Tough as Nails Yonkers Cop Recovering from Shooting

By Du Murphy

A Yonkers police officer walked out of Jacobi Hospital one day after getting shot in the face after an ambush during a routine traffic stop Monday. Police Officer Kayla Maher, 26, who has served two years on the job with the Yonkers Police Department, comes from a family of law enforcement and was welcomed outside of the hospital by her family of police officers after she applauded her miraculous recovery and her bravery.

The shootout occurred Sept. 25 at about 1 p.m. on Marshall Road at Ridgewood Drive, in the Park Hill neighborhood of the city in the Third Police Precinct. Maker and her partner were called to the scene for a report of a suspicious vehicle occupied by two suspects. Upon arrival, one of the suspects, identified as 18-year-old Frank Valencia of New York City, fired shots at Maker and her partner.

Mathew Losch, the former Yonkers police officer and former police chief, said that Maher’s recovery was “a very, very rare occurrence.”

Maher, who was shot in the face and had surgery for a bullet that entered her eye, said she was “very, very lucky” to be alive. She also expressed gratitude for the support she received from her family, friends, and the community.

A Charter High School
In Yonkers?

By Rasa Murphy

The Charter School for Educational Excellence is currently a kindergarten-through-grade-eight school located at 260 Netherland Ave., which serves 600 students, most from Yonkers. One of the best performing charter schools in New York State since it opened in 2005, it has recently petitioned the state Board of Regents, which oversees charter schools, for permission to expand into grades nine through 12, creating a charter high school in Yonkers.

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YPIE Celebrates a
Decade of Success

From left are Yonkers City Council President Liam McLaughlin, Yonkers Partners in Education Board Chairman and former ABC News President David Westin, and Mayor Mike Spano.

Friends, supporters and volunteers gathered Sept. 14 to celebrate Yonkers Partners in Education’s 10th anniversary at its annual gala, at Lyndhurst in Tarrytown. The event surpassed all goals, raising more than $600,000 to fund programs to help Yonkers students get to and through college.

Nearly 400 guests, including Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, County Executive Rob Astorino, and the highlight of the evening, Miss Columbus 2017 Angelina Gemma Campanile, will help make the 90th Yonkers Columbus Day Parade This Sunday

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Yonkers Marathon Features
Three-Time Women’s Winner

The 2017 Yonkers Marathon was won by Antonio Herrera with a time of 2:43:46. The Women’s Marathon winner was Blanca Lucero with a time of 3:12:23. For Lucero, it was the third consecutive win in the Yonkers Marathon.

YPD Citizen Police Academy
Swears in New Board

Members of the Yonkers Police Department Citizens Police Academy met Sept. 18 at the First Police Precinct to swear in new members of its board. Pictured are President Magdalia Ramos, Vice President Doris Perkins, Treasurer Elizabeth Hemingway, Sgt.-At-Arms Cruz Lopez, Police Commissioner Charles Gardner, and YPD Training Captain Joseph Stolito.

Saunders Wins; Gorton Streak Ends at 29

By Phil Foley

Congress to Saunders High School on its win over Palisade Prep 19-0 last weekend. Leading the way for the Blue Devils was quarterback Nick Carroll, who had another great game throwing a 60-yard touchdown pass to Douglas Fitzgerald. Franklin Boating ran for two TDs, including one for 36 yards. The Saunders defense put an all-out stellar effort by pitching a shutout vs. Pal Prep.

After the game, Coach Ronga said, “Saunders had a good defensive effort in earning their first shutout of the season – the players played hard and ran the ball hard in running for two touchdowns.” They say all good things must come to an end, and they did for Gorton whose team lost to Port Washington H.S. last week 36-30. Congress to Coach Dan Dematteo and the Gorton Wolves for their 29-game winning streak – the longest continuous streak in New York State this year. Gorton, who was winning 30-22 at half time, simply ran out of gas in the second half. Leading the way on offense were Alfred Koomsan, who led Gorton with 208 yards on 24 carries while scoring 3 TDs. Also, Jayden Hernandez rushed seven times for 79 yards, and Eddie Ortiz also had a rushing TD.

On defense, the Wolves of Gorton were led by Rance Hamilton with 6 tackles, Alfred Koomsan with 4 tackles and one sack, Jamel Batts with six tackles and two sacks, Eddie Ortiz with seven tackles, Dejohn Ruffin with four tackles, and Aiden White with five tackles.

