YoFi Teens Win Jacob Burns Film Challenge

Nick Wasicsko: He, Too, Was Mayor of Yonkers

Back to School in Yonkers; Full-Day Pre-K for 1,518

Meet Yonkers’ Miss Columbus Nichole Vitulli

Mill Street Footbridge Installed at Saw Mill River Daylighting

YoFi teens celebrate the Jacob Burns contest and get ready for another year of the Yonkers Film Fest.

Miss Yonkers Columbus 2015 Nichole Vitulli with former Miss Columbus’ and contestants.

Aug. 13 saw the crowning of Nichole Vitulli as the 2015 Miss Columbus of Yonkers at Luciano’s Ristorante, owned by this year’s Humanitarian Award winner Luciano and Patti Sarcone. The Columbus Day Celebration Committee has also selected Mayor Mike Spano as the parade grand marshal and John Khader as the hall-of-famer.

The judges were looking for a well-rounded young woman who embodies the spirit of Italian-Americans, and Vitulli stood out from her considerable competition through not only her strong ties to both her Italian heritage and her local community, but also by her excellence in school.

Miss Columbus participates in all events hosted by the Columbus Day Celebration Committee, which include painting of the line on Midland Avenue on Thursday, Oct. 1.

"Show Me a Hero" is a critically-acclaimed take on Yonkers, portrayed brilliantly by Oscar Issac in the new HBO miniseries "Show Me a Hero." More on Wasicsko on page 5.

The local team beat out some 30 other high-schools from varied backgrounds and ethnicities, the 5 minute clip handily won first place in the third annual Jacob Burns 24-Hour Film Challenge.

The winning team was sponsored by YoFi - YoFi Teens Win Jacob Burns Film Challenge.

By Mara Der Hovanesian

Director Paul Haggis’ new HBO miniseries “Show me a Hero” is a critically-acclaimed take on Yonkers’ rocky past, but the movie “Blacklist” may well be a tiny glimpse into its hopeful future.

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Summer is a gift that nature gives to everyone, and how we embrace this gift will stoke or smother the fire of our creative lives. The challenge facing individuals and families is to create the time and gather the energy to embrace the opportunities ahead. The task of our shared community is to utilize the available resources to develop the type of opportunities that engage residents, craft joy and foster lifelong memories.

In 2015, dozens of organizations and thousands of people in Downtown Yonkers embraced these ideas and enjoyed an almost perfect summer. Through shared resources, open communication, some indispensable sponsors and teams of dedicated individuals, we should all be proud of our community and cherish the memories we have made.

If children don’t read during the summer, they run the risk losing some of their skills, and just this little bit of extra help can prevent a “summer slide.” Children who participate in the program also learn that reading can be a fun activity.

Summer Reading Buddies is sponsored by JCY-Westchester Community Partners (a division of FSSY), the City of Yonkers, Yonkers Public Library, Con Ed, Carvel, Entergy, People’s United Bank, Dollar General, St. Faith’s House and Westchester County.

For information about JCY-WCP’s other literacy programs and volunteer opportunities, contact Randee Ginsberg at 914-423-5009 or rginsberg@jcy-wcp.com, or visit www.jcy-wcp.com.
Yonkers Takes Pride in Home-Grown Goods

Paint Coffee Roasters, one of Yonkers’ successful small businesses.

Yonkers Industrial Development Agency recently gave final approval to incentives for FedEx to build a new distribution center at TransPark, Yonkers, as well as final approval to assist the Simon Development Group in redeveloping the former Boyce Thompson property in northern Yonkers as a medical and retail center.

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Meanwhile, two other projects approved by YIDA last year continue to move forward, winning extensions to the original completion dates. YIDA granted an eight-month extension to the Hampton Inn hotel on Tuckahoe Road, which is under construction and expected to open in the New Year. In both instances, YIDA extended the exemption on sales taxes for materials used in construction—until May 31.

Richest fields of Virginia to become the youngest tap water plant in the United States. This new municipal membership organization, reaching 4 million women in the U.S. and around the world. She is a lead contributor of a study titled, “Black Women in the United States,” and has conducted research on the black girl-child. She will share the findings from her research and set the stage for the day’s intergenerational workshops, including health and wellness, education, financial planning, fostering community, criminal justice, career planning and more.

Tickets for the empowerment conference are $50 general admission, $20 for ages 12 and 18, and $10 for college students with identification — advanced sales only. Payment can be made online at bws.org/event/tours or by mailing checks payable to STAC at: 945 Westchester Ave., White Plains, NY 10603.

For more information, call 718-525-6184 or visit www.BWSWNY.org.

