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We Endorse: Terrero for City Council & Perez for County Leg.

City council majority leader Wilson Terrero received the endorsement of mayor Mike Spano and Assembly member Shelley Mayer, with supporters. Photo by Bayan Baker.

Yonkers remembers those lost on September 11

Yonkers residents donated more than 1,300 backpacks and school supplies to local students as part of Mayor Mike Spano’s “Backpack to School” drive, announced the mayor last week. This was joined by Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent Bernard Pierozario, Board of Education Trustee Judith Meier, parents, students and supporting businesses at Cedar Place School to make the announcement.

Once again our city has come together in helping make sure all our students have the supplies they need as they head back to school,” said Spano. “The tremendous support of our local residents and businesses speaks volumes to the strength of our city and I thank all participants for their contributions in support of our youth.”

Since launching “Backpack to School” last year, the program has provided nearly 2,500 students with backpacks and school supplies.

Spano thanked local businesses, including deals and access bag N’ Pack for their generous contributions in support of our youth.”

We believe there is far too much hyper-partisan politics in all levels of government. Terrero and Perez haven’t just said they would work with the other party, they have done so, and that is one reason we endorse both Wilson Terrero for City Council Second District and Virginia Perez for County Legislator 17th District.

Terrero joined with Mayor Mike Spano and Republicans to break the gridlock in City Council.

Ivy Reeves

We Endorse: Ivy Reeves in Dem. Primary for Council President

Yonkers Democrats have two choices when they cast their ballots in the Sept. 10 Democratic primary for City Council president: businesswoman Michael Rotanelli and civic leader Ivy Reeves.

Neither has served in elected office, but both ran for City Council two years ago. Rotanelli for District 3 and Reeves for District 1.

Both are “independent Democrats,” but neither was endorsed by the Yonkers Democratic Committee at its convention in May.

Reeves has effectively laid out her platform and experiences, both as a community activist and as a legislative aide to Congresswoman Michaela Sin- nise. She is respected in the council offices by both sides of the aisle, and regardless of whether you agree with her views, she is able to communicate and work with all people.

Reeves held an event last week with a diverse group of women – business owners, prominent community leaders, teachers, parents and residents called “Women for Ivy Reeves” to endorse her candidacy. At that event, Kathleen Thomas stated the reasons Reeves deserves your vote:

“We are here, united in our support of Ivy Reeves for City Council president because the City

We Endorse: Terrero for City Council & Perez for County Leg.
City Hires 50 Firefighters; OT Costs Expected to Drop

By Dan Murphy
Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Fire Commissioner Robert Spano welcomed a new class of 50 firefighters Tuesday at a swearing-in ceremony at the Riverview Library.

"I am excited to welcome a new class of firefighters to serve our city as members of our proud Yonkers Fire Department," said Spano. "These new members have passed the test of firefighter candidates and will now begin an intense training to prepare to serve the residents of our great city.

The new firefighters will begin a 16-week training period this week at the Westchester County Training Center in Valhalla, and are expected to graduate in late December."

"This new class of firefighters, upon graduating from the training center, will bring a new level of energy and excitement to the department," said Spano. "Once assigned to the field at year’s end, this new group of Yonkers’ finest will help ensure the safety of Yonkers residents as they join the best department in the country."

The 50 newest probationary firefighters are in addition to the 30 firefighters hired in February of this year, and by year’s end, the Yonkers Fire Department will have 80 new firefighters out of a total of 322.

Gary McGuire, president of Yonkers Firefighters Union Local 628, welcomed the new hires.

"We are very happy that the firefighter ranks are going back to levels they should always be, and the city will see significant savings in overtime," he said. "It was a no-brainer for the city to do this, I feel bad saying that we needed to do this two years ago."

McGuire explained that many firefighters who were hired between 1979 and 1981 have retired over the past few years, having completed 30 years of service. Therefore, overtime for the Yonkers Fire Department (to compensate for fewer members) reached $9 million last year, and with the cost to the city of a new firefighter’s salary, benefits and health care at about $100,000 per year, per firefighter, the 50 new hires will be a total of this year, and by year’s end, the Yonkers Fire Department will have 80 new firefighters out of a total of 322.

