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Yonkers & SLC Agree to Play Soccer Games in City

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Sarah Lawrence College President Karen Lawrence last week announced that the college’s men’s and women’s soccer teams will play their home games at Tibbetts Brook Park and Fleming Field in Yonkers, returning home to Yonkers after playing outside of the city for several years. “Yonkers is so proud to be home to a college as prestigious as Sarah Lawrence,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “We’re constantly looking for new ways to strengthen our partnership with our hometown school and are thrilled to host the Gryphons’ soccer teams.”

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The City of Yonkers is known as “the City of Hills,” and a series of long staircases helps its residents get around and up the many inclines all over the community. City lawmakers joined the Department of Public Works and members of the Lake Avenue community last week announced the official re-opening of the Lake Avenue stairs connecting to Sommerville Place. The DPW recently repaired the 150 steps and 15 landings, which have been closed to the public for over a year due to erosion.

“It is vital we address these types of quality-of-life issues in our neighborhoods, as they affect the daily lives of our residents, merchants and children and the pride they have in their community,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “For years, the Lake Avenue steps, which connect our residents to their neighbors and stores, were left in a state of disrepair. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of our City Council and DPW, these steps will now have a permanent home at the city’s Fleming Field, which connect our residents to their neighbors and stores, were left in a state of disrepair. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of our City Council and DPW, these steps will now have a permanent home at the city’s Fleming Field.”

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Councilmember Christopher Johnson added: “It was important for the city to pre- serve these steps, which benefit the residents of the Lake Avenue community. The closing of the stairs, which was made necessary by the hazardous conditions, impacted many of the residents, however repairing them speaks volumes about the pride that we have in the city and more specifically our community.”

To find your cardiologist, call 914-787-5000 or visit nyp.org/lawrenceheart instead.
There was a different kind of celebration in the Yonkers Raceway winner’s circle recently. Instead of a post-race ceremony in the owners area and driver of a victorious horse, a champagne toast marked the celebration of a rising media group’s achievement.

Eric W. Schoen, a driving force behind the grooming that calls horses to the track, certainly had a different “ring” to it.

Yonkers Raceway is a special place for this Wisconsin couple, who traveled more than 800 miles for its recent visit. Alisha is the daughter of Mike Cleary, longtime director of operations at Yonkers Raceway, and it was the first place she brought her future fiancé when they went to New York for the first time.

“It is especially important in lower-income and underserved neighborhoods,” said Mayor Mike Spano.

“Alisha and Jordan will always remember Yonkers Raceway, and New York, as the place they began a new chapter of their lives together. They have been wedding at the Raceway, and the eighth horserace, something they did on their wedding day.”

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Approximately 150 high school students controlled the contest in the college in the fall, when the College of the City of New York took on the exalted status of the center and ascended the successes.

Wednesday, July 20

July 20, 1902: An intense week-long heat wave, with temperatures at times exceeding 100 degrees, caused several factories to suspend work, as no breeze or cool spot could be found. All the Stool mills were closed.

July 21, 1931: Boretta Leonardi once again failed to appear in Yonkers City Court to answer to a speeding summons. Although he issued a ticket by Motorcycling Officer W. J. Walsh on June 26 while traveling for 40 miles an hour on North Broadway, he could only appear on one day, or County Court. James McCord would have to be present to bring the batter to court.

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Yonkers radio station a construction permit to build a new studio in February.

Local Law Amending Partsof Article IV of Chapter 15 of the Code

By Mary Haer

President Emeritus, Yonkers Historical Society

July 27

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July 28

July 28, 1928: Five-year-old Giuliana Talli became the harmonica champion of Columbus Park. Her talent was developed and encouraged by Vincent Bizzarro, chairman of the Music Commission, and Anna Chinnery, play supervisor at the park. His father, a ball player for the New

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CORPORATION NOTICE

CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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LOCAL LAW AMENDING PARTS OF ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF CITY OF YONKERS ENACTED AS SAID AND File TO CONFIRM TO THE 2015 AMENDMENTS OF THE NEW YORK STATE TAX LAW.

MIKE SPANO

Mayor

Dated: July 22, 2015

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The amount of obligations to be issued is $49,191,000.

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“Wrong-patient errors in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit are a critical issue,” said Dr. William Southern, chief of the Division of Hospital Medicine at Montefiore. “If a distinct naming convention is implemented, wrong-patient errors might be prevented.”

Previous research by the authors showed that of 339 NICUs surveyed nationwide, 81.7 percent used only last name and gender to identify newborns. A study published last week in the journal Pediatrics found that 76.2 percent of NICUs reported having a distinct naming convention.