“It was a hard-fought game and I tip my hat to Port Washington,” said Coach Dematteo. “They played a great game. I am proud of the way my players played during the winning streak and the way they handled the pressure and attention that came with it. They are great athletes that keep a fine balance between their academics and the time and dedication that football requires. It was a tough loss that we need to get over. We need to get back to work and get ready for Roosevelt on Friday.”

The Yonkers Montessori vs. Irvington H.S. game was postponed until Monday afternoon because of excessive heat. Montessori lost to Irvington 31-14. The game was highlighted by two great plays by TMA – one by quarterback Jason Garcia throwing a 70-yard TD pass to Carlos Galliani; also scoring for TMA was Iyin Doris a 40-yard TD run.

Other high school football results from week four include: Harrison vs. Lincoln, 26-10; Pelham vs. Roosevelt, 28-8; and Riverside defeated Yonkers by forfeit.

Upcoming games for this weekend include: Thursday, Sept. 28, Poughkeepsie at Lincoln H.S. at 4:30 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 29, Gorton at Roosevelt at 4 p.m.; and Roosevelt vs. Pal Prep at Gorton at 4 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 1, Blind Brook at TMA at 1:30 p.m.

Send us your sports stories, scores, and student athletes who deserve mention in the next issue of Yonkers Rising, to pfoley14@aol.com.
Get Off Your Damned Knees!
Eric W. Schoen

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By Eric W. Schoen

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Rabbi Hayyim Angel, New Synagogue Building

This land is your land, this land is my land, from the Redwood Forest to the Gulf of Mexico. This land was made for you and me.

LHS Class of ’67 Reunion

The Lincoln High School 50th reunion of the Class of 1967 will be held Saturday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at Berry Dining. The night will include open bar, hors d’oeuvres and dinner. For information, contact Phil Foley at philleyd@aol.com or 914-326-5004.

Holly Days

Observed in Yonkers

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Chili Hilly 5K is Oct.12

The annual Chili Hilly 14k Run and Walk will take place Oct. 12, with the start and finish at the Pelham Manor entrance across from the South of Aroes Heights. The 3.1-mile course is hilly and challenging, so bring your "A" game.

Chili and refreshments are provided at the post-race party at Kipnely Park. There will be water stops just at the start and finish, and along the course.

American Irish Association Dinner-Dance Coming Up

The American Irish Association of Westchester will host their New York City dance on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Atrium at 650 Bryant Ave., White Plains. The event will feature a Mass of Thanksgiving at 9 a.m. in St. Joseph’s Church. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by a dance to the popular Tara Gold Band, with a country theme. Tickets are $75 per person, and reservations are required. Proceeds raised from the dance will go toward the association’s annual scholarships and veterans charities.

Tickets, or more information, can be obtained by calling the Rev. Leonard Cleary at 914-963-1467.

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"We appeal to all our community partners and look forward to working with them on this much needed collaboration in support of the girl-child and their future success," said Ms. Bitetti.

"We feel honored to work with Girls Who Code and Accenture. "While we have all done great work individually, we see how we can come together. Girls Who Code work and responsibility have been a tradition in the African community and we are excited about the prospects of our cooperative inclusive agenda."

For more information, including wording and sponsorship opportunities, call 914-207-0568 or email crs.coventry@comcast.net.

Alumnus Named Exec. Director of Youth Theatre Interactions

Ricardo Lima has joined Youth Theatre Interactions, Inc., to further strengthen its organizational growth. He brings with him a wealth of passion and drive, aimed at boosting VTI through the next phase of its service.

Prior to his arrival, Mr. Lima worked as a project manager for Campus Community Services, where he was a language arts and social studies teacher. He was at WCJS in Westchester for 16 years, mainly as a site coordinator for an after-school program for children. Mr. Lima then managed a staff of 20 and oversee the daily operations of an after-school program, which he chaired in 150 students annually, helping them develop academically and socially.

In 2012, Ricardo earned his master’s degree in educational theatre from New York University’s Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development. There, he focused on curriculum development for theatre as a means of social change. His studies afforded him the opportunity to reach "hearts of the oppressed" through classes within the New York City public schools and local community organization Rebuilding Through the Arts. "I am thrilled to be the new IED," said Ricardo, "I am excited to challenge a student as a teacher, then as a teacher and board member at VTI."