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The Police Emerald Society of Westchester Pipes and Drums marches in last year's commemoration.

The names of those lost from Yonkers in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Alex Ciccone was also lost and is not listed on the plaque at the Yonkers Riverfront memorial.

The Yonkers Riverfront 9/11 memorial, with New York City to the south. Photos by Donna Davis

Monday, September 9

8:30-9:30am: The City of Yonkers hosts a flag raising ceremony at the Yonkers World Trade Center Steel Monument, which includes a beam from one of the fallen WTC towers.

The city dedicated the WTC memorial last year, and both memorials are fitting tributes to those lost and give the people of Yonkers a place to go and never forget. It’s not too late to sign up to participate in a service activity to commemorate the anniversary of Sept. 11 – and a special call to action is directed at Westchester families. Presented by Westchester County and The Volunteer Center of United Way, “9/11: Serve & Remember” includes more than 25 service events and activities, organized by nonprofit organizations, from Sept. 3 through 11. “There are volunteer opportunities across the county that are suitable for children and adults of all ages,” said County Executive Robert Astorino. “This is also an excellent opportunity for students to get community service credit while honoring the victims and families afflicted by the tragic events of 9/11 and paying tribute to our first responders and other heroes.”

Detailed family-friendly information, as well as information about all the community service events of the nine days, is available at www.volunteercenter.org/service2013families. Early registration is encouraged. Families can volunteer to sort, re-purpose and pack medical and humanitarian equipment and supplies Sept. 8 and 10 at the Afya Foundation in Yonkers; minimum age 12, or age 7 and up with an adult.
Dear Editor,

Thanks to you and your organization for helping our food service (Yonkers) improve its educational and health food status to be successful! The Yonkers Public School cafeteria is 10 in 10, has received rave reviews from various people and organizations.

On behalf of Pastoral Center Fellowship and the Community Baptist Church, we would like to co-host this event to make this event so successful. It was the vision of Rev. Dr. William Barlow to offer food service to the community in a spiritual, educational and healthy environment.

Your generous contribution helped make our vision a reality by helping to ensure our food service is successful. We hope this information is of a modestly appreciative community.

We look forward to continuing with similar ventures in the future. We sincerely appreciate your partnership and support from you and your organization.

Thank you again for helping to paint the "arti-
ful" picture of your success.

Community Baptist Church Men’s Club
Michael Barry

Glee Club Seeks Male Singers

Are you a male singer? The Yonkers High School Glee is looking for male singers to join its ranks. Rehearsals start Monday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. from 8 to 9:45 p.m. at the Cross Hill Academy (Emerson Middle School) on Bolmer Avenue in Yonkers.

Restaurant Week continues to support the local economy across the state, said Connelly. “It’s a great opportunity for local restaurants, while embracing new and diverse venues all fall.”

Participating restaurants offer prix-fixe three-course dinner for $25.95 and lunch for $12.95 (plus tax, beverage and tip) to the public. Restaurant Week occurs twice per year, in the fall and in the spring.

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Rachelle Richard enters County Leg. By Bob Schor and Curator Brandon Knell

Blue Door Cinema Film Report

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL COUNSEL-Legal Services

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The RFP contains submission requirements, scope of services, period of services, 등에 대한 자세한 내용이 작성된 사항

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 508 Sierra Vista LLC

POSTED: any lawful act or activity of the LLC served to: 508 Sierra Vista LLC Arts. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/21/2013. Office location: 508 Sierra Vista Rd., Yonkers, NY 10705, upon which and at which the LLC may be served. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 1063 Purposes.

AGENDA FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

GROUP 7: Application for Area Variance under the provisions of G.O. # 4-2000, as amended:

MURPHY, Stephen

For: application for an Area Variance to permit the use of the rear part of the property for residential purposes and an increase in lot size from 5,595 square feet to 9,190 square feet to permit the construction of a one story addition.