“Among the many benefits of having a distinct naming convention is to reduce the risk of wrong-patient errors,” said Dr. Judy Auchter, physician-in-chief at CHAM. “Registered Nurse Expand our vision, O’gilvie earned the 2015 Nursing and Advancement Award from the Department of Veterans Affairs. They have been with V A Hudson Valley for two years. By way of Jamaica, she started her nursing career in 1999 and started nursing in New York. She has been with US V A Hudson Valley for two years. “It’s not uncommon for babies in the NICU to have similar last names, which can easily lead to wrong-patient errors,” said Dr. William Southern, chief of the Division of Hospital Medicine at Montefiore. “If a distinct naming convention is implemented in all NICUs in the U.S., a very large number of wrong-patient errors might be prevented.”

New Naming Style of Babies

The registration fee is $10 per entry and includes the contest form, go to www.parks.westchestergov.com. Glen Island Park is located on Pelham Bay at the north end of the city, and is easily accessible by bus from various locations in New Rochelle. Registration will run from 10 to 10:30 a.m., and the contest begins at 11 a.m. and run through 3 p.m. Prizes will be announced at 4 p.m.

Focusing on her collaboration with staff, continued education and other facets of her work, Gra- stinment and passion for our veterans,” said Marg- Judy Aschner, physician-in-chief at CHAM. “Thesports level,” said Astorino. “The task force will work to ensure best practice. It’s always about the patients first and foremost. I would want my parents treated,” she said. “I live and breathe for the patient within the next 10 minutes. Prior research by the same investigators suggests that 7.2 percent of RAB events represent wrong-patient errors. Near-miss-caught by the clinician before they reach the patient may include reading imaging tests or pathology specimens for the wrong patient, or administering breast milk to the wrong infant.

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Glenn Island Beach Hosts Sand Castle Contest

Families and kids, grab some spades and shovels and head over to the annual Sand Castle Competition on Saturday, Aug. 1 at Glen Island Park in New Rochelle.

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Puma’s film is a true Yonkers production.
"That is what ‘Solace’ is about – five people
who have decided to live their life as an artist."
 said Puma. “I made that decision and decided to live my
life as an artist.”
He has been able to work successfully in the
cinema and film industry.
“In every Thursday at 10 a.m. for more concert
show on 1460 WVOX and WVOX.com. Listen
gave away tickets on our Westchester Rising
way include Trace Adkins on Aug. 9 and Lynyrd
Skynyrd on Aug. 16. For more information, visit

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main character, former Yonkers Mayor Nick Wasicsko,
but the central topic of the book is housing desegregation,
tower that the city Rupert and consumed the political capital
of Wasicsko, who committed suicide in
1996.
"Show Me a Hero" opens wounds that some in Yonkers,
who lived through the tumultuous time in the city,
don’t want to relive.
For more information on “Solace” and Ralph
Puma, follow him on Twitter at (@RalphPumaFilm) and

Yonkers businesses and locales feel fre-
house and helper. They have helped make it happen, in-
clude: The UPS Store 2252, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church;
Westchester College; Riverdale’s Comic Book Shop; The
Bottles, Central Book Shop; the Yonkers Film Festival; The
Yonkers Film Society; Yonkers Film; and the Yonkers Film
Festival.

Empire Casino at Yonkers Raceway kicked off
summer concert series with a full house to
see Kenny Rogers. **Those photos by Donna
Davis.**
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The KidsLearn team, The Mikado's. Theodore's passion for science and technology has motivated him to create this program for children at the middle school level so that they, too, can get the sense of passion for this field of work that he feels. In a world in which technology is ever-changing and developing, he said he feels it is necessary to foster a generation of engineers and scientists, especially among minority students – a group that makes up the majority of the participants of this program.

Volunteers at the PAL Robotics Camps are all members of the Yonkers High School robotics team, as well. Many have volunteered in the past and found the experience so gratifying that they did not hesitate to sign up again. "Robotics was big for part of my high school career," said Jessica Samuel, a recent graduate of YHS. "It helped me figure out what I wanted to do with my life, and how I could help others, as well. Being able to give STEM programs to the kids is very rewarding."

Fernando Paulino, a rising senior, has his own goal for the program. "I want to teach the kids teamwork through robotics," he said. "When they started off, there was a lot of disagreements about what the robot should look like and do, but now they're really coming together. Progress and innovation has a lot to do with teamwork and that's what the kids are learning here."

Students who participate in this program are not only taught how to create the plans for and build a functioning robot, but also how to make it sell. The students learn how to draft a business plan and grant proposal, and how to make a pitch to businesses in order to sell their robots. In an activity in which the students must with "representatives" from JC Penney, Google, Apple and Coca-Cola to pitch their ideas, the students are given experience in marketing and business etiquette.

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