing our nation."

"President Trump’s rhetoric on immigration continues to be historically divisive. I have spoken up for weeks against his dangerous and unconst它可以on policy against Muslims, and tonight he added a troubling new dimension to a policy that highlights discrimination against immigrants for political purposes."

"On health care, President Trump promised a system that will ‘endeavor to expand, increase access, lower costs, and at the same time provide better health care.’ Yet yesterday, I testified before the Senate that we need to achieve those goals."

"It’s my plan to work online on my own schedule, and if there is one thing in these times, we can agree on, it’s that our country faces some real challenges,” concluded Engel. “But tonight’s speech fails to address those challenges in a meaningful way."

Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, who represents northern Westchester, as well as Putnam, Dutchess and Orange counties in the House, did not attend Trump’s speech to speak his hand, and whispered something in the president’s ear.

Maloney was one of few Democrats who greeted the president after his address. On Twit

e, Maloney shared what he told Trump. "Lots of ppl asking what I said to POTUS. Told him he could protect LGBTQ employees by having Obama order in place. He said he would. More to follow."  

We believe Maloney’s actions were more in a spirit of cooperation and bipartisanship than those of Engel, who had pledged himself as a simple hand shake for the president for four decades. Reaching across the aisle for a handshake and a brief that shows Maloney is willing to have the conversation with our president in try to further work together and have actual and final common ground and serve all of our two extremes."

After the speech, politics partisans retweeted nothing.

Yonkers Vet Celebrates 95th Birthday

Joe Porcelli, Commander of Ensign Post VFW 375, and Joe Blauch, adjutant for Ensign Post VFW 375, joined with Louis Navarra, Yonkers Veterans Services Director, in presenting Geno Egizio, of Yonkers, with a 95th birthday cake.

Yonkers Rising honoree Geno Egizio was a very happy 95th birthday. Geno is a longtime member and past commander of Sons of Italy Lodge 2600 for offices for many years, helping his fellow veterans with benevolent requests.

Geno was a Marine Corps WWII veteran serving in the South Pacific (Guadalcanal, Guam, Solomon Islands, etc.)
Yonkers National Guard Soldier Retires From Service

McLaughlin Takes

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### Dominican Remembrance Engages Students in History

To honor the memory of the 12 million victims of the Holocaust, JCYS-Westchester Community Partners and Lincoln Park Jewish Center will offer a Holocaust Remembrance Program, with events scheduled from Monday, March 13 through Friday, March 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily at LPJC, 311 Central Park Ave., Yonkers.

All Yonkers Public School students, as well as the entire community, are invited to attend. The program features live accounts given by survivors, and a poster display titled "Courage to Remember" by the Simon Wiesenthal Center, which depicts the history, resistance and impact of the Holocaust.

Last year, Holocaust survivors shared their personal stories with 2,500 middle- and high-school students, who listened, asked questions, and learned firsthand how the Holocaust impacted survivors. This "living history lesson" is intended to promote empathy and underscore the importance of having respect for all people. Students also learn to apply the lessons from the Holocaust survivors to become "upstanders" instead of bystanders.

The Holocaust Remembrance Program is coordinated by JCYS-Westchester Community Partners in partnership with Yonkers Public Schools and is sponsored by Lincoln Park Jewish Center and The Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center. The program is funded by Chuck Goldman Family Supporting Foundation and the City of Yonkers.

### Dominican Flag Raised

Amara Valerio sings the national anthem, with Mayor Mike Spano in the background, during the raising of the Dominican flag at City Hall recently.

### Holocaust Remembrance Program

March 13: Dr. Robert Adam (10:30 a.m.) and Nilda Ancal au, a survivor, survived photo 1b in Auschwitz and Buchenwald, from 1944. They fought the war of Operation in the armed army. Dr. Adam speaks from his experience as a survivor and the importance of the day to the community.

March 14: Mr. Alfonso Pedro (10:30 a.m.) and Ana Pedro, a survivor, she survived the war of Operation in the armed army in Auschwitz and Buchenwald. They fought the war of Operation in the armed army. Dr. Adam speaks from his experience as a survivor and the importance of the day to the community.

March 15: Mr. José Luis C. (10:30 a.m.) and Ana Pedro, a survivor, she survived the war of Operation in the armed army in Auschwitz and Buchenwald. They fought the war of Operation in the armed army. Dr. Adam speaks from his experience as a survivor and the importance of the day to the community.

March 16: Mr. José Luis C. (10:30 a.m.) and Ana Pedro, a survivor, she survived the war of Operation in the armed army in Auschwitz and Buchenwald. They fought the war of Operation in the armed army. Dr. Adam speaks from his experience as a survivor and the importance of the day to the community.

March 17: Mr. José Luis C. (10:30 a.m.) and Ana Pedro, a survivor, she survived the war of Operation in the armed army in Auschwitz and Buchenwald. They fought the war of Operation in the armed army. Dr. Adam speaks from his experience as a survivor and the importance of the day to the community.

