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Jerrad “Yusef” Joseph is a print production artist who uses his artistic creativity and technical expertise to combine and modify graphic designs, images and text for printing. That printing might be on paper, on objects, or as digital images displayed on a computer screen. In addition to high levels of artistic and technical skill, he must be equally skilled at working collaboratively and understanding the ideas and visions of the person with whom he is working, whether that person is a client, another artist, or both.

Joseph describes the collaboration as similar to that of a musician and a sound engineer – the end product is a collective work, a combination of the best of both talents. In this collaboration, the interplay of the visions and expertise of two or more creative people, that he says makes his work so satisfying.

Joseph moved from Los Angeles to New York 10 years ago to help a friend in Harlem set up a computer network. By the time the project was finished, Joseph was enjoying the New York art scene and thought he’d like to stay. The friend told him of a good deal on an apartment in Yonkers, he saw it, liked it, and has been there ever since.

Joseph completed his bachelor’s of fine arts degree, which he had begun at Cal State San Bernardino, at the City College of New York. He graduated from the City College in 2006 with a bachelor’s degree in design.

Joseph enjoys living and working in Yonkers for the same reasons so many other artists do: There is a large community of artists and people with technological skills, an expanding audience of people who appreciate the arts, affordable living and work space, convenient transportation, and prospective clients.

By Steve Force
Jerrad “Yusef” Joseph believes his artistic work is more than a job. It is a calling. “I feel like my work is my vocation,” Joseph explained.

Joseph’s art continues to expand. His goal for the immediate future is to master a computer programming language to meld his graphic skills with computer programming. He also hopes to combine the ever-expanding array of commercial graphic and design software. He has also recently added website design to his repertoire of client services, which can be viewed at his website, www.instagram.com/schemofthings.

Joseph enjoys living and working in Yonkers. He recently moved to an affordable place in the city and has built a new house in the woods.

The Yonkers Police Department continues to investigate the killing of 25 dead cats at 4105 Overlook Terrace earlier this month. The case has drawn national attention and the focus of animal rights groups who have rallied to raise a $25,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

“The total amount of the reward money reflects the resolve of the SPCA and the community to find the perpetrators of one of the worst cases of animal cruelty Rochester County has ever known,” said SPCA Executive Director Shannon LaFay.

The 25 dead cats were found in plastic grocery-type bags hanging from a tree. It was determined that the cats were killed by blunt force trauma to the head.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is working in conjunction with the Yonkers Police Major Case Squad, Yonkers Police Field Intelligence Office, as well as the District Attorney’s Office in an ongoing investigation to bring the person(s) responsible for this heinous crime to justice.

Anyone with information about this crime should contact the SPCA at 914-941-7707. All calls are confidential. To donate to this cause, visit WWW.SPCA914.ORG.

According to YPD, the case is still under active investigation, with a detective working the case.

The Yonkers Police Department has increased its efforts to stop the killing of cats in the city.

“It’s not just about the cats,” said YPD Detective Joseph Taormina. “We want to stop the violence and end animal cruelty.”

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“Another$25,000 reward for Cat Killer; YPD Continues Investigation

Walk-a-Thon at Yonkers Raceway Draws a Crowd

A great prom night starts here.

Mom, Dad, start the conversation.

The prom is soon. It’s important to take the time to talk about pressure and making good decisions before you send them off. Some teens will use alcohol and/or drugs to cope with the stresses they face during prom night. In addition, the use of these substances can cause relaxation, altered perceptions, impaired judgment, loss of inhibitions, and regret. It can also cause them to make questionable choices and get involved in behaviors that put their health, safety, and reputation at risk. Get strategies. Learn what every parent needs to know about prom night and of.

Mom, Dad, start the conversation. of the event to benefit the school. Photo by Matt Rubenstein.
This, Too, is Food For Thought

By Eric W. Schoen

Memorial Day has come and gone, but it is always a day of remembrance for those who died in military service. They left us in the best of health, so that we can enjoy the freedom we cherish every day.

So what do we read in our newspapers and watch on television? Incomprehensible? Veteran Affairs Medical facilities across the county, notwithstanding the care they do in a timely fashion, long waits for time for healthcare for veterans, the possibility deaths caused by lack of medical and incomplete care.

