

# Dan DeMatteo Stepping Down As Force Coach

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After 25 years coaching football in Yonkers, Dan DeMatteo began to feel a pull from home. It was something that started when he spent more quality time with his wife and children during the COVID-19 pandemic, including a fall typically spent absorbed with his team.

Yet it wasn't until after the delayed season was complete in April and summer workouts returned that DeMatteo fully realized what he wanted from the future.

"Getting it cranked back up again, it was hard," he said. "I was struggling. It just made me realize what I was missing at home. I'm missing a lot of firsts."



So instead of DeMatteo leading the Yonkers Force this fall, the next team he will coach will be his son's 8-and-under youth tackle team with the Yorktown Athletic Club.



At this point in his life, he has decided he wouldn't have it any other way. He announced his resignation as the

Force's head coach in July.

"I really wanted to leave it better than I got it," DeMatteo said. "I coached in Yonkers through a very rollercoaster ride, ups and downs. I weathered the storm, and I really think there is some light at the end of the tunnel."

DeMatteo spent the last three years with the Force — one of the city's two merged teams that were formed in 2018—after

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# Wolf Tales

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Gorton's Class of '65*



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# Heat, Fire And Rain



A bear seeks safety from a nearby fire.

*It was the hottest July in more than a century with triple-digit temperatures; the Bootleg forest fire scorched more than 500,000 acres in Oregon; and forest-fire smoke crossed the country causing New York City's worst air-quality alert in 14 years. Add to that were torrential downpours so sudden and intense that motorists were trapped on the Bronx River Parkway and shoppers were marooned in Central Avenue parking lots. Then a near-hurricane made landfall in New England—the first time in 30 years.*

# Climate Change Hits Home



A warning sign in Nevada's Amargosa Valley.



Imagine turning on the oven. Now climb in for that ultra-toasty feeling. OR, if you were in Oregon in late June, all you had to do was go outside to enjoy that baking experience in real life.

With a "heat dome" firmly locked in place over the Pacific Northwest, there was

almost no escaping the life-threateningly high temps that crested at an astonishing 115 degrees IN THE SHADE!

Gale and I were visiting my son in Portland. Only half of Oregonians have air conditioning and many have only evaporative cooling systems. The answer: hide

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**CLASS OF '63 AND JO**—Classmate Jo Harter Irish (C65) joined the Class of '63 as an invitee to a luncheon at the LaLanterna Restaurant, the site of the old Grey Oaks.



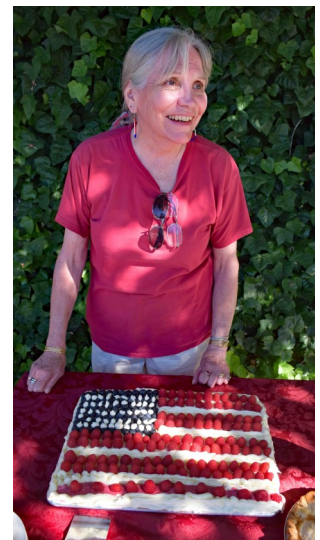
**BACK IN THE HIGH LINE AGAIN**—Lori Kohn Rowe has a new friend as she pauses during her walk on the High Line, an elevated linear park, greenway and rail trail created on a former New York Central Railroad spur on the west side of Manhattan.



**WE ARE FAMILY**—Ron and Kay Fedirka Trautvetter (far left) had a great visit from their daughter Heather, son-in-law Tony, and grandchildren Scott, Emma, Amanda, Aubrey and Ellie from Texas. There was cooking, baking, pickle ball, fishing, volleyball and filling a whole church pew, not to mention two cakes for Father's Day. Kay writes, "It's always so much fun to be with the greatest people in the World, called FAMILY!"



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**—Nick and Makani Mikulsky celebrate Asher's first birthday in Cloverdale, CA. "Temps were up to 115 degrees," Joe writes. Fortunately, Nick and Makani have central air, so the party went well. I just can't think how firefighters like Nick could even attempt to fight a fire in those temps!" A day after the party for Asher, Nick went back to duty for a 10-day stint.



**STAR-SPANGLED TREAT**—Joe Mikulsky and Annie Chandler were able to renew their annual neighborhood 4th of July block party. Along with barbeque fare, there was Annie's red, white and blueberry cake.



**COAST-TO-COAST HUG**—Floridian Judy Schwartz Galician had a wonderful trip to Washington and spent some quality time with her family, including sharing hugs with her granddaughter, Lexie.



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**OUR UBER URSULA**—Days after a car accident that totaled her VW Bug, Ursula Belle Healy hosts her granddaughter Ava Belle (second from left) and friends Katherine and Lauren. Ursula suffered broken bones in her wrist and lacerations when the air bags failed to deploy. She's on the mend and while golf is out for the season, that'll leave more time for hugs.



**ALPHA AND THE PACK**—Alec and his children, Nella (2) and Mitri (4), finally get to be with the aging Alpha Alex after a year-and-a-half wait caused by the pandemic. To commemorate the moment, they're all wearing Wolf shirts.



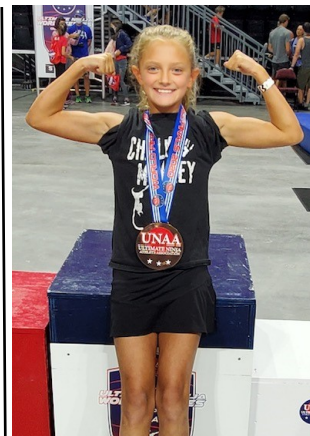
**BEACHY KEEN**—Joan Kennedy's grandchildren, Caraline, Henry, Lane and Liv are joined by the newest member of the pack, Pace, at the family's beach house.



**FORE BY FOUR**—Sam Fried, Gale Donnelly, Beau Hanford and Janet had afternoon tea, as in tee time, at the Ravenwood Country Club in Victor, NY.



**ALL ABOARD**—And not bored at all. Yvonne Sullivan Price and her granddaughter, Prairie Sky, are on the Happy Train at the Barton Orchards in Poughquag, NY, near Poughkeepsie. The family-run farm has been in business for 40 years.



**NINJA WARRIOR**—Class of '64 MaryAnn (Joe Maggiola) Palmieri's granddaughter, Grace, finished 5th in her age bracket at the Ninja World Championships in Las Vegas.



**ON GOLDEN POND**—Congratulations to Norm and Susan Dratch Eaton on their 50th wedding anniversary, seen here on Nantucket Island.



**CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK**—Oliver Brown holds his green and white basketball and his trophy, just like his granddad, Malcolm, did 50 years ago.





## Parry's Ponderings

### Thick Milkshakes Are the Last Straw

Where is it written or who decided that milkshakes must be so thick that they won't spill even if turned upside-down and must be eaten with a spoon?

Give me a good old-fashioned shake that I can drink through a straw any day. Throw in a (Sabrett) "dirty water dog" with red onion sauce and I'm back in 1964 without a DeLorean.

*Don Parry (C65) was awarded Westchester's Safest Teenage Driver Award and is a Vietnam War veteran.*

### Marcia James Parker, 72, Former Gorton Teacher

Marcia Yvonne James Parker, a former health/physical education teacher at Gorton, died Aug. 3 at the age of 72.

