Yonkers remembers Orlando shooting victims

City Hall was recently lit in the colors of the rainbow flag to support the victims of the Orlando attack.

Yonkers City Hall was lit up in the colors of the rainbow flag to wake up the community, the Yonkers Orlando and the nation to mourn the mass shooting that occurred last Sunday morning, leaving many shooting early in the week. All flags were also at half staff.

"I extend my deepest condolences to those affected by this senseless act of hate on the LGBT community," said Mayor Mike Spano.

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Sailors & WWII Vets March in Crestwood Parade

American Legion Emere Pasqua Post members hosted sailors from the USS Bath and gathered in Crestwood Parade. The US Navy and Crestwood residents parade on the same day.

Three World War II veterans and a contingent of Sailors and Marines from Fleet Week 2016 parades marched in the Memorial Day parade and ceremony in Yonkers' Crestwood neighborhood.

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Archbishop Stepinac High School's appeal extends across generations, as evidenced by the recent Legacy reception that recognized several alumni fathers, uncles, and their sons and nephew of the Class of 2016. The ceremony occurred on the eve of the school's 66th annual commencement exercises.

Recognized were Peter Howard of White Plains (Class of ’77) and son, Justin; Ronald Mascardaro of Hartsdale (’80) and son, Ronald; Stephen Ryan of White Plains (’74) and son, John; Stanley Aufieri of Yonkers (’67) and son, Matthew; Peter Plati of Mt. Vernon (’79) and son, Christopher; Tom Ulrich of White Plains (’82) and sons Kevin and Liam; James Walsh of Yonkers (’84) and son, Thomas; Joseph Collins of White Plains (’81) and son, Christopher; David Sanchez of White Plains (’86) and son, Eric; Also Arthur Piloco of Hartsdale (’74) and son, Nicholas; William McBride of White Plains (’86) and son, William; and William Maloney of Scarsdale (’85) and son, Donald; and Joe Mayne of Ossining (’80) and son, Mark.

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Steinbrenner Institute of Radcliffe College. She has taught at Yale Divinity School, Yale Institute of Sacred Music, the Ecumenical Institute of Theology at St. Mary’s Seminary and University, and Boston University.

Former national chaplain for the American Guild of Organists, chairwoman of the Professional Concerns Committee for the Association of Anglican Musicians, and coordinator of the 1990 National AGO Convention in Boston, she is the author of articles, reviews and books.

Sirota is recorded on Northeastern, Gaspandre and Albany Records and has book “Preaching to the Choir: Claiming the Role of Sacred Musician” is available from Church Publishing. Previous positions include vicar of the Church of the Holy Nativity in Baltimore, Md.; and curate, pastor and vicar at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine.

The congregation is overjoyed that Mother Vicki has chosen to come to Yonkers and St. John’s – one of the oldest churches in the Bronx. St. John’s Church plays an important role in Yonkers, located in the center of downtown and serving the needs of many in Yonkers who need help the most.

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Happy Father's Day

By Michael Muro

This Sunday is Father's Day, a day in which families join together to honor Dad on this special day. Parties may include a special meal on Father's Day Eve where the kids and grandparents (with Dad standing at the head barbecue flipping the burgers) or dinner at a crowded restaurant with Daddy,normally, skipping up the tab, meaning that everyone pays their money equal.

But there are the gifts, you, those golf skirts that look like the ones from last year, and let's not forget those mugs that read “Super Dad” or “World's Best Grandpa.”

For many of us, Father’s Day is a time of reflection, a day to remember the good times and the bad. For others, it’s a day to think about what they wish could have been.

Levy Out for County Board

By Dan Murphy

Last week, Yonkers Rising reported that Mayor Sylvester McLean was a candidate to replace County Legislator Bernice Spreckman. As the special election to fill this seat over the summer.

Deputy Mayor Steve Levy was a candidate to replace County Legislator Bernice Spreckman, who resigned last week after 20 years on the Board. Levy would have been the strongest Democratic candidate for County Board, is also said to be considering this race. Yonkers Democrats will have to nominate a candidate for the special election to fill the seat over the summer.

