Gorton High School's Valedictorian & Salutatorian

By Dan Murphy

Gorton High School’s 2017 valedictorian Marielis George, left, and salutatorian Aleeza Toribio share a few of the same traits as many of this year’s valedictorians and salutatorians from other high schools in Yonkers. They are both friends and have taken many of the same classes together. Both Marielis and Aleeza came to Gorton from PEARLS elementary school, both share the same favorite educator, math teacher Mr. Steve Byrns.

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Stephen Byrns, president of the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy, with Her Imperial Majesty Empress Farah Pahlavi.

Shah’s Widow Visits Untermyer Gardens

Her Imperial Majesty Empress Farah Pahlavi traveled to Yonkers on April 29 to tour Untermyer Park and Gardens. The widow of the late Shah of Iran, the empress lives in Paris and Washington, D.C. Accompanied by her entourage of French, American, and Iranian dignitaries, she was interested to see the walled garden, which is the finest Persian garden in the western hemisphere, and made a tour of the entire garden.

YS Teacher Earns Louis E. Yavner Teaching Award

Mitchell Polay, a teacher at PEARLS School 15 (a middle school in the Yonkers Public School System), received the Louis E. Yavner Teaching Award on May 9 during a ceremony at the State Education Building in Albany. The award was presented by the Hon. Betty Rosa, chancellor of the Board of Regents.

Polay was nominated for this award by JCY Westchester Community Partners Because of his contributions and dedication to teaching the Holocaust to hundreds, if not thousands of students both within YPS and elsewhere. He is a dedicated volunteer at HistoryLink and other educational organizations. He has used his learning to develop curricula, run seminars, and develop courses.

Latimer Nominated for CE, But Yonkers Dems Stay Home

New York State Sen. George Latimer, who won the Democratic county convention nomination for county executive in November, was nominated for the office of county executive by the state Democratic Party.

By Dan Murphy

Latimer, a lawyer for more than 40 years, said he is ready to be a county executive and will continue to serve if he is elected.

Tony Pagano Running for City Council 6th District

By Dan Murphy

Former Yonkers Fire Commissioner Tony Pagano announced last week that he would seek the Republican Party nomination for City Council in the Sixth District, representing northwest Yonkers. Pagano, a lifelong Yonkers resident and a Republican since he was 18, said that with the open council seat that was created with the term-limiting of Councilman John Larkin, he saw an opportunity he couldn’t pass up to return to public service.

Eight years ago I was fire commissioner and John Larkin ran for council in the Sixth District,” he said. “I think John has done a great job and I wouldn’t run against him, but now the seat is wide open and I want to get involved in my city, so I’m running.”

Pagano then set about collecting enough Republican signatures in the district to get on the ballot and challenge Pagano in a Republican primary in September. Democrat Matt Orefice is running for the People of the Sixth District, but to put his name forward he will face off against either Merrante or Pagano in the primary.

Sixth District. Pagano said he isn’t running to oppose Merrante, but to put his name forward as a qualified candidate to serve on the council. Pagano would have to collect enough Republican signatures in the district to get on the ballot and challenge Pagano in a Republican primary in September. Democrat Matt Orefice will face off against either Merrante or Pagano in November.

Pagano served as fire commissioner from 2002 to 2011, and has had about 50 years of experience in the Yonkers Fire Department. Since 2002, he has enjoyed retirement and time with his wife of 43 years, Dale, but the fire is in the belly to continue to serve.

“I have an abundance of experience from my time as fire commissioner that I can use for the people of the Sixth District,” he said. “I learned the politics of the City of Yonkers, I’ve learned the politics of the state of New York, and I have an abundance of experience, but I would have to go through the process.”

Pagano thanked the trustees for the privilege to continue working alongside them and for their confidence in this leadership team.

“I am honored to serve for another year as your mayor,” he said. “I thank you for the opportunity to continue serving our community.”

Supporters of George Latimer, who won the Democratic county convention nomination for county executive at the County Center last week.

By Dan Murphy

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Yonkers Author Wins Literacy Award


McCarthy is an author of children’s picture books. Additionally, she serves as the president of Counting with Common Cents, Inc. She resides in Yonkers with her husband and two children.

"Counting with Common Cents: Nick’s Tricks" is the second book in an award-winning children’s picture book series. In this story, the main character, Nick, inspires children to count by fives using nickels as the primary tool. As he travels around the magical money world, he teaches counting, coin currency, and the value of saving. McCarthy said she is committed to bringing financial literacy education to early elementary-school-age children. She resides in Yonkers with her husband and two children.

McCarthy earned a certifi- cate from the Institute for Financial Literacy. The EIFLE awards acknowledge innovation, dedication and the commitment of individuals and organizations that support financial literacy education worldwide. The award ceremony took place in March (in Chicago) honoring the institute’s annual Conference on Financial Education.

The creations were tied in with a teaching theme as pets, community helpers, “my community,” traffic safety, etc.