Born Jan. 24, 1949 to James and Gladys Heath, she attended White Plains High School before graduating from Wilberforce University in 1971 with a degree in Physical Education. She ended her teaching career at Gorton High School.

Marcia met her soulmate, James Roy Parker and his son in 1972. In addition to her parents and beloved husband, James, Marcia was predeceased by a sister, Debra Heath and her niece, Jamie Heath.

She is survived by her daughter, Ebony Adia James Parker-Scott (Jamaal); her son, Jamil Parker (Tachebba); her grandchildren, Imani, Isaiah, Adia, Jalisa, Jacqueline, Jahzmine, Kelly, Davian, Zyan and Saphyra; a godson, T.J.; her sister, Monife Balogun (Ade); and sisters-in-law, Marie Johnson and Eunice Wilson (Porter).



We fill 'er up with oil and check the gas.



Gee Annie, it's a Wurlitzer!



Set 'em up, Joe, just one more for the road.



Check the air, the tires seem low.



Modern rest-stop conveniences.

## Joe's Garage

If you're ever in the Bradley, CA, area, be sure to stop by Joe's Garage and maybe catch some Zappa on the Wurlitzer.

It was déjà vu all over again as Joe Mikulsky and Annie Chandler stopped by the town on their way home from Atascadero. They often take the short detour off the 101 Freeway to drive through Bradley to check for "new" art pieces.

"I felt it was like I stopped for gas and never left (shades of *Hotel California*!), Joe writes. "The other photos were from a B&B that just 'popped' up."

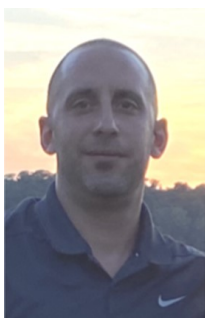


## Students, Staff Will Mask Up

When school doors open on Sept. 3, all student and employees will be wearing masks regardless of their vaccination status. In addition, all employees must be vaccinated or undergo weekly COVID-19 testing.

## Fava Named Coach Of Yonkers Force

Lifelong resident Anthony Fava and Gorton teacher has been named head football coach of the Yonkers Force football team, following the resignation of Dan DeMatteo (see Page One).



Fava teaches Health and played football at Iona Prep and Iona College. He was formerly head coach at Woodlands High School before taking the Yonkers position.

Fava began coaching in 2005 at Saunders and moved onto Roosevelt in 2006 where he spent four year as offensive coordinator. In 2011, he moved on to Woodlands as offensive coordinator and later head coach in 2018.

## Council OKs \$80M Bond for New School

A much-needed new elementary school is on the way.

The Yonkers City Council unanimously approved an \$80 million bond to build a new elementary school at the site of the former St. Dennis School in southwest Yonkers.

New York will reimburse Yonkers for 74% of the costs of the new school and community center, resulting in a final cost of around \$21 million.

Construction of the school will take at least two years to complete with a 2023 opening at the earliest.

# Never Forget Garden Needs Your \$\$upport



Future site of our Never Forget Garden that will honor all Gorton students who have served our country. A monument and plaque will be focal points of a perennial garden maintained by students.



## Alumni News

Greetings Alumni,

As always, we hope this issue of Wolf Tales finds you in good spirits, good health and enjoying the summer months.

If you're wondering what happened to the July issue, we took that month off. With vacation schedules and families getting together for the first time in a long time, Managing Editor Alex Poletsky determined this was the perfect time to give everyone the month off.

But it's back to the grindstone...and just in time as we have an important matter to discuss. We have a major effort needing funding support immediately.

For Veterans Day 2021, it is our plan to  
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—Photos courtesy of Caratina Julio and Bill Deletto

## SMOOTH SAILING—A summer day along the Hudson.

### **ALUMS** (from Page 5)

dedicate the Never Forget Garden at Gorton High School. As you know from previous Wolf Tales issues, this garden has three primary objectives:

- It is meant to be a permanent memorial to all of our Gorton fallen military heroes, known and unknown;
- It will also serve as an ongoing remembrance and thank you to all of the Gorton men and women who served in the military and;
- It will tie-in to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

An added value, the Never Forget Garden will be managed and cared for by each freshman class of the students at Gorton, as well as by the Center for Learning students. There is no better way to instill the national pride, respect and understanding for military service. This will carry forward with the students throughout their four years at Gorton. The value of military service should not be discovered after high school, college or later in life.

As an aside, Wolf Tales has always promoted the remembrance and honoring of all that served. More recently, decorated Vietnam veteran Kevin Henry C65 has brought numerous stories forward of many unforgotten fallen Gorton heroes. This furthers our resolve to make the Never Forget Garden a reality.

Throughout the years, alumni have contributed in force through individual donations, class reunion events and various

versions of the Alumni Association. An earlier version of the Alumni Association excelled in the 1990s/early 2000s supporting athletics and the PTA. The Alumni Association you know today started ad hoc in 2014 and has funded in excess of \$20,000 of support for Gorton from the Classes of '64, '65, '61 and individual alumni. That support has included desperately need audio/video equipment, sound systems, lab coats, printers, event-funding and more.

The Alumni Association has \$3,200 in its coffers, two-thirds coming from the Class of 1961 and the remainder from private donations. Our estimate for the Garden, including the custom monument, exceeds \$15,000. The stone marker for Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was donated by the Azzaro family. Obviously, we have a lot of funds to raise in a short period of time.

We will seek funding support through two methods:

First, through direct contributions to the Association. Our current application for 501(c)(3) status is before the IRS under consideration (currently eight months behind). We are incorporated in Delaware as a charitable entity. Our IRS Tax ID (EIN) is 84-2711009. Our attorneys advise us that any donations made to the Association during August and September will be considered officially tax deductible by the IRS when it approves the 501(c)(3) application. We can and will accept contributions immediately via checks. See highlighted box for details.

Additionally, we created a Go Fund Me

## How to Donate

When writing out a check to the Gorton High School Alumni Association, please note EIN 84-2711009 in the memo section of the check.

Checks may be mailed to:

**Gorton High School Alumni Association**  
100 Shonnard Place  
Yonkers, NY 10703

Attention: Marilyn Rabadi  
(OR)

**Gorton High School Alumni Association**  
Attention: William Tolany  
2040 Hacienda Heights Lane  
Frisco, Texas 75036-6594

Page specifically for the purpose of the Never Forget Garden. Go Fund Me information will be sent to you via email under separate cover.

The rationale is to offer a financially convenient credit card alternative to reach a broader community of alumni, friends and relatives as well as persons interested in the efforts of the Association, Gorton High School and those interested in this effort to honor our military heroes.

Gorton Wolf Nation...are you ready to once again rise to the occasion for Gorton High School?

This is a great opportunity to make a difference for the school. Remember from our previous Alumni column, Charles E. Gorton High School is the only school in the U.S. to commit to a memorial garden in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. What a wonderful way to differentiate Gorton High by making the Garden a reality.

If you have any questions or comments, please call me at 469-534-5242 or email watolany@gmail.com.

Can we count on your support?

**Bill Tolany is the president of the Charles E. Gorton High School Alumni Association and a member of the Class of 1964.**



## CLIMATE (from Page One)

in the basement and turn on the fans. When it was time to say our goodbyes, Gale and I were heading for Brewster, WA, to camp in the North Cascades, the beauty of the Okanogan Valley, and golf at spectacular Gamble Sands. The Brewster forecast—118 degrees! Instead, we drove west to the Pacific Ocean.

