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Cross County Shopping Center Celebrates \$250 Million Redevelopment



L to r: Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, Brooks Shopping Centers Executive Vice President James Stifel, Mary Bianco of the Marx Family, Deputy Mayor Bill Regan, Macerich Vice President of Development Sean Cutt and County Board Chairman Ken Jenkins flip the switch to release the balloons at the ceremony



L to r: Councilmen Dennis Shepherd and Wilson Terrero and Mayor Phil Amicone's Chief of Staff Lisa Mrijaj

The Cross County Shopping Center, Westchester County's first shopping center, celebrated a new chapter in its remarkable history with a series of events last week to mark the completion of a \$250 million redevelopment project. The extensive renovation and remerchandising of the property positioned the 1 million-

square-foot outdoor shopping center as one of the region's most successful and enduring retail developments. "The redevelopment of Cross County Shopping Center is complete and after more than five years of renovations, we could not be more

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'Three Mikes' Vie for Third City Council Seat

Photo by Greg Baldwin



3rd District candidate democrat Michael Sabatino (center) received his endorsement from former 3rd District Councilman Dennis Roberston (right center); Majority Leader Pat McDow (left center) Councilman Wilson Terrero (back row center) Council President Chuck Lesnick (back row right) Yonkers Police Captains, Lieutenants and Sergeants Association (CLSA) President Tom Phelan (far right) and some supporters join him at the announcement



Republican candidate Michael Myers



Write in candidate Mike Rotanelli

By Dan Murphy

The race this November to replace Councilwoman Joan Gronowski in the Third Council District, which runs from Northwest Yonkers all the way down to the Yonkers-Bronx border in Southwest Yonkers, has three active candidates seeking the post. They are: democrat Michael Sabatino, who is also running on the Independence and Working Families party lines; Mi-

chael Myer, who is running on the Republican line; and Mike Rotanelli, who is running as a write in candidate.

Sabatino has received several endorsements and, after winning the Democratic Primary, has the support of the City Democratic Committee. In addition to the endorsement from the Yonkers Federation of Teachers (YFT) which we

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Is Philipse Manor Haunted?



The historic Philipse Manor in downtown Yonkers

Northeast Paranormal Investigations Society (NPIS), a New Haven, Connecticut-based non-profit organization, has partnered with Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, an historic house museum in downtown Yon-

kers, for the site's annual Halloween program this year.

NPIS has conducted several investigations of the Manor Hall in the past and has

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Pulaski Runner Relay to Support Global Green Initiative

Photo by Greg Baldwin



Pulaski students, staff and volunteers at their Going Green rally

As part of their culminating exhibition unit, 5th grade students at Casimir Pulaski School were "Going Green" and raising money by participating in a relay marathon.

The relay was held at Cook Field/Redmond Park on Tuesday and involved parents and 7th grade mentors. The money raised will be donated to the Let's Share the Sun foundation, which helps construct and install solar panels in schools in Haiti.

Let's Share the Sun aspires to facilitate the use of solar energy in poor communities around the world, where harnessing the power of the sun enhances the quality of life. Based on the school's International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP), Casimir Pulaski seeks to prepare its students to become globally-minded citizens who use inquiry-based learning strategies to explore the world around them.

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have previously reported on, Sabatino has the endorsement from the Yonkers PBA, Yonkers CLSA, the Hispanic Democrats of Westchester, Westchester Hispanic Law Enforcement Association, the Black Democrats of Westchester, Union Local 1199 and the Building and Construction Trades Council of Westchester and Putnam Counties.

Sabatino received the endorsement this week from former Councilman Dennis Robertson, who represented the Third District for four years. Robertson tried to regain the council seat this summer; first he was running; then he dropped out; then he returned as the Democratic Party's nominee but ultimately lost the Primary to Sabatino.

"As the person who held this seat from 2004 thru 2007 I have a good idea of what it takes to be successful in this position," said Roberston. "There is no doubt in my mind that Michael Sabatino has those skill sets and more. He is a man of high integrity and intelligence who possesses a common sense demeanor that is so desperately needed in government today."

