‘The Blacklist’ Continues Filming Boom in Yonkers

By Dan Murphy

Television and movie production crews and locations scouts are picking Yonkers to film their features and other productions in recent months, including recent filming at several Yonkers locations for the hit NBC show “The Blacklist.”

“Urbanlights” series will be exhibited April 24

James Spader, star of the hit television show “The Blacklist,” has been on location filming in Yonkers.

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By Stan Murphy

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Yonkers Charter School will hold a ‘Bits & Bytes’ fundraiser on April 21 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in White Plains.

Children at the Yonkers Police Athletic League recently received a donation from Stew Leonard’s, a longtime supporter of the Sgt. Mike D’Ambrosio PAL Poster Contest. Pictured are Store Manager Larry Zimmerman, center, with PAL members, from left, Michael Petrellese, 11, Julianna Petrellese, 11, and Matt D’Ambrosio, 11, seen earlier at the Riverfront Library.

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“School’s Out, Stars Are In” will take place Friday, April 11 from 1 to 3 p.m., when students can join museum educators and junior docents for demonstrations in the Riverama Gallery and creative activities. Star shows are at 12:30 and 2 p.m., and children can play video games in the Planetarium – projected onto the dome – at 3:30 p.m.

Students must be accompanied by a caregiver.

To celebrate The Art of Video Games exhibition, the Hudson River Museum is launching Friday evening discussions, dance parties, concerts and games – extending its Fridays closing hours from 5 to 8 p.m., or 10 p.m. dependong on programming, through May 16.

On May 2 from 1 to 7 p.m. will be a video game discussion featuring video curator Frank Lantz, director of NYU Game Center and a game developer for more than 20 years. A dance party will follow from 8 to 10 p.m. for ages 18 and older, hosted by Chiptune enthusiast DJ Cutman, whose record label, GameChops, is the first of its kind to license dance music releases from major video game publishers like Nintendo and Sega.

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Mayor’s Office of Constituent Services Continues on April 11

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano’s Satellite Tax Office was held Wednesday, April 9 at Grinton Liddle Libary, 1500 Central Park Ave., and Thursday, April 10 at William L. Spano Community Center, 777 Mamaroneck Ave., and will continue Friday, April 11 at Ridge Hill, 1800 Central Park Ave. Residents can visit either of the offices to settle their tax due and what we hold most dear.

The mayor’s Office of Constituent Service has offices in Yonkers City Hall from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. to meet with Yonkers residents and accept county tax payments, which are due April 15.

Spano held his first office satellite last year at the Cove Hill Shopping Center and was able to take questions, address concerns or intervene on behalf of constituents on a variety of issues.

These include topics such as housing, health insurance, motor vehicle, Medicaid and Medicare, employment, mortgage foreclosure/modifications, consumer protection, business licensing, youth programs, and others.

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Sheep-to-Shawl Fest features Additions to Spring Classic

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Inventors’ Club wizardry, Science Club mishaps

The Spring Classic event continues with the Sheep-to-Shawl Fest, featuring demonstrations of sheep shearing, spinning, weaving, and knitting. Visitors can witness the entire process of making woolen cloth. The festival also includes a sale of goods.

Free tours will be available from 2 PM to 6 PM, and there will be live music and food vendors throughout the day. Each year, the Sheep-to-Shawl Festival celebrates all things sheep and wool, with羊毛 sheep, Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13 from 10 to 5 PM.

The Sheep-to-Shawl Fest will also feature a fashion show, with costumes of the 18th century, also demonstrating the process of making woolen cloth. Interpreters, wearing woolly sheep, will demonstrate how to shear wool by hand just like they were in the 18th century, while adding little or no additional demand for local food. Westchester County, New York, is known to have lived and labored there. It is the country’s only living history museum that focuses on the history of northern industry.

Admission is $14 for adults, $12 for seniors, and $9 for children 3 to 17. Members of the Hudson Valley Historical Society and visitors under the age of 3 attend for free. Tickets can be purchased online at http://www.tappanzebrate.org.

Food trucks from Rockland Roots (farm-to-table fare) and Rachel’s Gourmet (comfort food) will be available. A fashion show will take place, and the Blue Pig of Croton will provide locally-sourced, homemade ice cream.

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You're invited to attend

2014 Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 27
1:00 p.m.
in the
Fryson Room

at GRINTON WILL LIBRARY
1500 CENTRAL PARK AVENUE • YONKERS NY 10710

★ Annual Meeting at 1 PM
★ Special Guest Speaker at 2 PM

Mina Crasson
President

YONKERS, NY — The Yonkers Historical Society invites you to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Society. The meeting will be held on Sunday, April 27, at 1:00 p.m., in the Fryson Room at Grinton Will Library, 1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, New York, 10710.