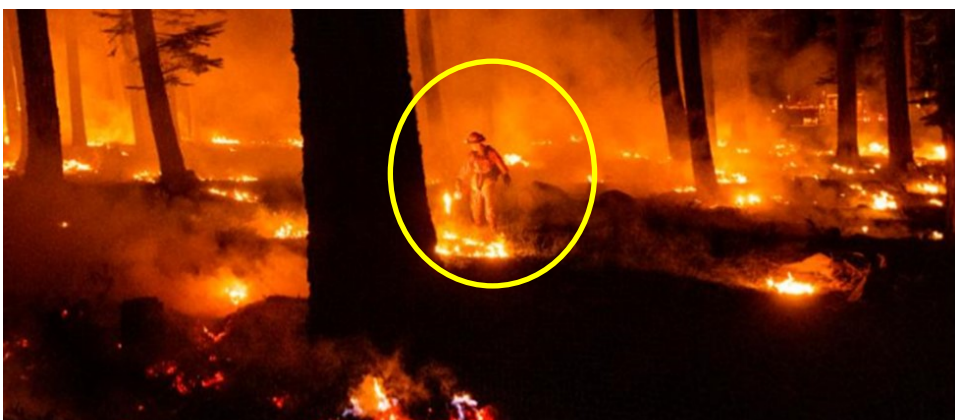
Approaching the coast of southwest Washington, the outside temperature plummeted from above 100 degrees to 65 degrees in a few miles. Clinging to the coastline for four days, we stayed cool and waited for the “heat dome” to pass. It didn’t, leaving us to seek high elevations for comfort.

—Sam Fried

## Hot, Too Damn Hot

When we moved to California we knew it would be hot but not this hot.

We usually visited our kids in May or Christmas. It was hot but tolerable. We spent a lot of time in Davis, a college town with a great downtown area. It was near our middle son and not far from our old-



**THE FIRE INSIDE**—A firefighter treads through the Dixie Wildfire, California’s second-largest wildfire in history. Oregon’s Bootleg fire has destroyed more than 400,000 acres. As of mid-July, there were 91 active fires in the Far West.

est. Our idea of hot was 95 degrees maybe 102. It has low humidity. What more can you ask?

This past month, reality set in with the arrival of the Heat Dome. We had five unbelievable days over 105 degrees. The temperature went to 113, 114, 110, 107 and 106.

I remember Robin Williams’ quote in *Good Morning, Vietnam*: “It’s hot; too

damn hot. Hottest thing is in my shorts. I can cook things in there.”

I used to visit Dallas when I worked for MCI. The people there loved to show you how neat it was to fry an egg on a car’s hood. When I was an officer in the Merchant Marines, we traveled through the Panama Canal where it was 105 on deck but it was 120 degrees in the engineering

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**RESCUES AND DETOURS**—From the Bronx River Parkway, to Kohl’s Shopping Center, to a flooded swing set in upstate New York.

## Water, Water Everywhere

Recent downpours caught a lot of people off guard, but not Westchester’s first responders.

A day before Tropical Storm Elsa hit the East Coast, a “surprise” front rolled through the lower Hudson Valley dumping upwards of five inches of rain. Motorists were trapped by flash flooding on the Bronx River Parkway near the Yonkers line

and had to be rescued by Yonkers and Westchester County police.

Further inland, the Yonkers Fire Department along with members of the Emergency Services Unit and Empress, went fishing for shoppers trapped in the Kohl’s Shopping Center on Central Park Avenue.

For the record, more than 11 inches of rain fell in New York City, making it the city’s third wettest July in history.

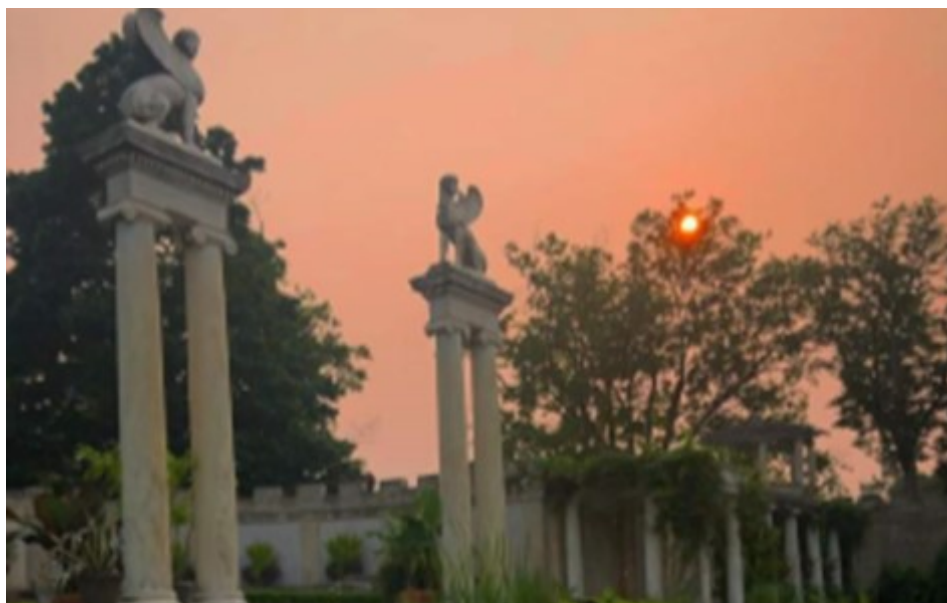
Further north, Janet Guyon Hanford and Beau were visiting friends in Henderson,

NY, on the shores of Lake Ontario when they were awakened to a loud knock on the door at 6:30 a.m. to advise them to move their cars to higher ground. More than five inches of rain fell overnight, flooding the road, and leaving the only escape route along the beach.

“Our friends’ cottage and all our cars were safe,” Janet said. “The water was still rising from the swamp area nearby but we left before it got any higher.” Several cars, however, were not as lucky including one that was only two days old.

—Alex Poletsky





Haze from western wildfires cast an eerie glow over Untermyer.

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room.

This past month took the cake. Thank goodness for air conditioning (except for the cost of electricity.) We have a pool at our garden apartment complex. It helps but it feels like a bath.

The worst part of the heat, however, is the lack of rain. Everything is dry and fire prone. The fires are north of us. The smoke from the fires spread across the valley and all the way to the San Francisco Bay. The Dixie Fire has burned 275,000 acres and the Tomarack Fire has burned 68, 000 acres as of early July.

We are not even in the dead of summer yet. We may just re-evaluate why we are here. How can you enjoy the grandkids in this kind of heat?

At least we're not in Death Valley where it hit 133 degrees, the hottest day on earth. Welcome to California.

—Malcolm Brown

## **It's Getting Worse**

As the years go by, our usually "Mediterranean" climate has become warmer and warmer and drier and drier here in the Monterey Bay area of California, as well as the rest of California.

Drought years are common. However,

they were "usually" followed by a normally wet winter. Except for a few areas in the Sierras where summer thunderstorms are common, California is usually dry in the summer and wet in the winter.

Drought has become more frequent and more severe every year. As for this year, we are now (in July) as dry as would be in September and October (the rainy season use to start in late October or November.) Extreme drought has been declared for almost 90% of California (as well as most of the southwestern U.S.) and we are required to cut water usage by 50%.

