Congressman Engel Speaks at U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit

By Phil Foley

The 2014 alumna of year, Potoula Gjidija, was honored with an award for her many years of professional leadership as manager of community relations at Regeneron and, previously, at the American Heart Association, as well through volunteer work as a board member for Community Development for Independence, Inc. (C-DEP), as she was recognized at the Women of Distinction luncheon held March 2 by the Yonkers Community Foundation.

Sara H. Jaffe, executive director of the Yonkers Community Foundation, praised Potoula’s dedicated efforts to support the community.

By Ivy Reeves

Bonnie Brown is sitting in her living room, about to go inside, and is relieved to find that the children have left the house. But as she walks into the kitchen, she is greeted by the sounds of children playing and laughing. She feels a sense of relief.

City of Yonkers

Parking Tickets in Yonkers

By Phil Foley

A stop sign next to a parking meter near McLean Avenue.

Editorial: Civil Rights? Not So Fast!

By Ivy Reeves

Last month marked the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Rights Act, which was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on July 2, 1964 and prohibited discrimination in public places, provided for the integration of schools and other public facilities, and made employment discrimination illegal.

Ivy Reeves, middle, with brother Roger and cousin Charles.

Beware of Stop Sign

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The City of Yonkers is doing a land boom and is issuing more and more tickets to justify its existence.

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One of the great sidewalk chalk designs. Photo by Toby McAfee.

Winners of Cross Country Shopping Center’s 2014 Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival include Eric Mayer in a Democratic primary Sept. 9. We will feature this race and interview both Sweeney and Mayer in our Aug. 29 issue of Yonkers Rising.

This year’s theme for artists was “The 1950s,” in celebration of Cross Country Shopping Center’s 60th anniversary. Coinciding with the competition, there was an outdoor live band performance by N.Y.C. Swing Band, as well as strolling entertainers and children’s activities.

Families Enjoy Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival at Cross Country

One group of Yonkers residents and other New Yorkers are joining the growing chorus of voices calling for a national boycott of products made by the electronics company LG to protect the Palisades Natural Landmark.

The cliffs were set aside by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who purchased 13 miles of the west Hudson River shoreline and donated the prime real estate to be preserved as a natural monument and park. In 1917, Congress created the Palisades Interstate Park Commission to preserve the cliffs, and in 1987, the cliffs were named a National Natural Landmark.

The Englewood Cliffs Zoning Board recently granted the Korean-based multi-national electronics company a variance to build the office tower on its property directly across the Palisades Interstate Parkway from the cliffs.

This year through September 5

Now through September 5

The cliffs are an asset to Yonkers that should be preserved for all Americans. LG must revise its plan to build a tower that violates the height limit.

Taste The Tradition...
Lewis and children sold their interest in Colon next to the North Broadway site. An armory was built in 1988 on Quincy Place, just moved to the North Broadway Armory. A third Street Armory was vacated in 1918 when the unit members.

Ralph De Sisto was elected as a union officer in the early 1940s. After practicing law, he joined Local 456 and was first working as a truck driver during summer break. He attended Colgate. He joined Local 456 and was first working as a truck driver during summer break, later joining Local 456.

On Monday, Aug. 28, 1902: Renowned magician Harry Houdini was born in Budapest. He was a member of the Society of American Magicians. Houdini was known for his impressive escapes from straitjackets, water tanks, and chambers. He was a popular performer in the early 20th century, and his feats have inspired countless magicians to this day.

Aug. 29, 1906: William B. Thompson, manager of the Yonkers Herald Statesman, bought the paper from the estate of J. B. McLean and Kimball Avenues in Yonkers. The purchase was made for a reported $350,000.

Aug. 30, 1902: Renowned magician Harry Houdini performed a flip over a table in a New York City theater. The performance was part of his tour of the United States, and it was one of his most famous illusions. Houdini was known for his ability to escape from various locked and enclosed spaces, and his performances were a sensation in the early 20th century.

Aug. 31, 1902: The Fourth Separate Company of Yonkers was organized at a meeting in the Armory. The company was formed to provide additional security for the city of Yonkers, and it was one of the first volunteer fire companies in the United States.

