Three Named ‘Teacher Of the Year’ at YPS

Four left are Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano with 2014 Teachers of the Year Benyur Umrich of Montessori School 31; Maria Melida of Enrico Fermi; and America Vazquez-Santiago of Gorton High School.

At an awards ceremony at Yonkers’ historic Untermyer Gardens, Mayor Mike Spano named three Yonkers Public School educators as 2014 Teachers of the Year. The recipients, Benyur Umrich, who teaches first, second and third grade at Montessori School 31; Maria Melida, who teaches physical education at Enrico Fermi School of the Performing Arts; and America Vazquez-Santiago, a foreign language teacher at Gorton High School, were among the 100 nominations made on the city’s website.

“Spano said the nominations received from parents, students, administrators and other teachers is a testament to the 3,000 educators and support staff at YPS who go above and beyond the call of duty every day.

“In Yonkers, we have the most dedicated, thoughtful and hardest working teachers you’ll find anywhere,” he said. “Our Teachers of the Year and their service.

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Rotary Awards Scholarship & Builds Playground in 2013-14

Rotary’s annual Community Service Scholarship winner Lawrence Lee with his mother, and outgoing Secretary Selly Vazquez and Club President David Schildwachter.

The past year was an outstanding one for the Rotary Club of Yonkers/East Yonkers, said Club President David Schildwachter said at the club’s annual meeting June 25 at the Westchester Hills Golf Club, where he thanked outgoing Secretary Selly Vazquez and Treasurer Patty Malloy for their service.

Other highlights of the meeting included a round-up of the year’s activities and accomplishments, and awarding of the annual Community Service Scholarship to one deserving Yonkers High School student.

Presenting a slide show on the “Year-in-Review,” Schildwachter announced that the club received two awards from the district: one for the highest number of new members during the year, and the other for the highest percentage of growth.

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Women’s Roller Derby Rolls into Yonkers

Members of the Suburban Brawl line up for the start of the recent roller derby at the Police Athletic League. Photo by Ed Whitman.

By Roberta Bennett

Remember the women’s roller derby we watched on television years ago? Well, a team from Wales in the United Kingdom, called the Tiger Bay Brawlers, visited the U.S. for the first time last month and played against the Suburban Brawl at the Yonkers Police Athletic League.

There are currently more than 40,000 women roller derby players competing in 196 member-leagues around the globe. The sport originated in 2004 in the United Kingdom.

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Little Radical Theatrics Presents ‘Damn Yankees’

“Damn Yankees,” a sporting twist on the Faust legend, tells the story of Joe Boyd, a middle-aged baseball fanatic who loves the Washington Senators a little too much. When a devilish deal-maker offers the chance to beat the “damn Yankees” in return for Joe’s soul, the perpetually frustrated Joe takes it. Transformed into Joe Hardy, a 22-year-old baseball sensation who will finally lead his team to victory, Joe must choose between his love for baseball and his love for苏uriety.

Summer Family Events At Hudson River Museum

Song, dance and puppets of all kinds for all ages will be featured in shows by two internationally-known puppet theaters that offer original music and plays by professional and emerging artists, in the amphitheater at the Hudson River Museum.

On July 13, “Tuffy’s Great Adventure” will be performed by Puppetry Arts Theatre. Tuffy and his friends are having a sleepover party and use their imagination to visit far-off places for an adventure. This “4D” performance features original songs about exploring with “4D” marshmallows, bubbles and silly string.

The cast of “Damn Yankees” performing at the Wil Library.

Rooney Honored by Catholic Charities for Philanthropy


Celebrity Chef and author Sandra Lee and Cardinal Timothy Dolan and Timothy Rooney.

The gala once again convened a dynamic group of nearly 500 New Yorkers from the worlds of business, philanthropy, culture, law, media, politics and religion who share a deep concern for youth and their healthy development and spiritual growth. Michael Gargiulo, reporter and anchor for NBC4 New York, served as master of ceremonies.

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The show is free; chairs are provided by United Health Care.

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Two retirees and the special event that inspired them to leave

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The Bella Vista Deli is celebrating 20 years in business, as a hidden Yonkers treasure at 2150

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Community Council Swears New Officers into 1st Precinct

By Dan Murphy

The announcement last week that the State Senate Democratic Caucus, led by Western Suffolk Sen. Andrew Stewart-Cousins, has come to an agreement with renegade Democrats that make up the Independent Democratic Conference on a new Democratic majority in the State Senate next year has implications for many senators from both parties who represent Westchester.