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There are two kinds of men as well. The kind who live, and the kind who die. But back through his years from age to youth, to the end of his life. Out in the open light he fought and he conquered. He didn't care what others thought. Nor what they said about his fight. If he believed that he was right. If he believed that his fight was worth it. If he believed that his fight was worth it.

Men are of two kinds, and he was of the kind of the like to him. No door at which he ever knocked was ever refused. No broken pledge lost him respect. He met all men with head erect, and when he was pressed, I think there went in a soul to yonder firmament of the heavens. No broken pledge lost him respect. He met all men with head erect, and when he was pressed, I think there went in a soul to yonder firmament of the heavens.

The kind you live, the ones you tell.

What speech he had was plain and blunt. His words were never more than necessary. Yet children loved him, babe and boy. Played with the strength he could employ. Without one fear, and they are few. To some injustice and dear.

No back door gossip linked his name with any shady deal of shame. He did not have to compromise with evil-doers, shrewd and wise. And let him ply his vicious trade. Because of some past escapade.

Dad took my sister to the Bronx Zoo at 3 p.m. back then Yonkers Mayor Angelo Martinelli at my temple, raising much needed funds. We come home and was having chest pains. He went home to Mount Hope Cemetery that day off – Dad went to Mount Hope Cemetery.

Our Sunday outings were always special. Dad always stopped at our friends the Stein on Hawthorne Avenue were his favorites. In Yonkers; Aunt Gladys and Uncle Harry Goldstein on Hawthorne Avenue were his favorites.

The above is typical of the comments we get about Community Home Care’s top-rated aids and the services they provide. So is “The most peaceful, the most loving, able aid I've ever had for my mother.”

With top-rated Aides and over 33 years of delivering highest-quality, private pay services to the community. Customers stand at the forefront of Westchester County’s home care providers. At Community, we make sure that your loved ones get a personalized, unobstructed experience, summed up in 4 words:

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Community can help your family by providing affordable care, assistance with applying and arranging payments by Medicaid. And we make the transition to community care for maximum convenience and the ultimate in peace-of-mind.

Any day, any time, when you need us, we’re here for you!
The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets available for adoption. Sheldon is a 2-1/2 year-old, 95-pound dog who was found as a stray on Memorial Day. It seems Sheldon has had an owners, so he was found hardwareed, wormed, and well fed, and is comfortable around people. Also, he is neutered. Sheldon likes to be around people, and he is very friendly and is always busy playing. He is on adoption hold for 7 days, open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact 914-377-6730 ext. 101, or email lesliem147@gmail.com.
Sweeney to Be Renamed Acting Fire Commissioner

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced last week that Robert Sweeney will return to the Yonkers Fire Department as its chief of staff. Sweeney’s nomination will be presented in the coming weeks to the Yonkers City Council for final confirmation in August that once again bring his impressive list of credentials to our department, including his incredible instincts, on-the-job knowledge and depth of knowledge of the workings of the fire department,” said Spano. “Robert Sweeney has been an exceptional fire commissioner for us and we are happy to welcome him back to Yonkers.”

Sweeney rejoins YFD after spending 35 years in the department after the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001. He is also well respected with his incredible instincts, on-the-job experience and in-depth knowledge of the workings of the fire department. Sweeney’s提名 will be presented in the coming weeks to the Yonkers City Council for final confirmation in August.

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Coffee and Conversation With Latimer, Ottis & Parker

State Sen. Ginger Livsey, Assemblyman Steve Otis and County Legislator Catherine Parker invited residents to discuss state and county issues at 10 a.m. in Fish’s Gym, 18 between 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the Dutchess Dairy Bar and Bistro in Rye City, and 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at The Notary Shop in Mamaroneck.

No appointment is needed, and fine literature will be available regarding state and county issues. For more information, call 914-934-5260.

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**Taste The Tradition...**

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By Mary Hoar

President emerita, Yonkers Historical Society

Monday, June 20

June 20, 1926: The Chamber of Commerce announced it had given up its plans to build a hotel at South Broadway near Mar- nie Street; only one-third of the needed $1.5 million for the project had been raised. The chamber refunded the $500,000 it had raised, and expressed hope that private money would build a hotel in Yonkers.

