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Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano addressed the crowd, as did Linda Cooper, regional director of New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Steve Oakes, manager of the Philipse Manor Hall, greeted the crowd, as well.

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Nodine Seniors Relive Memories at Castle Royal

The Nodine Seniors Group 12 hold its Mothers’ Day/Fathers’ Day luncheon June 4 at Castle Royal. The event was planned by President Jane Lukaczyn and Treasurer Rita Rauso, and more than 100 people attended.

Jane Alvardo, recreation supervisor with the Yonkers Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department, made arrangements for the band and attended the event.

Madeline and Frank Forlenza celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married June 4, 1961, and had their wedding reception at Castle Royal when the place was known as the Polish Community Center. Elaina Korczyn said, through teary eyes, that if her husband was still alive, this day would be perfect.

Others in the group also had stories to tell. Virginia and Gus Symanski were married 64 years ago, on May 26, 1951. Rita and Joe Rauso have been married for 60 years, and their wedding reception was held upstairs; Mary and Otto Sapida had their wedding reception in the same room 59 years ago.

Josephine and Lee Wyka were married 58 years ago, and their reception was also at the castle, upstairs. There were just some of the great memories attendees heard.

The Nodine Seniors Group spent an afternoon enjoying a delicious buffet, dancing to great music, and socializing with friends.

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Charter School Raises $2K for March of Dimes

The Charter School of Educational Excellence hosted a fund-raiser and fundraiser for the March of Dimes last week, in which students in kindergarten through grade four took a 1½ mile walk from the school to Trevor Park, and back.

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The idea is to help our veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice – especially those who gave their last full measure of devotion, but we do not want to commit our city to their service,” said Council President Liam McLaughlin. “Many gave their lives for our freedom. Our city is willing to provide help for those who served our country.”

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One of last year's successful participants called it "an invaluable experience.

"It was at the conference that I was lucky enough to meet my agent, who recently sold one of my books," saidspane. "The conference was very informative and inspiring day that truly changed the course of my writing career."
On This Day in Yonkers History

State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins, joined by Assemblymember Shelley Mayer, right, and Yonkers City Councilman Christopher John Mahony, left, and Westchester tenants.

Lawmakers Seek Renewal of Rent Regulations

Friday, June 12, 2015

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Tennis great Bill Tilden played an exhibition double at the South Yonkers Tennis Club, winning both.

"Big Bill" Tilden played two exhibition games at the Woman's Institute and a banquet way to the official convention headquarters at the Hollywood Inn. Many delegates arrived at the hotel tent. The good weather took the fingers to Brownsville and Halstead streets.

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Seeger authorized the Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Company, married Francis O'Neill at St. Patrick's Church, and a half. He imposed a total of $382 in fines and a $50,000 salary in 2008 can no longer be obtained.

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Social Security's Evolution

By Julius Javier

Social Security assistant district manager in Yonkers

The first program to be commercially successful was implemented June 22, 1936. The benefi-

cial years later, Social Security still used the same type Social Security cards, Workkeys, forms and applications. This system required thousands of employees to create, main-

tain, manage and file the folders for each current and future beneficiary by hand to ensure accurate pro-
unges and compliance criteria.

Social Security benefits are based on your earnings record. Your earnings record includes your earnings from January 1, 1951 to December 31, 2014. If you receive monthly Social Security benefits, you can change your address and phone number. If you receive monthly Social Security benefits and need a change in your Social Security number, you will need to contact the Social Security Administration. You can change your Social Security number by calling 1-800-772-1213 or by visiting a Social Security office in person.

Residents, Pick Up Free Wood Chips at DPW

Residents are encouraged to pick up free wood chips at DPW. DPW offers wood chips to residents at two locations: the Yonkers Organic Waste Yard and the Westchester Organic Waste Yard. The wood chips are available for pickup on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents are encouraged to pick up wood chips at the Yonkers Organic Waste Yard, 1000 Nepperhan Ave., during regular business hours, which are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents who need assistance in picking up wood chips can contact the DPW at 914-949-6900.

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John N. Romano, Esq., Referee.

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situated and located in the Town of Yonkers, County of Westchester, State of New York, described as

25 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, N.Y. 10701

and

New York on 7/16/2015, at 9:30 am, premises known as 833 Tuckahoe Road, Yonkers, NY

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Westchester Coun-

ty Clerk's Office on 5/11/2015, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at

the City Clerk’s Office, 255 North Broadway, Yonkers, New York 10701, on Monday, June 22

2015, at 9:30 a.m., the premises known as 833 Tuckahoe Road, Yonkers, New York. The street

directory is: 470 Midland Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10704. SSNY has

under the relation of Registered process server to: WE MOVE DIFFERENT GROUP, LLC 25 Warburton Ave., Yonkers,

914-965-4000

Mindspark Employees

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Bryan Baker

fifteen photos, poems and works of art from the hundreds of high school students at YPS who are members of the Group. The event also featured music and performances from various artists.