The agreement, reached by Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s Senate Democratic Caucus, calls for a Senate co-leadership between Stewart-Cousins and Sen. Jeff Klein, chairman of the IDC. Despite having a majority of 31 Democratic senators, Klein and the IDC joined with the 29 Republican senators in the decision-making process, and choose other leaders in the Senate.

The eventual details of the arrangement, which will include the endorsement of the Working Families Party line, are expected to be finalized later this month.

The Senate Democratic Conference has long advocated unity among all Democrats to better achieve the progressive agenda that New Yorkers demand and that includes advocates for education, health care, job creation, and an economy that works for all New Yorkers.

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By Ann Mara

Margaret Daly, 27, the young daughter of Carol Daly, has always had MD for her initials. Now, however, Margaret has added another MD to her curriculum. Margaret attended St. Eugene’s parish school from kindergarten to fourth grade, then attended and graduated from the Ursuline School in New Rochelle. She attended StV’s Academy, Albany, where she majored in biology as graduate President of National Honor Society. Margaret volunteered in the Albany medical center and volunteered in a clinic in the Bronx at Montefiore Children’s Hospital over the summer breaks. She then attended New York Medical College in Valhalla and graduated May 22 with her MD. She will complete her three-year residency at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City in internal medicine and hopes to continue on for another three years with a fellowship in cardiology most likely.

“I am extremely excited, as that gives me the confidence and skillset that I need to succeed in the field of psychiatry,” Tignola said. “I believe the medical school experience has given me the attributes of sacrifice, dedication, leadership, the ability to work well in a team, and the ability to work through the practical application of basic Navy medical training. I have the values of honor, courage and commitment distinctly ‘Navy’ that I believe will help me designed to take into account what we mean to be military people.”

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Serving Our Country

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With the Senate's session this year.

We used the power of our voices to help pass the Dream Act. But we also worked on important issues, such as the Dream Act, which I am now at the forefront of supporting.

The Senate and Assembly seats up for election are significant. They are the voice of the people, and they are the voice of the future. They are the voice of the people who will make the decisions that affect our lives. They are the voice of the people who will make the decisions that affect our children's lives.

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Social Security Q&A

If you have a bank or financial institution account, you may want to keep track of it. Always keep an account available so we can deposit your benefits directly into your bank account. Learn more about Social Security by reading our online publications, "Supplemental Security Income," available at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Q: My application for SSI based on my disability was recently denied. Can I appeal the decision?

A: Yes, if you disagree with a disability decision made on your claim, you can appeal. The steps you can take are explained in our online publication, "Your Right To Question A Decision Made On Your Supplemental Security Income Claim," available at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Q: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other qualified person of your choice. You can request your appeal online at www.socialsecurity.gov/onlinehelp. Select the "Appeal" link to follow the instructions. To learn more, read our online publication, "Your Right To Representation," available at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Spanish-Speaking Volunteers Sought for Health Program

Worchester County Executive Robert A. Astorino has announced that the county is seeking Spanish-speaking volunteers to teach workshops that help seniors manage chronic conditions such as arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma or heart disease.

A medical background is not required. Those interested in giving time to this worthwhile program, said Astorino, "is a terrific way to contribute to the community and help seniors manage healthy lifestyles.

The free program is called "Tomando Control de su Salud!" (take control of your health). It is in the Spanish version of the Livable Communities Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, which is taught in English and has become increasingly popular since the county Department of Health introduced it in Worchester several years ago.

Those interested in tutoring should contact the Social Security Q&A

Developmental Psychologist Presents Annual Lecture at SLC

The Child Development Institute at Sarah Lawrence College is hosting the 2014 "Thomas M. Wright Lecture, " which will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 4-6 p.m. in the Danziger Theatre of the Huntley Visual Arts Center. The lecture is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. An informal reception will follow the event.

Harriette R. Wolf is a developmental psychologist with an interest in the development of cognition, emotion and imagination. After studying psychology at the universities of Sussex and Oxford, she taught at the University of Lancing and the University of London. School of Economics. In 1980, she moved to Oxford where she became professor of developmental psychology and fellow at St John's College. In 2001, he began teaching at Harvard University, where he holds the Victor S. Thomas Professorship of Education. He is also a fellow of the British Academy and the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters.

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Friendly Frankie needs a home.