Sabatino said, "I am honored to have the support of former Council Member Dennis Robertson, who understands the challenges that Yonkers faces and knows how important it is to have sensible and practical decision makers. I am running for Yonkers' City Council District Three to bring a fresh perspective and new energy to issues that are important to all Yonkers residents; education, local jobs, infrastructure, community engagement and fighting for local Interests. These priorities are the foundation of our city and the building blocks of its future."

Sabatino was joined at the announcement of Roberston's endorsement, held outside of City Hall, by Council President Chuck Lesnick, Majority Leader Patricia McDow and Councilman Wilson Terrero.

Myer, the republican candidate, recently called for the building of a firehouse at the new Ridge Hill development project in northeast Yonkers. Part of the agreement with the developers, Forest City Ratner, and the city called for the construction of a new firehouse. Due to budget restraints and the phased in development at Ridge Hill, however, no plans have been submitted for the firehouse to be built.

The Yonkers Fire Department Union Local 628 has called upon the city to have the firehouse built and may sue the city. "We're taking every action possible before we go to court," said 628 President Barry McGoey, "but if we're left with

no other option, we will seek a resolution in the court."

Myer said, "I am concerned with the failure of the city to build a firehouse that will serve the Ridge Hill area. If a fire apparatus is needed now, it will be pulled from Fire Station #9 on Shonnard Place. This firehouse protects two high schools, two middle schools, several elementary schools, a hospital, a children's residence, several nursing homes and the Southern Westchester Executive Park. My constituents are in danger!"

"The city is wasting \$30,000 per month on storage for fire equipment which it is not using," Myer continued, "and is not taking advantage of the \$3 million commitment made by Forest Ratner, the developer of Ridge Hill, to build a firehouse that will serve the Ridge Hill community."

"Response time from Station #9 to Ridge Hill is approximately six and a half minutes with ideal conditions. Why would the city risk the loss of life and untold dollars in property damage by failing to build this firehouse? How will this affect our insurance rates?"

Rotanelli lost the Democratic Primary to Sabatino but is running a very active write in council campaign. Since the beginning of his campaign, Rotanelli has been proud of being "unbought and unbossed, a truly independent outsider," a quality many in Yonkers are looking for in their elected officials. Saying, "I won't give up on Yonkers or the people in the Third District," Rotanelli hasn't stopped campaigning since the primary, meeting with voters and going door to door in an effort to educate the voters on how to "write in Mike."

"It is easier today than ever before for people to cast a write in ballot," Rotanelli has been telling people. "My name is not on the ballot; you must write my name, Mike Rotanelli, in the empty write in box on the ballot. You can write in blue or black ink and you must start the name in the box (your vote will count if it extends the box) and spell the name correctly in order for your vote to be counted."

"The people who supported me in the Primary continue to have me stay in the race," Rotanelli continued. "The need a candidate they trust, and they know I'm not about political parties and backroom deals. The only way to fix the problems in Yonkers is to have a true outsider look at ways to cut wasteful spending and to keep taxes low."

The conservative party candidate in this race, Jay Bryant, is not actively campaigning.

For more information on Sabatino, visit www.SabatinoForYonkers.com. For more information on Rotanelli, e-mail michaelrotanelli@yahoo.com.

WESTMED Holds Ribbon-Cutting for Medical Office at Ridge Hill



WESTMED's COO Nancy Levesque, CMO Dr. Barney Newman, President and CEO Dr. Simeon Schwartz and Director of Facilities Elmer Gudiel

WESTMED Medical Group recently had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of WESTMED's third large multi-specialty medical office (also known as a polyclinic) in Westchester County at 73 Market Street at Westchester's Ridge Hill.

"Ridge Hill represents an expansion of our practice and the consolidation of many of our lower Westchester offices, including two in Yonkers," said WESTMED President and CEO Dr. Simeon Schwartz.