Snowpack in the Sierras, a major source of water in California, was only about 30% of average this year. In addition, extremely hot weather is drying up major reservoirs in the state. The Shasta Reservoir, one of the largest in the state, is now only about 36% capacity and will go dry by the end of summer.

On a recent trip to Cloverdale, CA (about 90 miles north of San Francisco) to visit family, we were forced indoors due to temps hitting over 115 degrees (thanks be to air conditioning!). "Normal" temps at this time of year would be in the mid-80s to low 90s. It was like a furnace outdoors.

We all need to become concerned about global warming and what we can do to help.

—Joe Mikulsky

## **Vehicles Kill 2 Freed Wolves In North Carolina**

A red wolf from the Wolf Conservation Center (WCC), who was recently released in North Carolina, was killed by a vehicle in July. A red wolf female released from another rescue site, was also killed by a vehicle a few days later.

"Deven only had a short time to explore his new home but we hope those days were filled with joy and excitement," the WCC said in a press release. "We like to imagine he gloried in his newfound freedom and welcomed the sunset each day, knowing that it signaled the end of another day free from captivity."

"Upon his release to the wild, Deven became a wolf that belonged not only to the coastal lands of North Carolina, but to every child and adult that cheered his release and marveled at the opportunity he was given. His life and death empower us to make some lasting change that will reduce the chance of a similar misfortune befalling other red wolves," the WCC said.



Joe Madison, who oversees the program in eastern North Carolina for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said, "Life can be tough for a lot of species, and red wolves are no exception. Human-caused mortalities, such as vehicle strikes, lower the average life span of a wild red wolf from around nine years to less than four."

Deven was one of four adults brought to the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge in North Carolina in late April. The Service brought four red wolf pups born at the Akron Zoo to the refuge.



**DeMATTEO** (from Page One)

15 years as head coach at his alma mater, Gorton. He was first an assistant under his father, Donald, then later ran the team himself.

In his third year with the merged program, the Force endured a difficult season, including multiple shutdowns due to the virus. Still, DeMatteo intended on returning while also getting involved with his son's team.

His son is 8 and his daughter is 4.

"That was something that got the wheels turning," he said. "They were going to help me out, getting me assistants who could run the team when I wasn't there. That got my mind going. I don't want to shortchange anyone. If I'm going to do it, I'm going to do it 100%. And I want to see my daughter's recitals, get the kids off the bus. Time goes by fast."

Despite the Force and the Yonkers Brave making just modest progress on the field, DeMatteo believes football in the city has an improved outlook. He noted the presence of junior varsity programs and positive news regarding the return of athletic coordinators in the individual schools this fall. He also noted the connection the teams have built with the police and fire departments, and emphasized the future of that partnership being important to him.

"I'm really proud of the connection we formed with the police and I want to see it continue," DeMatteo said. "There are so many positives and I feel that Yonkers is in a great place. I never wanted to get run out of town. I think better days are ahead for Yonkers, especially Yonkers Force football."

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# Miracle on Lake Avenue



Police Officers Paul Samoyedny and Rocco Fusco interviewed by a WABC reporter.

## Cops Rescue Child Pinned Under Car

Two quick-thinking cops, along with the aid of bystanders, lifted a car off an 8-month-old child who had been pinned underneath a car that crashed into a Lake Avenue barbershop.

According to police reports, the car was driven by an unlicensed driver who was later charged with DWI and vehicular assault

and held on \$500,000 bail. The driver struck a curb and then a parked car before veering into the 36-year-old mom, Mirna Núñez and 8-month-old daughter before plowing into the barbershop near the corner of Lake and Morningside with Núñez and her child on the hood.

The tiny child, dressed in a Minnie Mouse-decorated outfit, was pinned underneath the car amid the rubble of the Dmitriy Barber Shop.

"I heard the squeals from the tires, and when I turned around, he hit my car, picked a lady up with her baby and went right straight through the barbershop, it was horrific, something like out of a movie," said

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Police bodycam shows Office Fusco and a bystander lifting the car off the child.



## A Bridge Too Far for Andrew

Long before the Tappan Zee fiasco and up to his resignation over sexual harassment charges, Andrew Cuomo's aspirations were always a bridge too far.

Andrew could not be like his father; nor could his former brother-in-law, Robert Kennedy Jr., be like his father, Bobby.

Cuomo, using the power of his office, didn't just name the new bridge after "pops," he ran rough-shod over the Tappan Zee name and erased it. We needed a new bridge. His ego needed a new name.

His ego continued to grow large and wear thin during the pandemic. He named a health-related law after his mother Matilda. He wrote a book, *American Crisis: Leadership Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic*. He probably would have named a news show after his brother, Chris, had not CNN beat him to the punch.

In retrospect, what strikes me most about



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his book title is the phrase, "leadership lessons." Really?

When he stepped down as governor, he cited "generational and cultural shifts" as causes for his alleged transgressions against women. If he had taken the sexual harassment training courses that he had authorized, he might have known that the times are a' changing.

In short, don't blame the teacher because you cut class.

His dad, Mario, said, "You campaign in poetry. You govern in prose." Even though Albany is a place where most N.Y. pols go to retire, it's time for legislators to govern and stop lining up behind microphones for those "I told you so" press conferences.

When the dust settles, Albany can right a wrong and restore the bridge's rightful

name. Call it the Tappan Zee Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge. Mario wouldn't mind second billing.

It's a lesson that Andrew didn't learn from "pops"—it's called humility. The Tappan Zee by any other name is not the Tappan Zee.

Before you ask, I became a registered Democrat after, and only after, I retired from journalism. I was bored. Now, there's too much noise from both sides now.

**Alex Poletsky (C65) is a retired journalist and managing editor of Wolf Tales.**

## Ron Popeil, Inventor And TV Spokesman

Ron Popeil, half-brother of Steve Tuers, died July 28 of a brain hemorrhage. He was 86.

Popeil, was the founder of the direct response marketing company Ronco.

He was a famous made-for-TV inventor and salesman whose products included Veg-O-Matic, Pocket Fisherman and dozens of others.

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witness Mandinga Brown.

Fourth Precinct Officers Rocco Fusco and Paul Samoyedny were in a nearby bagel shop getting breakfast when they heard the collision. Hearing shrieks and sobs, Officer Samoyedny could see the mother sitting on a bed of glass before the now-mangled car hood. She was covered in motor oil and blood was running down her arm. The child, though, was not immediately fully visible.

"We got a baby under the vehicle!" Samoyedny said over his radio, according to the body-camera video.

Without hesitation, Fusco and at least three bystanders hoisted the 2,600-pound Hyundai Elantra. "Grab the baby!" Fusco



**HEROES HONORED—Michael LoRusso, Yonkers police officers Rocco Fusco and Paul Samoyedny, Bart Castillo and Jose Suero are honored at a ceremony awarding them for saving a mother and her baby after a car slammed them through a barbershop recently on Lake Avenue.**

yelled. Samoyedny reached for the child and yelled, "I got it! I got the baby." "Everything happened in a split second. It's just one of those things where you aren't thinking about anything. You just have to react. People in the community

came in and did an outstanding job. No hesitation. Everybody did something to help out," Officer Fusco said.

Núñez sustained a serious leg fracture and her baby suffered a skull fracture and third-degree burns to her back and foot. A close family told *Westchester News 12* that Núñez and her baby are doing well right now.

