

**AT A GLANCE**

**YONKERS** — Mayor Phil Amicone yesterday appointed Dan Schorr, a former prosecutor and corporate finance attorney, as Yonkers' next Inspector General.

Schorr, a candidate for Westchester County District Attorney in 2009, was a Morgan Stanley vice president in its law division from 2005 to 2008 and conducted investigations into allegations of fraud and mismanagement.

Prior to that, he was a prosecutor for seven years in both the Westchester County and Queens County District Attorney's offices.

**BRONX** — Nine Bronx schools are gearing up to compete in the 10th annual FIRST Robotics competition, with a kickoff event set for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Polytechnic Institute of NYU in Brooklyn.

Students will learn what their robotics engineering challenge will be for the next six weeks. In all, 37 local high schools will be participating.

The borough schools include Samuel Gompers High School, Morris High School, High School of Computers and Technology, Bronx High School of Science, the Eagle Academy for Young Men, Bronx Academy High School, Bronx Engineering and Technology Academy High School, Gateway School for Environmental Research and Technology High School and Lehman High School.

**JEROME PARK** — Lehman College's Office of Continuing Education will hold free career information seminars beginning Jan. 15 through early February for 29 of its non-credit certificate programs.

The programs can help individuals train for new careers, advance in their current positions or learn new skills.

For a complete seminar schedule, phone (718) 960-8512 or visit [www.lehman.edu/ce](http://www.lehman.edu/ce).

**NORWOOD** — MS80 at 149 E. Mosholu Pkwy. N. offers free English as a Second Language and General Equivalency Diploma classes. Applicants must be 21 years or older. Call (718) 405-6300.

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**Bx. Marine charged in N.C. shooting near Camp Lejeune**

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A BRONX MARINE was facing charges yesterday in a shooting earlier this week near Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Sgt. Michael Haridat, 28, is accused of assault with a deadly weapon in the shooting a man outside a Mexican restaurant early Sunday, local authorities said.

He also faces separate marijuana drug charges.

Haridat, a veteran of two tours in

Iraq, is charged with shooting a 29-year old man in the parking lot of the restaurant.

According to authorities, Haridat was involved in an early morning fight outside the restaurant that started as an argument then quickly escalated. Moments later, gunshots rang out.

Three men were wounded in the shooting. The victims, all in their 20s, were taken to area hospitals. Two of them have since been released. The third victim remained hospitalized in critical but stable condition, authorities said.

Local police arrested Haridat earlier this week on charges of possession with intent to sell marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

He is held in the Onslow County, N.C., jail in lieu of \$60,000 bail.

According to Marine officials, Haridat joined the Marine Corps in January 2002. He has served in 2007 and again in 2008. He is assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division.

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**Sgt. Michael Haridat**

**30 YEARS ON 1 WHEEL**



**On our city streets dominated by automobiles, David Stone has happily managed to get around town on his unicycle — for the past 30 years. For Stone, it's the only way to commute.** Photo by Andrew Savulich/Daily News

**Nuclear steam leak intentional**

**Response to Indian Point plant shutdown**

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THE RECENT shutdown at the Indian Point Nuclear power plant and release of contaminated steam into the atmosphere was intentional, the federal agency that oversees the nation's nuclear power plants insisted yesterday.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman Neil Sheehan said the release valves "were intentionally opened (as per plant procedures) as part of the shutdown."

The steam went undetected for two two days in November from Unit 2 at the Westchester-based nuclear plant.

NRC inspectors at Indian Point later learned that an estimated 600,000 gallons of boiling, radioactive water turned to steam and was released over the lower Hudson Valley.

Sheehan explained that boiling, radioactive water did not flash into steam as it exited the valves and hit the air, but rather that the valves first reduced pressure in the form of steam created in the steam generators.

"The boiling has already occurred in the steam generators before the steam ever reaches the atmospheric steam dump valves," he said.

A Daily News investigation confirmed that the steam dump valves were intentionally opened because of a problem in the generator at Indian Point that caused the plant to shut down.

But it also found the valve

didn't close when it was supposed to and kept releasing steam into the environment.

NRC inspectors are still trying to figure out what really happened. A report on the incident is expected at the end of the month.

Because a radioactive steam cloud is difficult to see, the massive amount of steam was verified by a NRC inspector at the plant.

Sheehan stressed that the level of a radioactive isotope tritium in the steam was below the allowable federal levels for drinking water. The News, however, has reported that the release of tritium was not in drinking water but airborne in escaped steam which is inhaled through the lungs.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency does not have safe levels set for inhaling tritium. The NRC uses the drinking water levels whenever radiated water is dumped into the Hudson River or when it threatens to contaminate ground water.

Entergy, the owner of the Indian Point, files annual reports about radioactivity regularly released into the air and water.

But The News found the reports are published too long after the fact and mired in technological jargon, unlike timely news stories that inform the general public.

Sheehan responded that "The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission takes seriously its mission of protecting people and the environment. Part of that mission is assessing the significance of events and responding accordingly."