Chief Medical Officer Dr. Barney Newman said, "Our offices at Ridge Hill give patients in and around this unique environment the opportunity to have timely, state-of-the-art medical care whenever they need it. The facility includes all primary care services, many specialty care services, plus radiology, laboratory and an Urgent Care Center, under one roof, as we offer in White Plains and Rye."

In addition to internal medicine, pediatrics and OB/GYN, specialty services at WESTMED's Ridge Hill offices include allergy and immunology, cardiology, dermatology, ear-nose-throat (ENT), gastroenterology, general surgery, neurology, oncology, orthopedics, perinatology, plastic surgery, pulmonary, rheumatology and urology. Currently, there

are 45 physicians in the facility.

To complement the excellent group of providers, more medical specialists in the areas of ophthalmology, breast surgery, vascular surgery and colorectal surgery will be joining WESTMED's Ridge Hill medical team by December 31. An optical shop will also be on the premises.

"WESTMED is committed to providing accessible, convenient, quality and coordinated medical care to patients at this new, full-service facility in Yonkers," said Schwartz. "We also look forward to providing health and wellness presentations on a variety of topics and classes for the community at this site as well."

WESTMED is a large multi-specialty group medical practice with headquarters in Purchase. It is staffed by a team of more than 200 physicians dedicated to providing coordinated, efficient, quality care at its 14 locations in central and lower Westchester County, including in White Plains, Rye, Westchester's Ridge Hill in Yonkers, Purchase, Scarsdale, Bronxville and the Bronx.

For more information, visit www.westmedgroup.com or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

Next Port of Call — Yonkers



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This is one of many small cruise liners that have recently pulled into the Yonkers Pier for a quick stop. More and more cruise ships and charter boats are expanding their tours out of New York Harbor and are making their way up the Hudson River. The Yonkers Pier, Riverwalk and Downtown are now becoming a destination for visitors from the sea.

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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin (Never known to fail)

O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel,
Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed
Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate
Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of
the Sea, help me and show me herein you
are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of
God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I
humbly beseech you from the bottom

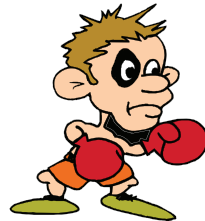
of my heart to succor me in my necessity
(make request).
There are none that can withstand your
power. O Mary conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times).
Holy Mary, I place this cause in your
hands (3 times).
Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days.

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This, Too is Yonkers

By Eric W. Schoen

There was an Occupy Yonkers protest last Saturday. If you blinked your eye, you missed it. Last week in this column, I asked “When does Occupy Yonkers begin?” I take absolutely no credit for making the event happen or what little occurred.

When I saw a Facebook posting for Occupy Yonkers, I thought Mazel Tov! People in Yonkers are finally rising up to protest the insanity that occurs at 40 South Broadway,

also known as City Hall. I had to go in person and see this for myself. The event was scheduled on the steps of Yonkers City Hall. That was mistake number one. There are two sets of steps to City Hall. One is off of the plaza by the parking garage and the other faces South Broadway.

So I am driving down Nepperhan Avenue west toward City Hall, cross Elm Street and see four police cars with lights flashing. Could the people of Yonkers finally be rising up? I soon realized that the police were patrolling an event at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church and had nothing to do with Occupy Yonkers.

I crossed Main Street, saw no activity going on and figured “let me pull into the City Hall garage because the protestors were probably on the plaza side steps of City Hall.” Many people like to pay their taxes in person at City Hall, probably because they want to come and see their government in action. For that pleasure you have to pay \$2 an hour. Even though City Hall was closed, I was ready with my \$2.

For those of you who have never gone into the City Hall garage, you get your ticket and work your way up to the roof past the lines of reserved spaces for the cars of city officials. Some of them are taxpayer financed and gassed cars, and some of them are personal cars. On a normal weekday it takes a while to find a spot that costs you \$2 to pay your taxes. Mind you when the garage was built, people thought that no one would use it!