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Senior and Health Care

Hospital Raises Funds for Kids to Attend Summer Camp

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The community has raised more than $50,000 in employee donations that will enable 17 homeless and disadvantaged children to attend Brighter Futures Summer Day Camp, a program of the nonprofit social services agency Lifting Up Westchester, based in White Plains. Through the Brighter Futures program, children in need may enjoy “a stimulating and recreational environment where they can escape from their problems and the stigma of poverty, and simply be kids.”

The fundraising initiative at White Plains Hospital was spearheaded by nursing staff and conducted in celebration of National Nurse Week. “We are thrilled that we raised more than three times our initial goal for the wonderful program,” said Andres LaCourciere, RN, surgical services educator at the hospital. “Thanks to the hard work of our nursing colleagues and the generosity of the White Plains Hospital family, 17 children will enjoy the camp experience.”

At the close of this week’s Yonkers City Council meeting, minority leader Michael Sabatino said: “The events of this past week have had a devastating effect on the all of Americans, breaking our trust in our society’s safety. As a member of the LGBT community, this has shaken me to the core of my soul: I hate still continues as I read on Facebook and Twitter some comments that compound the pain.”

Comments such as “50 gay people died today. I hope they burn in hell!” spread like wildfire. “We are all Americans who are here pursuing equality and happiness. We are your neighbors, your children, your nieces and nephews. We are black, brown, white and yellow. We want to work together to educate others about our differences. We are human beings who just want to live our lives and be with and raise our families. Truly freedom does not come easy for us.”

“Your support of our children, our loved ones and all member of LGBT and Hispanic community. “The mayor’s LGBT Advisory Board and the Yonkers LGBT community want to invite you, the public, to a pride ceremony and memorial service Monday, June 20 at 5 p.m. at City Hall to a day mourning and lowering to half staff,” continued Sabatino. “The board would like to thank the mayor for supporting this event. The board would also like to invite the councilmembers to participate in the reading of the names of the victims of this hateful attack.”

The new MRI, a Siemens 1.5 Tesla Magna- tom Aero Open Bore MRI, is a state-of-the-art MRI that provides advanced clinical applications, including the ability to screen for breast cancer and tools for evaluating other oncological conditions. It has a wide diameter that gives patients a feeling of spaciousness and is short enough to allow a person’s head to remain inside the magnet during exams. In addition to being faster, quieter and more comfortable than traditional MRI scanners, the system features custom mood lighting to reduce anxiety, and patients are able to listen to the music of their choice.

New Transplant Venture Announced in Yonkers

Montefiore Health System has a new collaboration program with its partner, St. John’s Bri- cersville Hospital, to offer patients suffering from kidney, pancreas or liver disease an opportunity to be evaluated for transplantation at St. John’s by specialists from Montefiore Einstein Center for Transplantation. The collaboration is designed to increase continuity of care for patients and their families with their local health care providers and transplant experts in an easy, accessible manner. “Earlier evaluation of patients suffering from kidney, pancreas and liver disease can help identify potential barriers to being placed on transplant lists and determine if alternative medical or surgical therapies would be more appropriate,” said Dr. Milind Kolhatkar, chief of the Division of Transplantation and director of abdominal transplantation at the Montefiore Eri- n Center for Transplantation, and professor of surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. “We encourage transplant candidates to take advantage of these consultations as they can help ensure comprehensive care is tailored to the patient’s needs.”

For information about scheduling appoint- ments, please contact 914-877-7474 or 1-877-CURE-KDNY (1-877-287-3536), or visit montefiore.org/kidney.

Seniors and Health Care

Radiology Dept. at Phelps Earns Another Accreditation

The radiology department at Phelps Memo- rial Hospital received accreditation from the American College of Radiology for the Sam- mano MRI system and imaging services offered in the new MRI Center. This three-year accreditation includes imaging of the body, head, spine, muscu- loskeletal, arterial studies and – for the first time at Phelps – cardiac MRI, which is usually performed at larger hospitals.