Aug. 31, 1778: Dozens of Stockbridge Indians were killed fighting for America near Stockbridge, Massachusetts. The battle was part of the American Revolutionary War, and it was a significant victory for the American forces.

Aug. 31, 1639: Native Americans sold Nipmucks and Mohegans to the Dutch West India Company. The sale was part of a larger trade agreement between the Native Americans and the Dutch, and it was one of the earliest examples of European imperialism in North America.

Aug. 31, 1844: The Union Pacific Railroad was chartered in California. The railroad was one of the key infrastructure projects of the 19th century, and it helped to connect the East and West coasts of the United States.

Aug. 31, 1880: The first major storm of the season hit New York City, causing widespread flooding and damage. The storm was part of a larger pattern of extreme weather events that were becoming more frequent in the late 19th century.

Aug. 31, 1919: The long-awaited shipment of USS Antilles was sunk. Houdini stopped for a benefit for families of soldiers killed when the USS Antilles was sunk. The incident was a tragedy that was one of the many that inspired Houdini's later work.

Shame on Congress: 'Bring Jobs Home' Bill Fails Senate

By Don Murphy

Should U.S. corporations have the ability to obtain tax credits if they locate American jobs overseas? Should the federal government offer tax incentives to U.S. corporations considering relocation, or re-shoring jobs back from the U.S. overseas?

The “Bring Jobs Home Act” would have remedied our tax code to remove the tax deductions for companies “off-shoring” jobs to the foreign countries. A 20 percent federal tax credit to companies that bring their off-shored jobs back to the U.S. is a win-win proposition.

Under current law, U.S.-based manufacturing companies that invest abroad are excluded from the tax code. Even if that second location is overseas, it is counted as a foreign source of income.

“Bring Jobs Home” is a non-partisan bill that is winning the support of members from both sides of the aisle. Forty-two Republican senators voted against the bill, bringing the total to 51 senators voting against the bill. The Senate floor vote was 51 to 41, with 40 Republican senators voting against the bill and 11 Democratic senators. Sen. Mark Begich from Alaska, voted against allowing a floor vote.

Three Republican senators for their part believed the “Bring Jobs Home” bill did not have enough support to pass. National Republican Senatorial Committee chairman, Mark Roberts, R-Kan.; and Schatz, D-Hi. the White House.

“I worked in the Clinton White House when we negotiated the North American Free Trade Agreement. I started my own business, so I know firsthand what it is like to lose jobs and see our infrastructure erode. I am looking forward to working with local leaders to make sure that make products using New York resources and create good jobs for New Yorkers.”

Throughout the nation, three Republican senators, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.; Roberts, R-Kan.; and Schatz, D-Hi.

There are questions about the bill’s ability to bring jobs home. If there are corporations that have decided to move offshore for tax reasons, I’m selling your vote. Here are some questions that need to be answered: What percentage of the New York public supports legislation that is aimed at bringing jobs back to the United States? What is the level of support for legislation that will invest in the next generation of manufacturing jobs?

The “Bring Jobs Home” bill has faced some opposition, mostly from the National Republican Senatorial Committee. The bill was introduced by Republican Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., and Democratic Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., and was renamed the “America Manufacturing Act,” which would create a competitive program that awards states and regions with funding to support companies through low-interest loans to build new facilities, expand existing facilities, or expand or improve existing facilities. The legislation is intended to assist states that are seeking to expand the manufacturing sector. It would be up to the states to decide how the funds would be used.

The “Bring Jobs Home” bill has its critics. While some argue that it would be a good move for the economy, others are concerned about the potential for companies to move offshore for tax reasons. “I’m selling your vote,” said Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., in response to the bill’s critics.

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We want to help African countries create the necessary conditions for sustainable development, investments, innovations, and further growth. We believe that the relationship the people of Africa – by creating economic opportunity that is inclusive for all – can help to drive economic growth. Local economic growth leads to jobs with democratic institutions and a strong civil society.

Yonkers Residents

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SRIVERA/DEFENSE/LEADERSHIP Westchester; a board member for the Westches - ter County Musical Theatre; a board member for the Yonkers Community Center will be at SLC from noon to pm; on Aug. 21, Yonkers YMCA will visit from noon to pm. The SLC Center for the Urban River at Beczak is at 195 West St, Yonkers, more information, contact Health Schlueter at 914-254-0019 or 914-392-2222.