Kids Learn to Create Beauty With Junk

The children and teachers at Queen’s Daughters Day Care Center on Buena Vista Avenue were recently given a challenge to collect all the towel and toilet paper rolls, milk cartons, tissues boxes and other recyclables and build a big, creative structure over the course of the month. The children were tied in with a teaching theme as pets, community helpers, “my community,” traffic safety, etc.

"Clock Face Robot Doctor," the winner of the Queens Daughter’s Day Care center’s “Junk is Beautiful” contest.

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**A History of Law Enforcement in The History Family in Yonkers**

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Starting this week, the Grinton I. Will Library of the Yonkers Public Library system will begin planning for essential renovations to the building’s exterior. Phase I includes replacing all exterior windows with double-pane units along the large, arched windows in the main reading room to start the window replacement process. Double-pane windows will be installed throughout the library to help reduce noise, increase insulation and enhance energy efficiency. The library may experience some temporary disruptions due to the installation process. Double-pane windows may be ordered at any time during the week.

During the next six months, scaffolding and a temporary internal wall will be erected in the main reading room to start the window installation process. Double-pane windows will be installed throughout the library to help reduce noise, increase insulation and enhance energy efficiency. The library may experience some temporary disruptions during this phase.

Additional, vertical scaffolds will replace the aging multi-colored panels outside the arched windows to allow more light in and project against ultraviolet rays. The library is exploring options for incorporating the old panels into a public art project.

Phase II will begin at a later date and include replacing the large, arched window panels on the building’s facade with terra-cotta panels that reduce noise and energy loss. This will make a large impact on the sustainability of the building and increase its energy efficiency.

The Grinton I. Will Library, located at 1500 Central Park Ave., opened in November 1962 and has undergone many major renovations. Architect Eli Ronson designed the building in the classic mid-century style. For more information, contact Christian Zablocki, Grinton I. Will Library branch administrator, at 914-337-9735, or visit www.ypl.org.

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In August, the $16 million Clean Energy Community project, which includes new heating and cooling systems, lighting and window upgrades, will be completed at the Grinton I. Will Library. Then, in June 2016, the renovation of the library will be complete.

Yonkers was selected as one of the first four of 10 high-impact clean energy projects identified by NYSEDA as part of the Clean Energy Community Initiative. In addition, the designation gives Yonkers $3 million to apply for $5,000,000 toward additional clean energy projects with a local impact.

Thank you to Gristers, and to the City of Yonkers for recognizing the various initiatives that offer insulation and a vapor barrier. By the way, I have to go to work during this period. I have proved, I will just toss all the crap into the free recycle bin, so now I have to tie up two trash cans. But one of my trash cans, and tossed one of the free recycle bins, so now I have to tie up two trash cans. And the city-neighbor’s cans in the street. Still, there is no way to manage all the cans, and I am tired of finding other people’s cans on the street. We are clean and we would never do that. We want you, Yonkers. DPW, you know we are clean and we never do that. You want, Yonkers. DPW, you know we are clean and we never do that. We want you, Yonkers. DPW, you know we are clean and we never do that.

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Weekend Events at Cranberry Lake and Long Pond Park

A number of events are scheduled the weekend of May 19-21, which include both natural and nature centers.

At Cranberry Lake, the Cranberry Lake Outdoor Education center will host the Cranberry Lake Outdoor Education festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 20. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Cranberry Lake at (914) 782-8947.

On Sunday, May 20, the 15th Annual Long Pond Park Birding Festival will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The festival is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Long Pond Park at (914) 271-4280.

At Long Pond Park, the annual plant sale and garden show will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 21. The sale is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Long Pond Park at (914) 271-4280.

At both Cranberry Lake and Long Pond Park, there will be educational programs and guided tours available for visitors.
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Seniors and Health Care

Wartburg Honors Employees At Annual Luncheon

Cognitive Behavioral Consultants Host Workshop

From left are Dorothy Bell, executive vice president of human resources at Wartburg; Grace Carino, of the environmental services department; Antonio Colaluca, director of environmental services; and David Gentner, president and CEO at Wartburg.

Wartburg, a leading provider of senior health care and residential services in Woonsocket County, honored 90 employees for their service and dedication to the annual Employee Service Awards ceremony held recently on its 30-acre campus.

“We are grateful to our employees and the value that Wartburg brings as an employer of choice in Woonsocket County and the Mount Vernon community,” said Dr. Lata McGinn, president and CEO. “We’re only as good as our people and the value that Wartburg brings as an employer of choice in Woonsocket County and the Mount Vernon community.”

Attendees were given an opportunity for employees in service for five years or more. One employee received recognition for 30 years of dedicated care to residents, job bank director and Adult Day Care registrants. Twelve employees received gifts for 20 years of employment at Wartburg; 15 employees were recognized for 15 years; and 19 caregivers were honored for 10 years of service.

Wartburg also acknowledged 39 employees for five years of service.

Wartburg Engineer Robert Barnes celebrated his 30-year anniversary at the 2017 Employee Service Awards. In the past three decades, he has seen Wartburg’s campus evolve with more than 20 buildings either being raised or built - the most recent being Leadership and Energy Environmental Design-certified construction and operational standards.