Address: 112 South Ridge, Tuckahoe, NY 10707, upon which and at which the LLC may be served. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

508 Sierra Vista LLC

Robert A. Pellet, Gas, Wood, Burn - $379.00 per acre

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To French, the LLCs are "a way for different people to work together to achieve a common goal...one that may be very different from the one that the corporation itself might achieve."

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Babes Tuchaoe, LLC

Notice of formation of Babes Tuchaoe, LLC: an Oklahoma Limited Liability Company (LLC), has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom any process against it may be served. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom any process against it may be served. Mail process to Kirill Azovtsev, 508 Sierra Vista Rd., Tuckahoe, NY 10707.

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Seniors and Caregivers Invited to ‘Celebrate Aging’ at Village Fair

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Seniors can enjoy a day of fun, food, and activities at the ‘Celebrate Aging’ event on Sept. 15 at the Village Fair in Yonkers. The event will feature a wide range of activities, including live music, art exhibits, and informational booths.

The day will also include a health fair with experts from the Westchester County Department of Health, offering information on healthy living and wellness. Attendees can participate in a ‘Health Challenge’ where they will have the opportunity to improve their fitness levels and learn about healthy eating habits.

The event is free and open to the public, and will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Village Fair, located at 200 Main St. in Yonkers. For more information, please visit www.westchestercounty.gov or call 914-937-3000.

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Hot Topics in Health Care: The Latest on Alzheimer’s Disease

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all-on several important issues, like tax and the city budget. He is completing his first term on the council, and stands by his record of getting things done and keeping in low without making cuts in city ser-

services. Terrero, who was endorsed by Spano and other Democrats, says it’s just good sense for his fiscal efforts.

Astorino’sfinance coordinator, Vincent Drann, denied Bramson’s claim.

Astorino’s claim that Bramson increased sewer taxes, and the Astorino representatives agreed.”

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the Women's Board of the Westchester Medical Center to found a non-partisan group to help with work that people don’t have the best interests of the in-

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State Court System, her role included a reporting

Susan Sobel, district

We Endorse: Terrero

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Yonkers Social Security Office Management

By Dan Mayros

As all of us in Westchester return from our summer vacations, we begin to focus on the upcoming election season. This November and the next will undoubtedly bring several high-profile races, beginning with the competitive race for mayor of Yonkers between Republican incumbent Rob Astorino and Democrat Noam Bramson.

While I have no personal or financial stake in any of the candidates, I believe it is important for all of us to understand the issues and to make informed decisions about the candidates and their qualifications.

Astorino has made his campaign about low taxes, but has spent little time discussing the current budget, which is scheduled to be $1 billion, and the need to make tough choices to ensure its sustainability.

In contrast, Bramson has made the budget a central part of his campaign, and has proposed a series of cuts, including a freeze on raises for city employees and a reduction in the number of city department heads.

Bramson has also made a strong case for the need to make changes to city services, such as consolidating some departments, and has promised to freeze property taxes.

In the end, the choice between Astorino and Bramson will come down to which candidate you believe has the best plan for the future of Yonkers.
Mayor Spano Unveils New Fishing Pier at JFK Marina

From left, Councilman Christopher Johnson, Assembymember Shelley Mayer, Councilman Michael Sabatino (behind Mayer), Majority Leader Wilson Terrero, Mayor Mike Spano, Council President Chuck Lesnick and Minority Leader John Larkin cut the ribbon at the new fishing pier.

Ebony is a beautiful lab/pit bull mix, about 18 months to 2 years old, and is a good-size dog, probably close to 50 pounds. She is a little shy, but that’s just because she is in new surroundings. Ebony seems more comfortable each time she is out and about. She is well nourished and knows her basic commands.

Visit Ebony at the Yonkers Animal Shelter, 120 Fullerton Ave. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays and noon to 3:30 p.m. weekends. Inquiries may be emailed to LeslieM147@gmail.com or by phone to 914-377-6300 to request a backpack, which will be distributed by school supplies.

This is the kind of stuff that makes your day.