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departure vehicles is beyond me – that’s what other communities – and the world – have done, and why it was successful. As someone who has traveled to about 100 countries, I can attest to the experience.

An interesting attempt at table-door canvassing is that there is an alternative to leading from the door, "knocking." That alternative is leading from the inside out.

That true leadership is all about, is recognizing that your leadership is in the service of the community, about creating change in the space in your life to cultivate self-awareness, self-confidence, and to lead with a sense of purpose.

As we move forward, we must ensure that the communities – and the world – have the tools to do so.

Editorial: Civil Rights

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In a few months, the most talked about bar in the city is sure to be SOYO in Downtown Yonkers, as the hit television show Bar Rescue recently completed its transformation of the local pub, formally known as Undisputed. The new, upscale “craft-cocktail” bar is the first to be featured on the Spike TV show, and this beautifully intimate transformation that Downtown Yonkers has undergone over the past decade.

With the assistance of bar expert Jon Taffer and the entire Bar Rescue team, SOYO was born. TV show host Jon Taffer, an award-winning restaurant operator with nearly 30 years of hands-on experience, uses brutal honesty to create a quick and fundamental transformation. “I was excited to learn of Bar Rescue coming to Yonkers,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “They recognized the city as a great place to live, work and play and transformed a space downtown specifically to the drink. This includes fresh fruits, custom glassware, house-made syrups and flavor-infused liquors. One specialty drink, the SOYO Tea, includes Ciroc peach vodka, Arizona Ice Tea and club soda, with fresh lemon and basil and red licorice.”

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Last week, the Yonkers Downtown Waterfront Business Improvement District continued its Jazz and Blues at Dusk summer concert series with a performance by Ron Anthony, member of the famed singing group The Regents. “Bar Rescue” transformed the formerly modest pub into a trendy, upscale and trendy. The menu has been revamped to include unique twists on comfort foods and traditional smash. The drinks are crafted with care, resulting in unique flavors and a more satisfying experience. “There is also a rotating selection of craft beers available,” Owners Brian O’Shea and Miguel Torres said they are excited about their new bar.

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Local Vietnam veterans are honored during last week’s Yonkers BID concert series, featuring Ron Anthony.

Urban H2O’s welcome, intimate and affordable shows are typically held on the third Saturday of each month at the Sarah Lawrence College Center for the Urban River at Beczak and feature free craft beer from series sponsor, the award-winning Captain Lawrence Brewing Company, and bites from series sponsor The Garden Gourmet Market. Beczak is accessible by car (ample free parking) and is only steps from the Micro North Annex station in downtown Yonkers. For more information and a detailed schedule, visit www.urbanh2o.org.

Upcoming shows at Urban H2O include the McLean Avenue Festival featuring Michael Davies, Joe Cocker, New Sweden and Dalt Hand on Sept. 13, and the second annual “Rooftop and Reuse” with Hogmaw, The Democracy String Band and South County on Sept. 20.
State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins participates in the Reading Buddies program at the Riverfront Library.

Jon Carole Gibson, a mentor from Yonkers, enjoys a book with a reading buddy.

Assemblymember Shelley Mayer, right, presents a check to Marla Hurban, Janice Lubin Kirschner, Bally Finn, Donna Galindry and Linda Sciascia for the JCY-Westchester Reading Buddies Program. Photo by Donna Davis.

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dies and appreciated the hard work of JCY-Westchester and the many volunteers, including Mayor Mike Spano, State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins and many others, who volunteered their time to read with a young buddy.

The program even drew the attention of WPIX TV Channel 11 News, which paid a visit one day.

“The children are benefiting so much from this program,” said Edward Falcone, deputy director of the Riverfront Library Administration. “We know it’s working because they’re learning with books in their hands and smiles on their faces.”

During the two-hour session, children also touch upon vocabulary and comprehension.

“Many of our children have English as a second language,” said Dr. Michael Yazurlo, superintendent with the Yonkers School Board. “It’s not just Spanish. There are like 32 different languages spoken in the Yonkers Public Schools.”

For more information on Summer Reading Buddies and other volunteer opportunities, visit www.jcy-wcp.com.

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