"VTI is grateful to have Ricardo," added VTI’s Founding Director Minna Lacey. "This is the time we new energy we’ve been looking for in an executive director."

Youth Theatre Interactions, Inc., is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. For 45 years, it has provided professional level arts training at affordable rates to youth age six to 18.
Small Businesses Get Big Help From Yonkers IDA

The Yonkers Industrial Development Agency doesn’t just put a lot of small businesses, it helps create the small and main local businesses that provide for the everyday needs of the city. For more information on the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency, please visit their website at www.yonkersida.com.

Mayor of Yonkers, Marjorie Saugy, and the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency are proud to announce the award of Small Business Stabilization Grants to local businesses in Yonkers. These grants are designed to help businesses in Yonkers that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grants will be awarded to businesses that meet the following criteria:

- Have been in operation for at least one year
- Have experienced a decrease in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Have made significant efforts to remain open during the pandemic

The grants will be awarded in the amount of $5,000 per business, with a maximum of $10,000 per business.

To apply for the Small Business Stabilization Grants, please visit the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency website at www.yonkersida.com and click on the “Small Business Stabilization Grants” link.

Retirement Program

We are a nonprofit, non-exempt facility in Rochester, NY, offering short and long-term care. We cover a broad range of services, including skilled nursing, rehabilitation, and respite care.

For more information, please visit our website at www.metholdenhome.com.
Consider Adopting Bailey

The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets available for adoption. Bailey is a young man shamed dog about a year and a half old and weighs around 25 pounds. He is friendly with various breeds, including a barking dog who shared the space with a couple of weeks, but she loves all people and dogs that she meets. Bailey is not ag- gressive around cats, but might want to chase them and play. He enjoys being the good family companion and would benefit from a house with a yard. We trust Bailey to be an active, happy, and lovable dog. He is comfortable with other dogs and skilled in basic commands.

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There are several reasons why rabies vaccination is important. First, rabies is a preventable disease that can be contracted through the bite of an infected animal. Second, rabies can be fatal if left untreated. Third, the disease can be transmitted to humans through the bite or saliva of infected animals.

In Westchester County, rabies vaccination is required for all dogs and cats. The state law requires that pets be vaccinated against rabies within 30 days of acquiring a new pet, or if the pet is over one year old and has not been vaccinated before.

How to vaccinate your pet:

1. Contact your veterinarian to schedule an appointment for your pet's vaccination.
2. The veterinarian will administer the rabies vaccine to your pet.
3. Keep your pet away from other pets and animals until the vaccine has had time to take effect.

After the vaccination:

1. Keep your pet's vaccination record up to date.
2. Renew the vaccination every year or based on your veterinarian's recommendation.
3. Keep your pet up to date on all other required vaccinations as well.

For more information, visit Westchester County's website at www.westchestergov.com/health.
Charter

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BY DEVEREUX LAWRENCE
DUE to the approval of a three-year application renewal and charter revision on Sept. 19, President Donald Trump’s Yonkers charter school, “totally destroy North Ko-
rea.” It’s a transparently false claim.

This latest charge in the president’s thinly

supported campaign to convince the world that the public North Korea is a nuclear power to be reckoned with.

In a recent speech, the president said that he has the “will to keep its promises. Accord-

ing to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action — the so-called JCPOA — which went into effect in 2015, Iran pledged to halt its nuclear program in exchange for being lifted from economic sanctions. Since then, Iran has accelerated its nuclear program, bringing its stockpile of enriched uranium to levels well above those permitted by the agreement. In response, U.S. officials have threatened to withdraw from the agreement, which could further escalate tensions in the region.

However, some experts argue that the JCPOA is still a valuable tool for preventing a nuclear-armed North Korea. They point out that the agreement has been successful in preventing Iran from developing nuclear weapons, and that a return to the status quo would be a significant setback for efforts to prevent nuclear proliferation.

In the end, the fate of the JCPOA will depend on the actions of the United States and other signatory countries. If the United States and its allies can continue to work together to maintain the agreement, it remains a viable option for preventing a nuclear-armed North Korea. If not, the region could be on the brink of a nuclear arms race. This is why it is so important to continue to monitor the situation closely and to work towards a peaceful solution.