During Mindspark’s Impact Day, employees set up two new Beta Bucket grow-

On board the Science Barge, Mindspark

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“...and there it was – the American Dream.”

“I know they're proud of me and that's what

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Visitors Will Be ‘Envious’ Of HRM’s Summer Exhibit

"Envy", the most corrosive of the seven deadly sins, is making its appearance at the Hudson River Museum through Sept. 26.

Artistic signifiers of envy are seen through three-dimensional objects: Tempting apples, gold coins and mirrors, all connoting the age-old envious thirst for riches, and then they give the fairy tale clue—the red heart and consumed by envy).

"Envy" is a museum-wide exhibition that includes a photographic portrait gallery of fairy tale characters. The queen wears a white gown and still morally intact, invites us to begin the story that lays before us on the page, but the fairy tale has another dimension—it is eerily similar to today’s Google search, where we can see into the lives of others without being seen, but on a screen. Fairy tales record, colorfully, the strivings and errors of others, and then we give the fairy tale clue—the moral, the right way, to do.

Visitors may not recognize the names of the characters. They will recognize the faces. Fairy tales show us as we are and as we should be. "Once Upon a Time," a fairy tale’s time-honored opener, could in Broom’s photographs.

Any other additional funds for YPS will have to come from the state. A hotel occupancy tax for Yonkers would generate less than $1 million for next year, if passed by Albany.

A sales tax increase, if approved by the council and Albany, would generate up to $5 million, but that money was supposed to go toward paying off the first of $41 million in deficit bonding to close a two-year gap at a deficit-busting rate. A negative outcome would mean that the council and the mayor would have to find additional funds in the proposed budget, or pass a budget that includes the $26 million hole, and cuts to YPS.

Sponsored by the Westchester County Department of Social Services, the fourth annual ?Pal’s 31st Annual Lunch continues to be the largest fundraiser for the Palisades Animal League. A look at the menu:

09/21 11 AM: Buffet lunch.

09/21 11 AM: $21
to charge does not have the support of a majority of the council members.

The works of Adrian Broom, including "The Gift of a Dream," above, are part of the Hudson River Museum’s summer 2015 exhibit. "Envy," the most corrosive of the seven deadly sins, is making its appearance at the Hudson River Museum through Sept. 26.

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Yonkers Celebrates its African-American Heritage

From left are a Community Voices Heard staff member, Minority Leader Michael Sabatino, 2015 Parade Grand Marshal Herman Keith, YAAHC Secretary and Scholarship Committee Chairwoman Audrey Johnson, YAAHC Senator and Pan-African Flag-Raising Chairwoman Regina Oyanike Hutchins-Winstead, a YAAHC member, Ellore Grossett, 2015 King Learoy Smith (Yonkers Montessori Academy), YAAHC President Robert Winstead, State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Mayor Mike Spano.

Members of the National Guard lead the rededication ceremony at Philipse Manor Hall.

Fire Drumline Marchers thrill the crowd.

Photos by Donna Davis

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In addition to the procession and program the day included tours of the house, crafts for children, refreshments, and a display of historic materials in the gallery. Visitors were able to sign a replica of the Emancipation Proclamation expressing their support for justice and freedom. Of particular interest was a letter signed by Lincoln to the women of the “village” of Yonkers, thanking them for their fundraising to support the care of wounded during the war.

The event was attended by more than 150 people, including State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins, City Council President Liam McLaughlin, and Councilmen Michael Sabatino and Christopher Johnson. The staff of Philipse Manor Hall and the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall provided volunteers for the day.

Instrumental in planning this event were Dave Martin, Bob Walters, Glenn Borghoff, Donna Davis and Friends President Shannon Daugherty.

Upcoming events at Philipse Manor Hall include:

- The “Fighting for Freedom” movie series featuring “12 Years a Slave” on Saturday, June 13 at 4 p.m.

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This is part three of the four-part “Fighting for Freedom” movie series, in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. The movie is rated R (for language, violence and nudity) and admission is free.

- A guided tour will take place Saturdays, June 13 and 20 at noon.

Like your tours with a more personal touch? Accompany a group on a private museum tour with a knowledgeable docent. The cost is $5 for adults, $3 for seniors and students or free for Friends members and for children 12 and younger.

- As part of the New York State’s “Path through History Weekend,” join the staff of Philipse Manor Hall on a walking tour of downtown Yonkers on Saturday, June 20 at 10 a.m.

Philipse Manor Hall and downtown Yonkers have both shaped and been shaped by the Saw Mill – or Nepperhan – River. Following the river from its mouth at the Hudson to Chicken Island, patrons will learn about the growth of Yonkers from 1682 to the present, and discuss how these changes are connected to larger trends in New York and the United States. The cost is $5 for adults, $3 for seniors and students, and free for Friends members and for children 12 and younger.

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