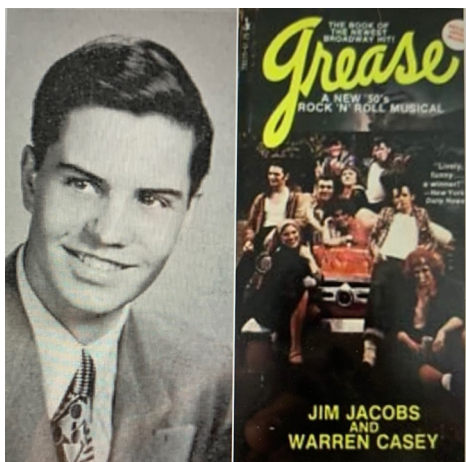
"It's honestly a miracle that both of them survived, a very strong mom and an even stronger little infant," Fusco

said in an interview with WABC.

A GoFundMe page has been set-up to help raise a \$25,000 goal to help with medical expenses.



## Did You Know?



Warren Casey's high school yearbook photo and Grease Broadway poster.

## Before Grease, Gorton was The Word

*"Grease is the time, is the place, is the motion."*

But before it became THE word, there was Warren Casey from Gorton High School.

*"Well-a well-a well-a, huh  
Tell me more, tell me more..."*

Warren was born on April 20, 1935, in Yonkers. His father Peter was a steamfitter and his mother Signe Ginman Casey was a nurse. The family lived at 49 Truman Ave. and moved to Rose Hill Terrace where Warren went to P.S. 16 and graduated from Gorton High School in 1953.

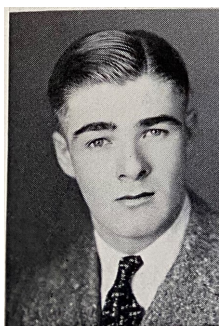
Warren went to Syracuse University and got a job as an art teacher in upstate New York before moving to Chicago to pursue a  
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## Everything Old Is New Again

Untermyer Park continues to transform and amaze.

Students of the Untermyer Conservancy Youth Horticultural Initiative (sponsored by the Carvel Foundation, St. Faith's House Foundation, a Yonkers Community Development block grant and Con Edison) completed planting the steep hillside above the new vegetable garden and the fruit trees, which define Untermyer's fledgling orchard. Meanwhile repairs at the Temple of the Sky are nearing an end as two gigantic blocks of Alabama marble were hoisted to the top. Large chunks of marble are being installed in the perimeter pavement to replace marble that was badly deteriorated. And, the scaffolding has been removed!



## An All-American Hero Of the Greatest Generation

**By Kevin Henry**

Hugh Corrigan, Class of 1938, was an All-American hero and you can look it up.



Born Feb. 4, 1920, in Yonkers, he went on to Dartmouth where he played football and baseball. He joined the Marine Corps ROTC and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, he was called up for active duty.

He was involved in the fierce fighting during the Battle of the Tenaru on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands and in the Battle of Okinawa, where he received a Purple Heart. During his military service, he was given his Dartmouth degree in absentia.

Corrigan was portrayed as "Lieutenant Ivy-League" in Robert Leckie's novel, *A Helmet for My Pillow*.

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House at 49 Truman Ave.

## **GREASE (from Page 11)**

career in acting. To pay his bills, Warren worked as a lingerie buyer for a chain of apparel stores, as a record salesman and as an advertisement copier.

While acting with the Chicago Stage Guild, Warren met Jim Jacobs. The two began working on a play about high school life during the golden age of rock 'n roll. The show, entitled Grease, opened in 1971 at the Kingston Mines Theater. Producers Ken Waissman and Maxine Fix saw the show and told the playwrights that it might work better as a musical.

They suggested a rewrite and if the producers liked the end result, the producers would show it off-Broadway. Warren quit his job and both he and Jim moved to New York City to collaborate on Grease.



The musical opened at the Eden Theater in Manhattan in 1972, moved to Broadway and earned the writers seven Tony award nominations. The show became a hit, a successful film and a staple of theater groups, summer stock and high school drama groups.

Warren eventually moved back to Chicago where he acted in and wrote several plays. On Nov. 8, 1988, Warren died of AIDS-related complications. He was survived by his mother and two brothers. Jim Jacobs, his long-time friend and co-author of Grease, described Warren as "The funniest man I ever knew as well as the smartest, most intelligent and most eccentric."

**Joan Lawless Kennedy (C65) is a member of the Yonkers Historical Society.**

## **CORRIGAN (from Page 11)**

He was featured in the 2010 HBO series, The Pacific, which was produced by Steven Spielberg and Tom Hank, where he was portrayed by Australian actor Henry Nixon. The TV series drew its inspiration primarily from the memoirs of two enlisted Marines—With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa by Eugene Sledge as well as Leckie's novel.

Lt. Corrigan served as Leckie's platoon leader when they arrived on Guadalcanal. On Aug. 19, 1942, during the night-time battle at Tenaru River, he assumed control of the company after the captain suffered "combat fatigue." Corrigan proved himself during savage hand-to-hand combat and calm leadership. The Marines managed to turn back the Japanese assault.

By the morning, there were more than 700 Japanese casualties. The Marines suffered 34 losses and 75 injuries. The Japanese commander, Kiyonao Ichiki, burned his regiment's colors and committed suicide.

Following the battle, then Lt. Corrigan promoted a Marine to corporal. Even though Leckie felt that the private deserved the promotion, it left a bad taste in the captain's. This animosity, or jealousy, later led to Leckie's drunken armed assault on Corrigan. Leckie ended up in the brig.

Lt. Corrigan was promoted to captain and given command of a tank company during the heavy fighting on Okinawa. He was wounded on May 15, 1945, and awarded the Purple Heart medal. He was discharged in 1946.

While on leave, he married Elizabeth Vincent in La Mesa, CA, on June 7, 1944, the day after D-Day. During their 61-year marriage, they lived in San Diego, New London, New York City and Long Island. They finally settled in upstate Ithaca where they lived for 543 years.

Hugh had a multi-faceted career and pursuits. He was a salesman, a partner in the West Shore Salt Co., a mink rancher, a sales manager for Hi-Speed Check-Weigher Co. and a placement specialist for Challenge Industries. He also served as co-president of the Fall Creek PTA, neighborhood commissioner of the Boy Scouts and as a member of the board of directors of the Ithaca Co-Op. Hugh was also a long-time active member of the Ithaca City Club.



Hugh enjoyed wine-making, sketching and painting. He was an avid baseball fan. Hugh also enjoyed playing chess and cribbage with Betty and playing poker with the guys. Hugh was a lifelong fitness enthusiast who pursued golfing, swimming and bike riding up until the time of his death.



Hugh passed away on Oct. 3, 2005. He was survived by his wife Elizabeth, his sons Michael (Marcia), Hugh Jr. and Timothy (Donna), his daughter Ellin, and grandchildren Sean, David, Brian, Megan, Leah, Kaylie and Kieran.

Elizabeth, who died on April 7, 2009, attended the College

of New Rochelle and prior to retirement was the assistant director of personnel at Cornell University and then president of the Cornell Retirees Association.

Capt. Corrigan is buried at Arlington National Cemetery and is absolutely one of Gorton's finest. His generation, men and women like him, were truly the Greatest Generation who saved civilization.

