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By Bayan Baker

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By Phil Fishy

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The incident occurred on the second wave of the Brook River Road near the intersection of Grays Spring Road, at approximately 7:30 p.m. Anyone who may have witnessed the accident is asked to call Yonkers police with any information at 914-377-2700.

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nance, a law that brought international attention to the city, was argued before the Court of Ap-
pell in Albany.

Thursday, April 16

April 16, 1914: Alexander Smithspool inspected the Yankee, the yacht he had built to defend America’s Cup.

April 16, 2011: Passed by Parliament-Larry Ashen and Leo Migration of the First Precinct, two car thieves in a $12,500 car theft in north Yonkers, abandoned the vehicle and escaped through the highly-patrolled area on Alexander Street by the railroad tracks as the officers were closing in on them. The police found four teens in their at-
tempts to rob the car drivers.

April 16, 1915: Police seized 30 slot ma-
chines in citywide raids. Detective Sgt. Henry

Wednesday, April 15

A “Teen Night” organized by teens for teens will take place at Maple, April 11 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Hudson River Museum, 511 West 155th Ave., Yonkers. The free event features film shorts — selec-
tions from the Yonkers Film Festival — as well as a meeting with filmmakers. Films include “Zugswang,” “Fisher,” “Most Dangerous Game,” “Une Balade a la Mer,” “Paco Peralta,” “Today I Did My Laundry,” “Muffin” and “Lo-
loweh’s hunt.” Also, “Get tattooed” with temporary ink by a tattoo artist, join a scavenger hunt, win prizes, and enjoy refreshments.

This event is co-sponsored by the Hudson River Museum and the Yonkers Film Festival. For more information, call 914-963-4550 or visit www.hrm.org.

Alamo Drive-in Cinemas will present the shocking, lion-filled “ROAR” on Friday, April 24 at 22548 Central Park Ave., Yonkers. “ROAR” follows wildlife preservationist Hans (the “Exorcist”) and his son in his solo and career-defining turn as an actor and director, who lives harrowingly along-
side a menagerie of untamed animals, includ-
ing cheetahs, elephants, lions and tigers, on a preservation in the African plains. When his wife and children arrive (real-life wife Tippi Hedren from “The Birds” and step-daughter Melanie Griffiths from “Working Girl”) for a Visit, a long-brewing battle for dominance be-
tween two lions erupts and threatens their very lives.

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Register Your Kids Now For Camp Rays

Camp Rays begins June 29 and continues through July 5. The one-week sessions will be offered at four sites throughout the city, open to children age 5 through 14. Campers will have the opportunity to participate in activities including basketball, softball, soccer, arts and crafts, music, swimming, field trips, and more.

Additionally, several daytime trips are offered as part of the camp this year, including trips to a New York Mets game at Intersect Sea and Air Space Museum in New York City; and other amusement parks.

Registration is available at www.yon-
kerrays.org, or by calling the camp office at 914-226-3082. Camp Ray’s summer day camp for chil-
dren has been one of the Parks Department’s most popular seasonal programs for more than 15 years.

Mayor Mike Spano and the Yonkers De-
partment of Parks, Recreation and Conser-
vation announced the registration dates for Camp Rays is now open for residents and Wednesday, April 8 at 7PM for

By Dan Murphy

The Yonkers Police Benevolent Asso-
ciation will host two upcoming fund-raising events this month.

On Sunday, April 12 at noon as Yonkers Brewing Co., 92 Main St., there will be a fund-
raising for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation, a non-volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives.

To date, more than 60 volunteers — com-
prised mostly of Yonkers police officers — have joined our team and will have their heads shaved Sunday. Participants shave their heads in solidarity with kids fighting cancer, while

Donating 25% to StBaldrick's

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The Global Corner: It’s Not Easy...U.S.-Colombia Relations

By E. Thomsen

This new monthly column will discuss topics that are occurring abroad that can potentially influence our lives here at home. The recent crisis in the relationship between the United States and Colombia is an example of that. So, let’s dive into the Colombia saga that Washington has set in motion.

The recent spat between the United States and Colombia is a perfect example of the challenge that the U.S. faces in the post-Cold War era. As the world’s only superpower, the U.S. has the responsibility to maintain a balance of power and prevent any single country from becoming too powerful. Colombia, with its significant oil reserves and strategic location, is a key player in the global geopolitical landscape.

The U.S. has long been a partner of Colombia, providing military and economic assistance to support the Colombian government. However, the recent spat between the two countries has raised questions about the future of their relationship. The U.S. has imposed sanctions on Colombia, accusing it of human rights violations and drug trafficking. Colombia, in turn, has retaliated by cutting off military aid and threatening to withdraw from the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance.

This spat is not just about Colombia and the U.S. It is a reflection of the broader geopolitical landscape, where power is shifting and alliances are changing. As the U.S. looks to maintain its global influence, it must navigate complex relationships with countries around the world. This includes building partnerships, managing disputes, and preventing the rise of new competitors.

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This column is a first step in exploring the complex relationship between the U.S. and Colombia. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as events unfold. In the meantime, it is clear that the U.S. and Colombia must work together to build a more stable and prosperous future for both nations.

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Regus Debates at Ridge Hill

Ridge Hill and Forest City Ranch Companies on March 30 welcomed Regus, the world’s largest provider of flexible office space, to Ridge Hill. New Regus’ center occupies close to 6,000 square feet at 573 Mamaroneck Ave. in the WESTMED Corporate Park.

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Weekend service changes:

**Route 1W** – There will be weekday schedule adjustments and an added southbound trip departing from Getty Square at 5:30 a.m. to 7, 12, 21, 30, and 40. There will be weekly schedule adjustments.

Routes 8, 9, and 78 – There will be weekday, Saturday, and Sunday schedule adjustments.

Route 65 – There will be a weekday morning and evening trip added to meet later trains at the Scarsdale train station.

For more information about weekday schedule adjustments, visit www.westchester.gov/belinebus or call the Bee-Line hotline at 914-813-7777 Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.; automated information is available 24 hours a day.

Yonkers Named Among the ‘Top 10 Healthiest Cities’

There are two parts to every great healthy city. The first is access to quality and affordable health care, and the second is promoting and enabling a healthy lifestyle for its residents through infrastructure and amenities.

With this in mind, Livability.com has named Yonkers a "Top 10 Healthiest City, 2015" as Yonkers provides residents with exercise opportunities, good food choices and strong support networks to help live healthy lives.

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People stepped walking, respectfully, and came out of area stores, taking photos of this Christian witness. Yonkers police also held up traffic to allow for this procession to take place in the city.

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Once again, Howard Berman’s daughter Samantha came from London with her husband, Segal, and children Allison and Lewis. The Del-Piore Family of Yonkers continued to make this a family affair for the 14th year by introducing new grandchildren to the annual event.

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A parks department employee joins Mayor Spano, Deputy Commissioner Steve Sacone and Commissioner Yvette Hartshorn.

PAL Vice-President Howard Berman with family and the Easter Bunny.

From left are John Harrigan, PAL recreation director; Mayor Mike Spano; the Easter Bunny, David Vallar; Chris Palandra, PAL building director; and City Council Minority Leader Michael Sabatino.

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