The department was designated a Diagnos- tic Imaging Center of Excellence by the ACR in 2015, and in order to maintain its standing as such it must have accreditation for all of the ACR-rated imaging services it provides.

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Councilman Mike Breen said it’s been an "extremely difficult" budget year. "Following weeks of budget hearings and deliberations, the City of Yonkers is increasing the Board of Education budget by $550 million, which is the largest contribution to the BOE in the city's history. The city's combined general fund and capital budget for the 2016-2017 academic year is $1.37 billion. Councilman Christopher Johnson said that, considering the city's financial situation, it was a wise decision to vote for the budget. The city has $1 billion in its general fund and $200 million in its capital fund, which is more than the city's debt service, said Johnson. The mayor and the city councilors have been working together to keep the city's budget in check and to make cuts where necessary. The mayor has also been working with the state to secure additional funding for the city.
A Yonkers Hidden Secret: Castle Royale

Castle Royale caterers

By Paul Foley

When I was speaking with a good friend of mine, George Hadl, he suggested I try a new restaurant that just opened up in the New Rochelle Polish Cultural Society’s banquet hall. Castle Royale was located at 92 Broadway in Yonkers.

One thing about my friend George is that he knows the good food. He went with a group of friends of mine and we were pleasantly surprised. They had completely remodeled the whole place and it looked beautiful. We were met by a friendly waitress, Mandi, who took great care of us.

Since this is a buffet lunch, Castle Royale offers many choices each day. Keeping with the Polish tradition it offers stuffed cabbage, potatoes, kielbasa and sauerkraut. (A sad buffet and homemade soup of the day are offered, too.)

Mandi was very attentive to our needs and we were not rushed. She took great pride in the presentation of the food and was very knowledgeable.

I have to say that this buffet is only $9.95 plus tax, all beverages are a la carte. Lunch is served from Friday 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. My group, called the Boc- ma Club, has been there last Tuesday and we have never been disappointed. The food has always had that touch of love that it was long there, nutrition which was there, and they worked to exceed our expectations.

The Waldorf Manager Harrison Squier at the Castle Royale asked me to remind readers that on most Thursday nights there are happy hours special from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, call 914-693-2550.

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So much practice I was able to do it. Chubby to this day.

Dad loved to fish. He would often take me with him to fish in New Rochelle off the rocks. He put the worm on the hook, as my hands were not touching the fish. He gave them to the captain, as Mom was not there, nutrition which was there, and they worked to exceed our expectations.

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Happy 104th Birthday, Teresa!}

Teresa was born Jan. 25, 1912 in Yonkers to Eugenie and Grace Marinos, who were both originally from Greece. She was one of 10 children in a family of Greek heritage in Mount Vernon – besides a four-year stint spent in Brooklyn – and Teresa said she remembers Yonkers as a very friendly town, where everyone knew each other and it was easy to walk or ride a bicycle.

She remembers how the old Cross County Shopping Center used to be a swamp up where the Readулtet used to be filled in, with a pond in the middle, and a well water system for the homes. There was a playground for the kids and everyone from all walks of life would gather there.

She also remembers the old Rexall Drug Store on the comer of North Broadway and McLean Avenue where she used to go when she needed to buy medicine or something else.

As a child, Teresa walked through the streets of Yonkers, which she said were lined with trees and tall buildings, and even in the winter, people would sled down the hills.

Teresa married Vincent Tortora, who was born in Italy. She has been a lifelong resident of Yonkers – besides a four-year stint spent in Brooklyn – and Teresa said she remembers Yonkers as a very friendly town, where everyone knew each other and it was easy to walk or ride a bicycle.

Teresa lived in southwest Yonkers, on top of a hill overlooking Mount Vernon, where she walked to when she needed to shop for food, only after WWII, she and her husband moved into their home.

The house in which she now lives was built by her husband during World War II. She has been living in the same house for over 60 years and she said it's a place where she feels comfortable and safe. She also said she enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Happy Birthday, Teresa! We wish you many more years of health and happiness!