It has been a great honor for me to research and write his story. I feel blessed. Those of us who walked the halls of Gorton have followed in the footsteps of a true hero.

**Kevin Henry (C65) is a decorated Vietnam veteran and a staunch supporter of our nation's veterans.**





## Tuers De Force



Babe Ruth (the Sultan of Swat) and Yogi (the Sultan of Squat) shake hands on June 1948 at Babe Ruth Day at Sportsman's Park in St. Louis. Meanwhile, upper right, Steve lives out his childhood dream outside the museum posing with his battery mate.



the 100 anniversary of the Negro Leagues. Interesting photographs and artifacts showing the rich history of black baseball from the late 1800s to the 1960s.

Baseball exhibit.

*"You can observe a lot by just watching."*—Yogi

Making the turn onto 8 Yogi Berra Drive in Little Falls, NJ, I suddenly got a chill.

Finally. Ever since the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center opened in December 1988, I've been wanting to go there. Next to Mickey Mantle, Yogi was my favorite player. He is the winningest baseball player in history with 10 World Series championship rings for the New York Yankees.

*"It ain't over till it's over."*—Yogi

Entering the museum for only a \$5 admission fee, I walked over to an interactive baseball experience that tested my arm. I actually faced off against an animated batter tracking the speed and accuracy of each of my throws. Let's just say no one watching thought I was Nolan Ryan.

*"All pitchers are liars or crybabies."*—Yogi

The first exhibit was an illustrated history of the Negro Leagues Baseball, marking

*"When you come to the fork in the road, take it."*—Yogi

Next came a fascinating exhibit called "Yogi Berra and Carman. A love story" that featured hand-written love letters from the road to his "sweetest darling" Carman, circa 1948.

*"Never answer an anonymous letter."*—Yogi

The Mick was my favorite Yankee so I was pleased to see his original Monument Park plaque on display.

*"Mickey was a very good golfer, but we weren't allowed to play golf during the season; only at spring training."*—Yogi

An important aspect of this museum is that it's a learning center for students with emphasis on interactive sports-based educational experiences. They can take a virtual field trip to the museum and include a Zoom tour of the Negro League

Adjacent to the museum is the Yogi Berra Ballpark, the home of the New Jersey Jackals of the newly form Frontier League. Down the lines dimensions are 308 feet honoring Yogi's uniform number 8. Center field is 398.

*"If the people don't want to come out to the ballpark, nobody's going to stop them."*—Yogi

The day was still young so I decided to take a tour of the Montclair State University campus, home to Yogi's museum, and New Jersey's second largest public university.

The beautiful day just added to the picturesque campus that was patterned after Stanford's California campus. As I left late in the afternoon, I thought of one more Yogi-ism. *"It gets late early out here."*

**Steve Tuers was a member of Gorton's championship basketball team and is a lifelong resident of Yonkers.**



## Ask Janet



# The Agony Of Defeat

Dear Janet,

What does the agony of defeat mean?

I. Juana Winn

Dear I. Juana,

When I hear those words, "the agony of defeat," the first thing that comes to mind is the image of Vinko Bogataj, the Yugoslavian ski jumper whose horrendous tumble in Oberdorf, Germany in 1970 landed him in the opening scenes of ABC's Wide World of Sports for years to come.

The Urban Dictionary describes the agony of defeat as "A feeling, the pain you get when you do not win. A substantial loss, or failure to complete a task."

It mercilessly reared its ugly head in the 2020 Olympics in 2021 for many young athletes. We witnessed Simone Biles fall off the balance beam in trials, which I believe was the beginning of her undoing for the rest of the gymnastics competitions. She was practically expected to be "perfect" and she wasn't. What pressure on a young lady. She won the bronze medal in the floor exercise, but was that really good enough? Was it another agonizing defeat for a "good-as-gold" medalist?

I watched other less-noted disasters, as runners in the track events made false starts and were immediately escorted out. Imagine the agony of years of hard work and training, only to lose by one false move before the starting gun's shot. Similarly, what a disappointment to lose a race by a one-hundredth of a second. That's less time than it took me to write that! Taking silver instead of gold should

still be such an honor, but is it really that or another agonizing personal defeat? Do the hugs, smiles and kudos show the real emotions for finishing second, or third for the bronze? Are they painful cover ups? What about those who finished fourth and below? Nobody even notices.

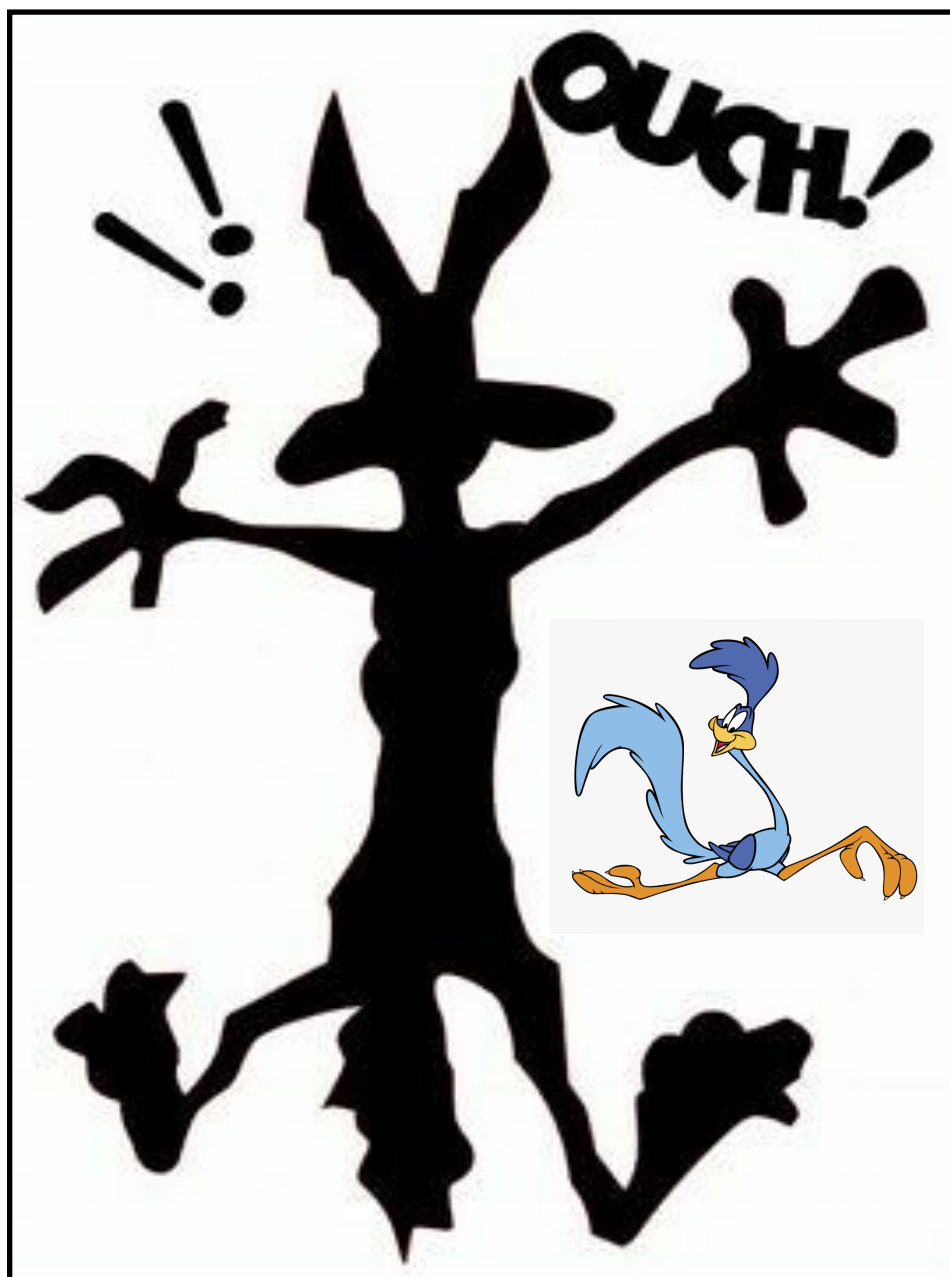
While these examples are disappointments over less-than-winning performances, what about Sha'Carri Richardson who tested positive for marijuana and was eliminated from the competition. Or the U.S. boxer Anthony Hembrick in 1988, who missed the bus and arrived only a few minutes too late, so the fight never hap-