The Westchester Photographic Society will host an exhibit at the New York Presbyterian Hospital, 1980 Crompond Road, Cortland Manor, Sept. 10 to 30. The exhibit is sponsored by the Boyce Thompson Institute, 1980 Crompond Road, Cortland Manor, and expected to open in the New Year.

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As a fellow member of the Westchester Black Democrats and challenger to (County Legislator Katherine) Jenkins, I received the email and letter from the Black Democrats, offering my support and asking me to contact them for positional help on behalf of Ms. Jenkins. Ms. Jenkins attached a small stuffed animal that represented my primary challenge “may be the direct result of political maneuvering by the county exec-utive.”

I can assure you my desire to enter the political arena does not involve the county executive, nor anyone, whose whom Ms. Jenkins claims are his beneficiaries.

If the Westchester Black Democrats were aware of the prevailing social issues in Yonkers, they would agree that I am indeed the better challenger to represent the needs and interests of the people of Yonkers.

In the end and continued political battleground to obtain the county executive seat, Mr. Jenkins simply has not had our backs. He has failed to support our community. Mr. Jenkins recent response to Family Court Judge David Ya-ruzelo’s recent response to soliciting Yonkers Family Court and Yonkers Department of Social Services funding for the 2015-16 school year, which in the end funded pre-K classrooms and two special education classrooms.

YLYC held an informational meeting in December 2015 and in February 2016 to inform the public and gather signatures to recall the 16th District county legislator seat, when he was challenged by a Republican candidate in the 16th District county legislator seat, when he was challenged by a Republican candidate in 2016.
Children at Play
Thanks to Rotary Club of Yonkers-East Yonkers

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Residents Reminded to Act Against West Nile

The Westchester County Department of Health reminds residents to dump out standing water in their properties and to use insect repellents when outdoors in the early morning and late afternoon when mosquitoes are active and feeding. Residents are asked to cover or remove mosquito breeding sites like the following:

- Puddles created by any leaky faucets, broken gutters, and roof drain covers
- Old tires
- Empty flower pots, bird baths, and other containers for standing water
- Water-filled houseplants
- Glass or plastic containers
- Swimming pools, above-ground swimming pools, and inflatable pools
- Ponds, fountains, and water features
- Mosquito surveillance efforts throughout the area

The department will continue to monitor zoonotic diseases and will advise the public when mosquitoes in Westchester test positive for West Nile virus. The department has reported that no human cases of West Nile virus have been confirmed to date in Westchester.

Residents are encouraged to call 914-995-4900 ext. 203 or 206 to report any standing water in their community. The department will test mosquito batches for West Nile virus.

In an effort to prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases, the Westchester County Department of Health has published new guidelines for residents to follow:

- Use insect repellents when outdoors in the early morning and late afternoon.
- Avoid standing water.
- Cover or remove mosquito breeding sites.
- Keep outdoor areas clean and free of trash and debris.
- Use screens and doors to keep mosquitoes out of homes.
- Use fans and bug screens to keep mosquitoes out.

Residents are urged to take these steps to reduce their risk of contracting West Nile virus. For more information, visit http://www.westchesterems.org.

McGrinder Named Pharmacy Director at Phelps Hospital

Brian McGrinder of Pleasantville has been appointed director of the Pharmacy Department at Phelps Memorial Hospital Campus.

McGrinder brings to Phelps vast experience in pharmacy operations and a strong background in computer-related medication management. He was the assistant director of the pharmacy of Calvary Hospital in the Bronx for the past 14 years and a staff pharmacist at Calvary for the previous four years.

McGrinder is responsible for managing the pharmacy department's extensive inventory, ordering and receiving, and ensuring that the medication is dispensed to patients safely and effectively. He is also in charge of managing the pharmacy's budget and ensuring that the department is operated efficiently.

McGrinder received his Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Pace University in 1990 and a Master of Science degree in pharmacy from the AMS College of Pharmacy at Long Island University in 2000.

He has also been a pharmacist at Phelps Memorial Hospital Campus for over 17 years, where he has held various positions, including staff pharmacist, assistant director of pharmacy, and director of pharmacy. He is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the New York State Pharmaceutical Association.

McGrinder is located at 660 North Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Phelps Hospital is a 450-bed acute-care teaching hospital with a strong commitment to community health and wellness. The hospital is located at 660 North Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701. For more information, visit www.phelpshospital.org.

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The person who preseicted Wicasco as the mayor candidate was the consummately magnetic mayor, an agreeable guy who certain to be a winning candidate. Right after winning with prize performing the duties as Mayor, he will the same at the lowest when the newest hairsaw opened in town. He was clearly the most popular candidate and will be the strong mayor to run Yonkers for the next few years.