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School 22's Teresa Tralli Named Teacher of the Year

Third-grade teacher Teresa Tralli at School 22 has been named the 2014 Yonkers Public School Teacher of the Year. The Teacher of the Year program recognizes the outstanding dedication of teachers to the students of Yonkers Public Schools. The Teacher of the Year is chosen by the Yonkers Board of Education and the Yonkers Board of Education Foundation.

Teresa Tralli student "lives are created in a nurturing environment, which is to strengthen a sense of community, enhance the students’ self-esteem and encourage individual achievement. Mrs. Tralli's first priority is always student learning. As third-grade teacher at School 22, Mrs. Tralli has made outstanding contributions to the education of Yonkers since 1954, and has been named the 2014 Teacher Hall of Fame. Mrs. Tralli's first priority is always student learning. As third-grade teacher at School 22, Mrs. Tralli has made outstanding contributions to the education of Yonkers since 1954, and has been named the 2014 Teacher Hall of Fame.

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**Notices of formation of Yummy Yummys Goodness, LLC**—A domestic Limited Liability Company Yummy Yummys Goodness (LLC), filed with the Secretary of NY (SSNY) on 03/23/2014. Office location: Westchester County, Principal office of Yummy Yummys Goodness, LLC, 442, 941 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 941 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701 upon whom at which process may be served. Purpose: Food Products, Restaurant.
Avoiding stress helps folks stay healthy. For example, Social Security will not ask you for personal information without calling us to verify the information, do not give out your personal Social Security contacts you and asks for this such as Social Security number or banking call or email anyone for personal information, and make sure they aren't the catch of the day when a criminal offers alluring bait.

Fathers and best friends may like to go fishing, play some ball or take a hike, we encourage you to enjoy your time with your father and with your best friend – but make sure no one falls victim to the wrong kind of phishing.

Learn more by reading our publication, "Identity Theft And Your Social Security Number," at www.socialsecurity.gov/publications.
Amherst, NY 14228
Gross Polowy, LLC

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. You should file an answer to the Summons and Complaint as described in the following page.

TO: NILSON RODRIGUEZ, Defendant(s) In this Action.

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME if you do not respond to this summons and complaint in accordance with the following instructions. If you do not, judgment will be entered against you and you may lose the property described in the complaint.

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New York – Democrats who lost in 2014 may not want to ask whether New Yorkers are any better off.

New York Democrats will continue in Syracuse, Oct. 27-29, for their 33rd biennial convention, which will feature highlights of the nation’s political process, including a keynote address by New York State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman.

New York has been a consistent target for Republicans over the past 20 years. How did this happen? When did living here become like a prison sentence?

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Finalists range from young ladies 10 to 19 years of age and compete in two age brackets: The Junior Idol bracket is for those 10 to 14 years old, and the Idol bracket is for those 15 to 19 years old. The new Yonkers Idol and Junior Idol will now hold the title for one year and will perform at city ceremonies and events. Both winners also won $1,000, courtesy of the Untermyer Performing Arts Council Teresa Fund.

Mayor Mike Spano joined City Council Minority Leader Michael Sabatino and Parks Commissioner Yvette Hartsfield in enjoying the evening. Congratulations to the mayor; the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation; and UPAC for giving many talented young Yonkers kids, and their families, a special evening—and congratulations to the winners and all contestants.

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In December 2004, Patty was deployed to Iraq, where he was responsible for supplying troops with ammunition and other supplies from Kuwait to the front lines in Iraq. He came back to the U.S. in December 2005 and spent the final year of his Army career working at Fort Drum in New York, being discharged in 2006.

In 2008 he retired from the National Guard. The Murphy family’s National Guard story does not end there. Patty’s son, Lt. Patrick Murphy III, just came home from a deployment in Afghanistan. Following in his father’s footsteps, he is still in the Guard at Fort Drum. Patrick III also has just become a member of the Yonkers Fire Department.

With all of his service to America, Patty managed to keep the business open with the help of his good friends, Chet Fowler and the late Bob Guildner—two great people.

If you ever drive by the gas station on McLean Avenue, stop by say “Hello” to Patty and thank him for his service to our country. You can’t miss the station; it is the one with the American flags flying proudly!

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