pened. Stupidity or bad luck?

Agonizing defeats don't only happen at the Olympics. I can still remember watching the seventh playoff game between the Edmonton Oilers and Calgary Flames when rookie Steve Smith, who, on his 23rd birthday, scored the tie-breaking, game-winning goal for the Flames that ultimately sent them on to the Stanley Cup Finals.

The agonizing part was that Smith, an Oiler, tried to clear the puck but it ricocheted off his own goalie, Grant Fuhr's skate and into the net for the 3-2 loss. The thrill of

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## Riverfest Set For Sept. 18

Riverfest, the largest one-day festival in the county, is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18, from noon to 7 p.m. along the Hudson River.

The Yonkers Downtown BID (Business Improvement District), will host the event. The agency promotes and implements the economic revitalization of the Getty Square, Larkin Plaza, Chicken Island and the Downtown/Waterfront areas.

## From Schlobohm To Stardom

A recently released documentary on Mary J. Blige's path traces the Grammy-award winning artist's roots from the Schlobohm housing project to her recent induction to the Apollo Theater Walk of Fame.



"My heart is that little girl in Yonkers," Blige said in the Amazon Original documentary, *Mary J. Blige's My Life*. She discusses the violence she witnessed and trauma she experienced as a child, which drove her to self medicate with alcohol and drugs. Blige recalled how she would go to the pier to drink with her friends to numb the pain.

Blige recalled the urgency she felt to get

her family out of public housing. "I didn't even know what I was doing because I was in survival mode," Blige said. "I had to save my family" and get them out of public housing.

## \$1M Earmarked For Westhab, YMCA

Yonkers could see \$1 million go toward community service projects as part of a \$300 billion House-passed spending bill now before the Senate.

The bill allocates \$500,000 for Westhab to repair the organization's affordable housing units in Southwest Yonkers and \$496,000 for Yonkers' YMCA of Yonkers to renovate the pool into a state-of-the-art swim center.

## 7th Annual Arts Weekend on Oct. 23

Yonkers will host its 7th annual Yonkers Arts Weekend (YAW) festival on Saturday, Oct. 23.

The festival will showcase a wide range of exhibitions, free art workshops and musical performances across four venues including: pop-up galleries and workshops in the Downtown Waterfront District; the 18th Annual YoHo Artist Open Studios at the historic Alexander Smith Carpet Mills; Untermyer Gardens, with music by the Untermyer Performing Arts Council; and the Hudson River Museum.

The next day, I talked to him about the 9-8 loss and he was crushed. He was devastated. He said what was so upsetting is that "It was the Field of Dreams game!!! This is going to be with me forever." He's 9!

Well, I. Juana. I've been shopping for a few hours and now experience a different kind of agony—the agony of defeat." Time for a footbath!

*Janet Guyon Hanford (C65) is a former cheerleader and was voted Most Versatile by her '65 senior class.*



**THE RAINBOW CONNECTION**—A downtown crosswalk is decorated to signify the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender social movements during Gay Pride celebrations in Yonkers during July,



**SMOKE 'EM IF YOU GOT THEM**—One of a few remaining Otis Elevator smokestacks near the company's foundry as seen from the Yonkers train tracks.

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victory is that he went on to win three Stanley Cups with the Oilers.

Baseball has its disappointments as well. The Yankees and The White Sox iconic "Field of Dreams" game looked like a sure loss for the Yankees until the ninth inning when they went ahead for an 8-7 lead. My grandson, Will, a Massachusetts Yankee in Red Sox Court, called us, all excited, describing play-by-play how they got there, since we were without TV service at the time. We told him to let us know how the game ended. He didn't call. We instinctively knew why.



## Yonkers' Motto: 'Go Anywhere From Here'

Many of us already have, but Yonkers' new marketing campaign is "Yonkers On The River—Go Anywhere From Here."

According to the mayor's office, the slogan "embodies the endless possibilities you can explore from the heart of Yonkers. The new campaign celebrates the robust businesses and diverse communities in downtown Yonkers. The downtown is undergoing an incredible revitalization, and this new initiative lets everyone know that #YonkersOnTheRiver is the place to be. #YonkersStrong."

## State Comptroller Gives City Some Budget Tips

If the tune sounds familiar, it's because it is.

New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli's annual audit of city finances says that Yonkers relies on nonrecurring revenue of \$55.2 million to balance its budget and could face a shortfall of \$3 million in parking violations and park revenues.

He also noticed that the city plans to borrow up to \$15 million for tax certiorari settlements and that firefighter OT may go \$2 million over budget.

He recommends that the city replace non-recurring revenue by using a fund balance and pay tax certiorari claims from annual appropriations instead of using debt.

## Getting Rid of Ratso Is an Italian Connection

Yonkers has reached overseas to get rid of a very nasty local problem—rats.

The city has distributed 30 green metal boxes shipped from Italy filled with Oreos and sunflower seeds to corral the pesky critters at the cost of \$50,000 for six months, which includes cleaning and re-baiting. The difference between the boxes and other rat traps is that they keep the rats out of sight once they're caught.

At the end of the six month period, the city will have to decide if it will continue using them, and if so, how to fund it.

## Con Ed Fined \$82M For Isaias Snafu

Con Edison and Orange & Rockland will pay New York more than \$82 million to settle claims over their ill-prepared response to Tropical Storm Isaias, whose heavy winds and rain left more than 1.5 million customers without power last August.

Con Ed had failed to obtain additional work crews in a timely manner after it was clear the storm would be more severe than originally anticipated in New York, which contributed to lengthy delays in restoring power.

The utilities were also charged with failure to adequately communicate information to customers experiencing power outages.

## 'Time Traveler' Brings Christmas to Yonkers

It was 90 degrees and there was "snow" on the ground—it must be filming day in Yonkers.

The cast and crew from HBO's "The Time Traveler's Wife" were filming winter scenes in July on Alexander Street, as well as on Dock Street and Wells Avenue.

Crews created snow for the scenes by dotting the sidewalks and dusting a few cars with fake snow.

They even threw in a street-side Christmas tree sales lot.

## Iona/Hospital to Build Health Science School

Iona College is partnering with NewYork-Presbyterian to create a new health sciences school on Concordia College's former campus in Bronxville.