90th Yonkers

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In 1927 in the Park Hill section of Yonkers, a new high school was opened, and: Elmo L. Bruce was chosen chairman of the board, and Robert Ferris was elected custodian. The school opened on Oct. 15, 1927. The school had 414 students on its opening day. Events leading up to the parade include the dedication of the school building on Friday, Sept. 29, a Columbus Mass at St. Ann’s Church, and a flag-raising ceremony at City Hall on Sunday, Oct. 1.

Miss Columbus 2017 is a senior at The H.S. of Commerce and Business Careers. She is editor-in-chief of her school newspaper and a member of the National Honor Society. She is a recipient of the President’s Award and a National Merit School Scholarship. Her favorite quote is “Be the change you wish to see in the world” – Mahatma Gandhi.

Yonkers charter school by the Yonkers Federation of Educators (CSEE) because they are part of the Yonkers community and people have chosen to go to

co-founder and board member. “The need is very real,” she added. “They are not giving up hope. Yes, there is capital funding coming, but it’s not enabling the vast majority of public school students to get the resources they need to succeed.

For even more information about the case or to help support the YPS, visit the Yonkers Rising Facebook page.

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Her previous position was as a registered drug and alcohol counselor.

She is the daughter of George and Angelina Curci.

In 2016, he was elected president and

began his “big stick?”

nations like Iraq and Libya (the former of which were driven by alternating Democratic and Republican administrations) and has the will to keep its promise. Accord-

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North Korea has been under international pressure to abandon its nuclear program since the 1990s, when it conducted its first nuclear test. In 1994, the United States and North Korea reached the Agreed Framework, a deal that froze North Korea’s nuclear program in exchange for light-water reactors and other economic assistance. However, the agreement fell apart in 2002, and North Korea has continued to pursue its nuclear program ever since.

In 2006, 2009, and 2013, North Korea conducted nuclear tests, and in 2016, it tested an ICBM. These tests have prompted international outrage and sanctions, but North Korea has continued to develop its nuclear program.

The United States has threatened to use force to prevent North Korea from obtaining nuclear weapons, but it has not been able to persuade the country to give up its nuclear weapons. In fact, North Korea has continued to develop its nuclear program, with recent tests of intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) and nuclear weapons.

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Goldstar Mothers Remembered in Yonkers

The Yonkers Goldstar Mothers monument, located at the bottom of Van der Donck Park in downtown, was the site of a remembrance ceremony Sept. 24 for those mothers who have lost sons and daughters fighting for our country.

“First, let me start by saying thank you to my board,” he said. “Dedie O’Mara ran the Healing Baking Stage, as well as the ticket booth for the festival, with her daughter and even some of the men. Victor Costa coordinated our volunteers, which included the Martha Avenue ticket booth, and helped collect dues and sponsorship money.

“Just to let you know that we need to have more people, to make sure everything is in order financially and run the ticket booth by Rorys. Gianna Mosello reached out to many of the new food trucks we had this year, and helps collects dues from merchants.

The seventh annual Fall Festival on McLean Avenue was another points, fun, family-friendly day for the people of Yonkers. On behalf of the McLean Avenue Merchants Association, RJ Puma thanked all who worked so hard to make the day a success.

“Here we are today at the McLean Avenue Stage, as well as the ticket booth for the festival, with her daughter and even some of the men. Victor Costa coordinated our volunteers, which included the Martha Avenue ticket booth, and helped collect dues and sponsorship money.

Sausage eating contest winner for the sixth year Matt Brown, pictured with Oliver Charles from The Butcher’s Fancy.

The organization was named after the Gold Star that families hang in their windows in honor of the deceased veteran. In 1928, 25 mothers met in Washington, D.C., to establish the national organization, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

From left are Council Minority Leader Michael Sabatino, Assemblymember Shelley Mayer, Veterans’ Services Director Luis Navarro, Gold Star Mothers from Yonkers, City Court Judge Ed Gaffney, Community Organizer Frankie Grimes, Councilmember Mike Spano, and Mayor Mike Spano at the Gold Star Mothers’ memorial in downtown Yonkers. Photo by Donna Davis.

Members of the McLean Avenue Merchants Association Fall Festival Committee with Councilman Mike Breen, County Legislator David Tubiolo, County Executive Robert Astorino, Congres- sman Eliot Engel, Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac, Councilman Mike Breen, and Mayor Mike Spano at the Gold Star Mothers’ memorial in downtown Yonkers. Photo by Donna Davis.

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