Ebony is waiting for a loving family to adopt her.

The city is an open application for a $14.7 million grant from the Federal Department of Transportation for improvements to JFK Marina, including $0.9 million for shoreline stabilization and construction of a boat launch. The city has also applied for a $500,000 grant from New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for shoreline stabilization.

Councilman Christopher Johnson of Yonkers District One said he is excited about the new fishing pier.

The new pier will enable the entire family to share in the enjoyment of being able to fish while the rest of the family can enjoy the entire pier and the marina has to offer.

The fishing pier and boat launch at JFK Marina are open to the public from dawn to dusk, seven days a week. For Citi: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Monday through Thursday), 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Friday), 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Saturday), 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sunday). }

The new fishing pier at JFK Marina.

The city invested $1.8 million to build the new 18-foot-by-54-foot pier and two 24-foot-by-54-foot piers. The city is in the process of building the marina and boat launch at JFK, which has been in need of repair for decades.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano officially unveiled the pier last week, saying it is “an investment in our future.” Spano said the pier will provide an opportunity to enjoy the Hudson River waterfront in a safe and accessible way.

The pier will be open to the public from dawn to dusk, seven days a week. It will be available for free for all ages and abilities, including those who require assistance.

The pier will have accessible ramps and a floating gangway, ensuring that it is accessible to all individuals, regardless of their mobility or ability.

The pier will also feature fishing spots, benches, and shade structures, making it an ideal location for families, friends, and individuals to enjoy the beauty of the Hudson River.

In addition to providing a recreational space for residents, the pier will also support fishing and boating activities, contributing to the economic development of the area.

The pier will be managed by a local non-profit organization, ensuring its sustainability and accessibility for all.

The city also plans to develop a nearby park, incorporating green spaces and playscapes, providing an additional recreational space for the community.

The opening of the pier marks a significant milestone for Yonkers, showcasing the city’s commitment to enhancing the quality of life for its residents. The pier serves as a testament to the city’s vision of creating a livable, sustainable, and culturally rich environment for all citizens.
Iraqui Torah Finds a Home in Quito, Ecuador

By Robert Kalfus

Rabbi Rigoberto Emmanuel Vinas celebrated his birthday in Quito, Ecuador just a few weeks ago – not by dancing, and not by clapping. An urgent request from his students, far-flung across more than a dozen countries, caused him to carry a Torah on his back almost 3,000 miles, across an ocean, to bring the light of Torah to Jews reconnecting with their history and culture.

Every Thursday evening Vinas, rabbi of the Lincoln Park Jewish Center in Yonkers, teaches people in more than one dozen countries, teaching Judaism in Spanish in a weekly online class titled “El Centro de Estudios Torat Emet,” broadcast from his Yonkers synagogue. His students in Quito contacted him in July, asking his help in obtaining a Torah for the synagogue, which they had built with their own labor.

Vinas searched and purchased a Torah that was a good match for these congregants’ Sephardic roots; a Torah written in the Sephardic style in Iraq more than 150 years ago. His close examination of the Iraqi Torah showed that for this Torah to become “kosher” for use, repair work was required.

So Vinas, a trained sofer (scribe, writer of Torah) cleaned sections of the klaf (the hide of a kosher cow on which a Torah is written), filled in parts of the Hebrew letters that were missing or cracked, and replaced pieces of the klaf that were ripped and required new gittin (thread made from a sene’s sinew) to attach them to the more than 50 sections of klaf comprising one single Torah.

To complete the authenticity and authenticity of the Iraqi Torah, Vinas searched for and purchased a “tik,” the round case appropriate for a Sephardic Torah’s style and character, and carefully prepared the Torah itself and itself into wallpaper design with a program titled “Pat

The program will take place Sundays, Sept. 8, 15 and 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. and is free with museum admission. 

Activities take place between 1 and 4 p.m. and are included with museum admission.

“Croquet in the Courtyard” will take place Saturdays and Sundays through Sept. 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. Experience this traditional Victorian pastime, in Glenview’s courtyard. Photo by Tara Dawson.