Ann Muro

Many years ago, while having lunch with my college classmates, we began talking about our boyfriends or fiancés. I recall one classmate who informed us that she was calling the cops if we were asked that reply, he replied that he was "too warm." People who do not have a bank or financial institution account may need a bank or financial institution account to make a payment. If you have a bank or financial institution account, you may want to keep track of it. Always keep an account available so we can deposit your benefits directly into your bank account. Learn more about Social Security by reading our online publication, "Supplemental Security Income," available at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Friends of the VCVS

Frankie is a bally bread dog about 1 year old and weighing 35 pounds. He came to the shelter a few weeks ago as a stray that was found in a parking lot in Yonkers. He is the best behaved, friendliest dog, with nice leash and kennel manners—he was definitely someone’s pet.

He is the Spanish version of the Livable Communities Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, which is taught in English and has become increasingly popular since the county Department of Health introduced it in Worchester several years ago.

The workshops take place at community-based locations in Worchester such as houses of worship, senior centers and housing developments. They are held one day per week for six consecutive weeks and each session is two and a half hours.

For more information, contact Rebecca Bum at 914-813-6263 or npche@westchestergov.com.

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By An Muro

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Many years ago, while having lunch with my college classmates, we began talking about our boyfriends or fiancés. I recall one classmate who informed us that she was calling the cops if we were asked that reply, he replied that he was "too warm." People who do not have a bank or financial institution account may need a bank or financial institution account to make a payment. If you have a bank or financial institution account, you may want to keep track of it. Always keep an account available so we can deposit your benefits directly into your bank account. Learn more about Social Security by reading our online publication, "Supplemental Security Income," available at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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This performance is for kids age 4 and older.

**Puppetry Arts Theatre** offers original musicals often with live orchestra and engaged plays for youth and families, as well as productions for team and adults. Performances feature social and moral storytelling relevant to each individual’s audience.

**On Saturday, July 20, PAT will present** "FuzzBuck," the story of a sheep who learns to help. The Puppetry Arts Theatre cast, known as the "Puppeteers" will perform this show for the audience in front of them expecting a show! The Puppeteers scramble to figure out how to put on a last-minute show with songs and jokes. In the end, with outstanding teamworking, the Puppets are born! This performance is for kids age 4 and older.

**The events begin at 3:00 p.m. and are free with admission and free with membership.**

**Additional events at the Hudson River Music Theater include**

- **Tea at Three** on Sundays through Sept. 14, 3 to 3:30 p.m.

### Three Named Continued from Page 1

Year represent every Yonkers teacher and the work they do for our students — inside the classroom and out — on the clock and off, and often times spending money out of their own pockets to buy their students’ supplies.

Family members, colleagues, and students joined Spoto, Board President Dr. Nadir Ayegh, Yonkers School Supervisors Dr. Michael Santamaria and Dr. onions and fence bahubali of Teachers of Yonkers (DCTY).

Rosa has been nominated for four parisons who described her as kind, compassionate, and dedicated — "an educator that teaches each student individually and is always approachable to both parents and students."

### Staff of the Suburban Bruin and the Tiger Bay Bruiner roller derby teams.

### Women's Roller Continued from Page 1

Wale team is ranked number five in Europe above both Cardiff, Wales, the hometown of Shirley Moore, and Kildare, Ireland with the Dargan family.

Helen Rooney, Yonkers Schools Superintendent Dr. Yonkers Democratic Committee, and addressed his concerns to re-elect him. What Spotorno’s campaign for mayor will do is change the dynamic of the race. It will change the climate. It will challenge span next year. While span has not made any announcement of his intentions to seek re-election, it is widely believed that he will run for a second term as mayor of Westchester’s largest city, and New York State’s fourth-largest city in 2015.

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vis; and a $250 gift certifi cate toward a non-

original artwork, including a portrait of Billie

“Lion King,” including a backstage tour; a

baritone Otho Farrow and the “Bishop of Jazz”

cess, as well as pianist Michael Eisenberg,

headlined the event and helped make it a suc-

From left are 2014-15 Rotary Club of Yonkers/East Yonkers officers, Treasurer Manuel Cor-

reia, outgoing Secretary Selly Vazquez, Vice President Steven Castellano, Secretary Peggy Murphy

Club members at the annual meeting include, from left, (standing) Jeffrey Landemore, Lee Oppenheimer, Greg Arcaro, Bina Ahmad, Debbie Dimeuli, Steven Castellano, Dave Schild-

wachter, Frank Cappoica, Rich Bloom, Harvey Bernstein, Shadif Leif, Manuel Correia, Mah-

buck Ahmad, (seated) Peggy Murphy, Selly Vazquez, Sundra Ingemanson and Joban Kaur.

Rotary Awards

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www.eastyonkersrotary.org.

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The entryway at the Yonkers Train Station.

Walking tour attendees visit St. John’s Episcopal Church.

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