A \$20 million gift from the hospital network will help establish the New York-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences. The venture with NewYork-

Presbyterian will include the renovation of existing facilities. Iona plans to build on its existing health science programs and develop new offerings.

Health sciences will play a major role in Iona's plans for Concordia's former property, though. The college, which projects about 25% of its incoming freshmen this fall to pursue health sciences, anticipates this initiative will have a significant impact on its students and the health care field.

## County D.A. Weeds Out Marijuana Convictions

Westchester D.A. Mimi Rocah dismissed 184 marijuana cases tried in Westchester County following the state's passage of legalized marijuana.

"Dismissing all marijuana cases, including underlying bench warrants, has been a priority of mine, and the legislature's repeal of Article 221 was long overdue. The decriminalization of marijuana possession is critical given the discriminatory way marijuana laws have been used to incarcerate people of color." Rocah said.

## It's Not the Exits, It's the Miles

Planning on taking the Hutch to the Cross County to get to Yonkers? Don't take Exit 13N—it's now Exit 6B.

The state Department of Transportation has changed the parkway's exit numbers to a mileage-based exit system. According to the DOT, the change will provide a consistent exit numbering system to avoid confusing motorists. Interstate 84 and the Taconic have already made the mileage switch.

According to a DOT press release, "Under the new system, exit numbers correspond to mileage markers. So, an exit between mileage markers 1 and 2, will be numbered Exit 1. If there are additional exits before mileage marker 2, the exits will have letters added — 1A, 1B, 1C, etc."

Recalculating, recalculating.

## Priceless Memories



## Going Out On A Limb Again

Seldom have I been ahead of science, but after reading a recent article in our local paper, I feel like I possess a scientific edge on the topic of trees.

I've written about trees here before, but more in the context of my deep appreciation and love of them, beginning as a child old enough to climb. As a toddler and up to second grade, I saw them as fuzzy, (literally), green, Fairyland-like objects that waved to me when the breezes blew. It was determined in second grade that I needed glasses.

Donning my glasses for the first time, I was astounded to realize that a tree's individual leaves were clearly defined when seen from a distance and fuzziness was not their natural characteristic.

A whole new visual appreciation of trees was born; more tree magic for this 8-year-old. It solidified my admiration and lifelong feeling of kinship with them. I talked to trees then and still do. We understand each other.

Enter science.

Perhaps some of you are already aware that we humans share a lot of our DNA and also some of our physiology with plants. Don't believe me, just ask Charles Darwin. Way back in the 19th century, he believed that trees had a kind of vegetable brain and their sensitive root tips reacted like neurons. Fast forward to author Peter Wohlleben's latest book, *The Heartbeat of Trees* and you will find this same idea expressed within its pages. I confess, I'd never heard of him, nor his earlier best seller, *The Hidden Life of Trees*.

## Tree-mendous



**UNDER THE SPREADING PINCHOT TREE—Yvonne Price's family stands.**

Here are some revelations Peter presents:

- Those leaves that came into focus for me at age 8 possess "transparent lens like cuticles" that trees may actually use as primitive EYES;
- Trees can angle their roots to capture water deep underground because they HEAR it flowing; and
- Here is where I was definitely ahead of the scientific community, trees pump their sap at regular three and four-hour intervals, suggesting they possess a kind of HEART.

You may remember the story of my heart tree. Well, well, trees with hearts. Who knew?

I DID!

I'm relieved that the author cannot prove trees are conscious. I would feel queasy if that were the case, knowing how many

are felled, deliberately or naturally. He does write that trees have memories that they can pass on "epigenetically" to their babies. Four years of Latin didn't help me decipher the meaning of that word, so I looked it up. You can too.

It was only a few days ago that serendipity met science. Looking for a place to picnic, we happened upon the oldest, 300 years, and largest tree in Connecticut, the Pinchot Sycamore, majestic at 28-feet around, more than 100-feet tall and with a canopy spread of 120 feet. It was MAGNIFICENT.

The best part of all this? Trees appear to use a "voltage-based signaling system." Hug them. They may sense your electric presence, which, of course, is not at all shocking to me.

***Yvonne Sullivan Price was queen of the '65 senior prom and is a retired school administrator.***





**SCHOOL DAZE**—Frank McGlinchey's granddaughter, Savannah, marks the occasion of her first day of school in Lexington, Ky. Only 2,340 more days to go until college.



**RECORD HEAT AND BURNING TREE**—Gale Donnelly, Sam Fried and Steve Tuers join Ursula Belle Healy as her guests at the Burning Tree Country Club in Greenwich, CT, after an early-morning round.



**WHO IS THAT MAN IN THE TUX?**—Steve Tuers poses with Coach John Volpe at Dom and Vinnie's Restaurant on Saw Mill River Road. The next time you're there, check out the wedding photo on the wall—Coach says he's the young man in the white tux.

## Yonkers Now Third Largest NYS City

Move over Rochester—Yonkers is now New York State's third largest city according to the U.S. Bureau of Census. Yonkers recorded 211,569 people in the census, a 7.9% increase from 2010. It edged out Rochester by 241 people.

"It shows that people want to move here, people want to live here, people want to invest here," Mayor Mike Spano said on Twitter. "It is a testament to what everyone does here in Yonkers."

Meanwhile, Westchester County topped the one million mark for the first time, recording 1,004,457 residents.

## Mayor: Vaccinate Or Be Tested

All municipal employees will have to provide proof they were vaccinated by September or undergo weekly testing, Mayor Mike Spano's office announced.

The Yonkers announcement requires unvaccinated employees to wear a mask indoors at their workstation, while vaccinated employees who don't interact

with the public are not required to do so. Regardless of vaccination status, city employees who interact with the public must continue to wear masks at all times. All visitors in any city or school facility must also wear face coverings.

## Ice Bucket Challenge Honors Pat Quinn

Hundreds of people turned out at Empire City Casino in Yonkers on Aug. 1 for the "ice bucket challenge" to raise money and awareness of ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

This year's event was the first since the death of the challenge's co-founder, Yonkers native Pat Quinn. He died of the disease back in November 2020 at the age of 37. Quinn's dad, Pat Sr., said his son wanted people outside the ALS community to become involved and to be aware of the disease and its impact. "Every August until a cure," he added.

## Teen Pleads Guilty In Morningside Killing

A Yonkers teenager pled guilty to second-degree murder in the accidental shooting death of Lincoln student Marilyn Cotto-

Montanez as she walked down Morningside Avenue with her 9-year-old sister last year.

Jamir Thompson, who was 15 at the time of the incident, was firing the gun at another male, but instead shot Ms. Cotto-Montanez, an innocent bystander, in the head. Thompson, now 17, was prosecuted as a juvenile offender. He faces nine years to life when he is scheduled for sentencing.

## Spano Vetoes Amended Affordable Housing Law

Mayor Mike Spano vetoed the City Council's amended Affordable Housing Ordinance (AHO) that would have doubled the city's current affordable housing from 10% to 20%.

Spano said he vetoed the measure following an independent report that concluded the amendment was unfeasible without significant public subsidy.

Spano said, "Yonkers represents 20% of Westchester County's population, yet we already house over 40% of its subsidized housing stock. I agree we need to revisit our AHO, but we need to be smart about our next steps."