### Dominic Flag on Top of the World

The students from Lincoln Park Jewish Center, Yonkers Public Schools, and JCYS-Westchester Community Partners and Lincoln Park Jewish Center were all present for the Dominican flag raising ceremony. The flag was raised on top of the Yonkers City Hall, where it will fly for the next seven days.

### To Honor the Memory of the Holocaust Victims

To honor the memory of the 12 million victims of the Holocaust, JCYS-Westchester Community Partners and Lincoln Park Jewish Center will offer a Holocaust Remembrance Program, with events scheduled from Monday, March 13 through Friday, March 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily at LPJC, 311 Central Park Ave., Yonkers.

All Yonkers Public School students, as well as the entire community, are invited to attend. The program features live accounts given by survivors, and a poster display titled "Courage to Remember" by the Simon Wiesenthal Center, which depicts the history, resistance and impact of the Holocaust.

Last year, Holocaust survivors shared their personal stories with 2,500 middle- and high-school students, who listened, asked questions, and learned firsthand how the Holocaust impacted survivors. This "living history lesson" is intended to promote empathy and underscore the importance of having respect for all people. Students also learn to apply the lessons from the Holocaust survivors to become "upstanders" instead of bystanders.

The Holocaust Remembrance Program is coordinated by JCYS-Westchester Community Partners in partnership with Yonkers Public Schools and is sponsored by Lincoln Park Jewish Center and The Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center. The program is funded by Chuck Goldman Family Supporting Foundation and the City of Yonkers.
New ‘Generation Yonkers’ Marketing Campaign Launched

Mayor Mike Spano with Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac, Councilman Mike Breen, County Legislators Ken Jantjes and Gordon Burrows, and some of the new faces of community and business leaders in Yonkers to be featured in the next Generation Yonkers campaign.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano last week launched the next progression of the Generation Yonkers marketing campaign, which is an innovative economic development initiative created to position Yonkers as the next great urban frontier.

The new campaign, which was developed by the Woodhouse-based advertising agency Thumbprint and Brinkley, has a look and feel from the previous two campaigns and features leaders in the fields of business, higher education, restaurants, art, and culture.

“This featured in the new marketing campaign includes Mike Brinkley, president and CEO of Gnyvatiky Bakery; Jason Evege, founder and owner of Linoto textile company; Chef Christian Petroni, chef and owner of Fortina Restaurants; Kenneth Wright, dean of Sarah Lawrence College; Melissa Starke, curator of Urban Studio Ubnload Gallery; and Masha Turchinsky, director of the Hudson River Museum.

The Generation Yonkers campaign kicked off with television ads running for three months on Fox 5 and WPIX, as well as national spots running on the WCBS-480 radio through the end of August. Also, Gny is sponsoring the WCBS-480 reporting half-report every weekday morning.

Print ad will be running through the end of the year in local publications and in-store cards are appearing on the后面 and Hudson Lines of Metro-North Railroad through March 28. The print ad also includes a comprehensive program for digital advertising that includes UAV logging, geo-fencing, key word search, contextual ad, search retargeting and Facebook ad. In addition, we’re launching a new website for the campaign at www.generationyonkers.com.

The new campaign was unveiled as a reception at the Hudson River Museum featuring those who appeared in the previous campaigns. Our goal is to bring awareness to Yonkers and let people know we are an exciting place to live, work and play,” said Mike Spano. “We’ve seen tremendous growth in our city over the last five years and we’re going to continue to grow the Generation Yonkers marketing campaign, and I am confident this latest revamp will reach new audiences,”

Ranger Goalie Mike Richter Hosts Final Viewing Party

New York Rangers goalie Mike Richter will be at Dan Rooney’s Sport Pub at Empire Casino on Sunday, March 12.

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Empire Casino, in partnership with the New York Rangers, announced last week that Rangers legend and fan favorite Mike Richter will make his first visit to Empire Casino to host the final Rangers viewing party of the season this Sunday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

Ranger fans can join Richter for the free viewing party to cheer the team on as it takes on the Boston Bruins, and enjoy information trivia and prize giveaways, along with specially-priced wings and beer.

Richter is one of the National Hockey League’s best goalies of all-time and spent his entire career with the Rangers. He was the goalie for the last Ranger Stanley Cup win, in 1994. Richter’s number 34 was retired for the Garden faithful and re-issued in 2004.

Richter is the fifth and final Rangers legend to host a viewing party to the test with Rangers trivia and offer an interactive viewing experience. We hope to continue this interactive tradition and our strong partnership with the NY Rangers in the many seasons to come.

The Rangers Viewing Party at Dan Rooney’s Sport Pub is free for all to attend and begins one hour before the puck drops. Joining Richter for the festivities will be the Rangers Blue Crew, who will ride the Rangers Bandwagon from Madison Square Garden and put fans at the viewing party as close to Madison Square Garden and offer an army of Rangers swag as giveaways during each interactive.

For more information about Empire City Casino and other special events, visit www.empirecitycasino.com.