The annual meeting includes the Society's annual report on its activities over the previous year, a review of the budget, and reports of the officers and committees. The formal business of the meeting will be followed by a program featuring a guest speaker.

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Seniors and Health Care

Happy Henni Has a Home

The Yonkers Animal Shelter has plenty of cats and dogs available for adoption. Hen- ni is a sweet young dog who was surrender- ed because her owner simply didn’t want her anymore. She is a petite 1-pounder who has been nurturing both on and off leads. She is about 18 months old, and has the most perfect personality. She is just happy to be with people who show her some affection and spend time with her. She will make a wonderful companion for a family with kids as she loves to play, but is very gentle; you can sit on her lap or carry her with no problems at all.

Visit the Yonkers Animal Shelter (1000 Ridge Hill Blvd.) between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays or noon and 4 p.m. weekends for information, adoption options, and to meet the animals. Check our website at www.hhrls.com or call 914-437-5955 or Mlamagna@hhrls.com, call 914-437-5955 or visit www.hhrls.com for more information.

Schuster Appointed Administrator of Meadvowood Assisted Living

John Schuster, an 11-year veteran of senior services provider Wartburg, has been named to administer of Meadvowood. The 105-unit facility on Wart- burg’s 34-acre campus.

Schuster has steadily worked his way up from opera- tions coordinator, to manager, to administrator-in-training, and to senior administrator. He has a bachelor’s and master’s degree in social work, and was recently named to his current position.

Defensive Driving Course

The Yonkers Riverside Hospital will sponsor a two-day driver’s license point and suspension class Wednesday, April 23 and Thurs- day, April 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 113 at 967 N. Broadway, Yonkers.

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their homes to demonstrate proper skill training, support alternate coping methods, discipline - technique, and to work with adults on a personal level.

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A director of Alcohol Prevention, Youth and, in keeping with this message, it is im- portant for citizens to know that everyone can do something to help prevent child abuse. Know the warning signs and how to report a suspected case of child abuse and/or neglect. And one should always do the right thing. It is that supportive relationship that develops between the family and the parent aide that helps break the cycle of abuse, and our aide goes through intensive training in a variety of areas.

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The new state budget also contains $28 million in additional aid to help the gap, and will give the city the ability to finance the remainder of the shortfall so that we can replace it gradually over future years...There should be no mistake that the leadership of the Board of Education still falls short of a complete solution to the massive deficit...the board still has tough decisions to make, but the result will not be the disaster we once feared.

Mike Spano
Mayor, City of Yonkers
Performers during a curtain call at Youth Theater Interactions’ “Broadway Comes to Yonkers.”

*Photos by Donna Davis*

## Join us for
**Bits and Bytes**
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**Yonkers Charter**

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students with a quality education that includes technology,” he said. This fundraiser will help CSEE continue to provide its students with the tools and technology, he continued.

CSEE Technology Trailblazer sponsors include Goya, Entergy, Yankee Foundation and Bronx Lebanon Hospital. “We employ 1,100 individuals and technology is an integral part of our business,” said Jeanne Fernandez of Entergy. “Entergy is partnering with CSEE to make sure our students have the technology experience and knowledge they need. In addition to cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, guests will learn about the Charter School’s technology initiatives with opportunities to purchase items on a growing wish list. A number of local businesses have donated items to be raffled, with 100 percent of the proceeds going toward the Charter School’s technology campaign.

The Charter School of Educational Excellence, Whitecroft’s first charter school, is a kindergarten through grade eight public school that has nationally acclaimed teachers and is a validated school for best practices in literacy by the New York State Department of Education. CSEE recently welcomed Mayor Mike Spano and CSEE Executive Director Michael Sabatino to the school, during a fruit and vegetable workshop by ShopRite and Dickson’s Farmstead.

For more on sponsorship and ticket information for the fundraiser, contact Rose Cappa at 914-747-0519 or events@cappacrucci.com.

For more information on CSEE, visit the school’s website.
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Why are 'The Blacklist' and other TV series rewatching the Old New York set? Because the city is a place of mystery that offers a sense of drama.

One of the reasons why 'The Blacklist' is so successful is its relationship to New York City. The show is set in the city, and the locations used for filming are often inspired by real places in New York.

The show's relationship to New York City is not only aesthetic, but also practical. The city's architecture, history, and politics provide a rich backdrop for the show's narrative.

The show's success is also due in part to the city's diverse population, which provides a wealth of characters and storylines for the show to draw on.

In conclusion, 'The Blacklist' is a prime example of how TV series can benefit from New York City's unique combination of cultural and historical richness. The city's influence on the show is evident in the set design, costumes, and even the dialogue, and it is a key factor in the show's success.