Carino also presented the Edgar J. Mc- nally Leadership Award, named for the longtime beloved president of the Wartburg Foundation and former board member. Grace Carino, part of the Wartburg family for 15 years, was chosen by her peers to receive this prestigious award for embodying Wartburg’s mission to serve mind, body and spirit to those entrusted to her care.

“I am honored to receive this award,” said Carino. “I am very happy. I have been pleasure working here for many years and hope for many more to come.”

Wartburg is a service organization, known for generations of caring and dedication to vul- nerable populations,” said David Gentner, Wartburg president and CEO. “We’re just as good at our job, and it is our people who make Wartburg so special. It is such a thrill to offer opportunities to our employees and we are always grateful when they honor us back with their longtime service.”

Sixty-five million, two-hundred-thousand; this is the number today who are living with a mental illness. One of the challenges we face is how to get more attention to our fellow human beings who are mentally ill and need our help. That’s the challenge we’re facing. It’s a challenge that we need to address. It’s a challenge that we need to face and one that we need to solve.

One thing we have learned is that by understanding the symptoms of mental illness, we can do much more to help people who are struggling with mental illness.

Health care providers can use treatment plans and guide their clients to produce meaningful outcomes.

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Cognitive Behavioral Consultants Host Workshop

For more information or to register for the workshop, visit www.cbc-psychology.com. The registration deadline is June 6. Questions can be directed to 914-385-1150 or info@cbc-psychology.com.
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LATINER NOMINATED

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Latiner’s opponent, County Legislator Kenneth Jenkins, received 29 percent of the vote. Jenkins had been unopposed in the primary and expected for Latiner and his supporters, that Jenkins was the favorite to win.

But that is deep into the results and into the victory speeches of Westchester Democrats showed that many were disappointed over their poor showing. They had expected for Latiner and his supporters, that Jenkins was the favorite to win.

In 2013, the total weighted vote was 12,000, with 7,500 of those votes went to Latiner 10,605 – less than half of his opponent. Jenkins won.

Both Latiner and Jenkins noted the results in the Nov. 4 election, the day the results were made available to the public. The results showed a solid vote in the south of the county for Jenkins, while the northern part of the county showed a solid vote for Latiner.

Overall numbers at the Democratic convention also came in much lower than in 2013. Yonkers New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson

Ken Jenkins, received 29 percent of the vote from his home base along the Sound Shore. Latimer handily won Democratic support for his County Board seat, so any reports or speculation about a change in the Democratic party is not surprising.

"It left New York naught as anything, it’s that the Convention is about wealth, and the strategy instead of holding up in a room late at night, I’d rather have a drink with my friends and then go out and represent the people who pay taxes,“ he said. The party voting process complicated and difficult to implement. It was not going to be easy."

"Our campaign is about saying goodbye to the past, and opening up to a new era of goodurgs for Westchester. We all have a plan."

"I would ask the voters to look at who the candidates are,“ he said. "We’ve had a solid vote in the last two elections, but we have not been able to turn the vote into seats."

Ken Jenkins called himself a “working man’s Republican” and raised here. “I will be fair to all in addition to being the voice for the Sixth District."

Tony Pagano was promoted to captain. This was certainly the case when Pagano was assigned to fill that position as the operations for City Council.

Common Cause New York Executive Director Aaron Peskin called the action a major victory for the group and said it demonstrated the power of local action. "We are proud of the outcome of the Detec
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Yonkers Awarded $20K For Public Art Project

Yonkers has awarded a $20,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to commemorate the legacy of enslaved Africans who once resided at Philipse Manor Hall in the City of Yonkers.

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"The Enslaved Africans’ Rain Garden initiative is one of the most significant tributes to enslaved Africans in the United States," said Bagwell. "This National Endowment for the Arts grant will enable the creation of artwork that will acknowledge the contributions of millions of enslaved people to our national heritage."

Nearly an acre of land along the Hudson River explanade in downtown Yonkers has been designated as the site for the exhibit. In addition to the NEA Art Works grant, Bagwell's latest project has also received funding from the New York State Council on the Arts and the City of Yonkers to commission her creation of the five life-sized sculptures. The first of these sculptures, "Sola," a woman carrying a bucket and balancing a bucket on her head, is currently nearing completion with funds from a New York State Council for the Arts grant. The second, "Oleme," the headstone, was completed in March 2017 with funds from the City of Yonkers.

"This grant allows a local artist to once again bring our community together in a meaningful way," said Mayor Mike Spano.

"Our city has seen a dramatic renaissance over the past decade and the public art has blossomed in many forms in downtown Yonkers. I bank on Yonkers Planning Department and Council for securing this grant and Vinnie Bagwell for her commitment to this project. This exhibit preserves our history and will continue to enhance Yonkers as an art and tourism destination."

Vinnie Bagwell, an Yonkers-born sculptor, began sculpting in 1993 and has been an artist for social and educational growth in the local community. Her piece, "The Enslaved Africans' Rain Garden," aims to connect the local community to the past, while also giving a voice to African history in a public setting.