Wicasco had a hard act to follow. College educated, admitted to the Bar, he was more at ease with the weightier issues of the Office of Mayor like policy and legislation than to help people. He had running around town smiling at everyone. He would make the rounds to the shops in new town to open to the newest McDonald’s. He got to know Wicasco when he ran for City Council against an entrenched incumbent. No one thought he could beat the incumbent, but in Yonkers, after a while, people get tired of the same old. Few people expected he would be beat in that race.

Wicasco plans would fight on Election Day and then everyone would make love and work together the day after. The man who, according to "Show Me a Hero," bailed out in 2011, was Michael Spano. Partly because the Republican - Mayor Ralph Azzedine - who worked successfully in the new Council, he was with a beaming patronage jobs to a party. Political party leaders in Yonkers were standing back on the side.

I bonded with Wicasco because of both of our shared backgrounds. He’s lived with his mom and I lived with my dad. We were both single parents, both single fiscals – he elected and me reappointed second. I was elected for my second term in the middle of my first term. We were all in shock when we heard that Nick had won for mayor. In our intro, he laughed. I was in awe. You get hoodwinked. "How did you feel when you heard that Nick had won for mayor?" I asked. He was in shock, too. It took 24 hours for him to digest the win and call the other contestants, we look to encourage the contestants and the other contestants, we look to encourage the contestants and the other contestants.

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Mayor Spano’s re-election campaign recently got a boost from “Latina for Spano!” which held a fundraiser at a private home in Yonkers.

“Many thanks to everyone who came out to the ‘Latinas for Spano!’ event on Saturday,” said the mayor. “It is truly an honor to have your friendship and support.”

Mayor Mike Spano with Dr. Rubbadi at a fundraiser.

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Haze is a petite American Staffy who is 5 years old and weighs about 45 pounds. She is a favorite of both staff and volunteers because of her upbeat personality and her sweet smile. She walks nicely on a leash and loves to spend time with volunteers — whether going for a walk or just relaxing on one of the benches in the shelter yard.

While Haze has lived with another dog, she may be sent to lesliem147@gmail.com. More information, call 914-377-6730 during business hours or 201-961-3215 at any time. Email may be sent to lesliem147@gmail.com.

Consider Adopting Haze

Janaya Josephs Branches Out in Local Art Scene

By Zipporah Osei

Art programs in Yonkers public schools have decreased the last few years due to budgeting issues and cuts. Some make the argument that these classes are not an essential part of edu- cation.

However, the arts are not only a creative outlet for students, but also a way to connect them to their school walls – and Yonkers High School student-artist Janaya Josephs is a testament to the important role art can play in the lives of young people.

Janaya is an IB art student at YHS who takes pride in her work. She grew up with an interest in art, but her passion for it didn’t solidify until eighth grade when she challenged herself to create a new piece of artwork every day for a year. This idea came to her after she took notice of how easily art came to her in school.

Art soon developed into a way to express what she was feeling without needing to use words, and it is that emotional connection to her art that motivated her to continue.

“I’m inspired by how I feel and the people in my life,” said Janaya. “I don’t necessarily draw specific events in my life but I definitely draw from how certain people and things make me feel, so I guess in that way, art is my outlet.”

More than anything, drawing faces comes naturally to her, so her artwork focuses mainly on portrait work, although not necessarily realistic. Artists who have inspired her portraits are Jean-Michel Basquiat, who through their art has often challenged society, and Andy Warhol, who has created lasting art. IB art has made the whole process of creating art more complex for me, but also more reliable.”

In Janaya’s eyes, art doesn’t have to be what we consider it in the traditional sense. For some it is dance or music and for others fashion, but to her, art plays a huge role in young people’s lives. Not only does it have an impact on self-expression, it’s also a means of gaining more self-worth.

“I think science classes have decreased the last few years due to budgeting issues and cuts. Some make the argument that these classes are not an essential part of education. I know what I feel strongly about, so that’s what I put into my work. Art is something that has the potential to leave a mark on the world and as a young person, it’s important to feel you’re doing something that matters.”

Perstine Wesley

Perstine Wesley Do ing OK

One Yonkers’ true public servants and residents downtown, Perstine Wesley, is getting better and she is out of the hospital by Labor Day. Perstine, owner of Harry’s Shoe Repair for decades, has received letter of un- employment and support, and Yonkers Rising has received calls and emails and inquiries. Working Perstine the best of his health, and we look forward to seeing you back downtown soon!

Indian Flag Raised Above City Hall

Mayor Mike Spano joined members of the Indian community in Yonkers to raise the Indian Flag above City Hall to mark the 50th anniversary of its independence from Britain.

Janaya Josephs

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