I enter the garage and to my surprise the gates were open, no tickets disbursed from the machine. *Parking was free!* I was shocked. Could the current administration in City Hall and the Yonkers Parking Authority be accommodating individuals coming to protest? I could not believe it. Maybe the powers that be were having a change of heart for the last three months they are in office?

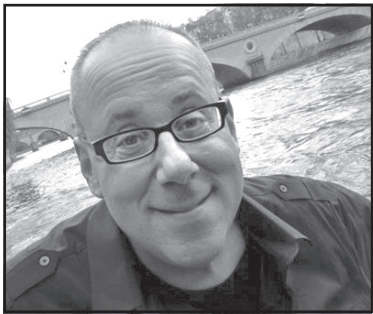
I was in a trance as I worked my way through the various empty levels of the garage. Several days prior, the city released a study prepared by the company that installed the money generating Red Light Cameras throughout Yonkers saying that streets are safer and there are fewer drivers going through red lights at the camera monitored intersections. So I was still not buying the change of heart from our city fathers in not charging for parking for a protest!

I park my car, see no one on the steps of City Hall that face the plaza and no one on the steps that face South Broadway. Several people are milling about including one man with a camera. People with cameras or note pads usually are reporters. I got on the phone, called a spirited, civic minded friend who knows about these kinds of events. He was in New York City touring, if I heard him right, churches. The man with the camera heard my conversation, tells me he is looking for Occupy Yonkers and has yet to find it.

I get in my car, figuring the last place Occupy Yonkers could be was on South Broadway by the War Memorial monument. Lo and behold, five people were there with a big banner proclaiming “Good Jobs Make Banks Pay.” The News 12 crew comes by, they unfurl the banner right in front of the War Memorial dedicated to the those who proudly served our country. When they desecrated the War Memorial with their banner, I knew it was time for Mr. Schoen to leave.

This clearly was not a protest against cuts in funding to education, money generating Red Light Cameras, lack of a ball park at Chicken Island, lack of a new Fire Company to protect Ridge Hill, or reduction in city services Yonkers residents have faced. But the lack of participation at Occupy Yonkers (by the way, one of the 5 protestors graduated high School with me and told me she reads this column and newspaper — very smart lady!) is a symbol of the real problem in Yonkers.

Everyone whines, but nobody does anything. That’s it in a nutshell. If the parents of five percent of the 26,000 students in our schools



Eric W. Schoen

complained about the cuts in education, they would not have happened. If five percent of our citizens complained about \$300,000-earning police officers and brass, overtime would be more equitably distributed. And if five percent of Yonkers residents protested against red light cameras or lack of adequate police and fire protection, we would not be facing these problems.

The Wall Street protestors have a lot of things on their agenda and I don’t agree with many of them. We have one problem in Yonkers; dysfunctional city government.

I was remiss last week in not commenting on the candidacy of Independence Line Candidate for Mayor Carlo Calvi. An attorney and engineer, he humbly admits on his Web site that he has done snow removal himself in commenting that he knows the best way to accomplish it.

They likelihood of an Independence Line candidate getting elected Mayor on one party line is small. But let’s not forget Connecticut’s Independent US Senator Joe Lieberman. Calvi supports a more decentralized school system, a constant debate in education. He supports a Code of Etiquette for city employees. There are still some folks left in City Hall that participated in classes I conducted when then Mayor Spencer wanted a telephone etiquette class for city employees. He wants to do away with excessive commissioner-level salaries, hire more police, eliminate Red Light Cameras and remembers, like I do, that years ago the Mayor and City Manager were among few city employees with city cars. All notable goals.

Friends, it is hard to believe but there are less than three weeks to Election Day. You want to live in a safe city with adequate police and firefighters, clean streets, quality schools, recreation opportunities, libraries to stimulate the mind and with taxes you can afford.

Now is the time to demand what is important to you and your family from the folks running for Mayor and City Council. Be among the five percent and you can change Yonkers. Trust me! This, too, is Yonkers!

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AFT President Visits Yonkers



AFT President Randy Weingarten (center) with YFT President Pat Puleo (left), Council President Chuck Lesnick (rear) and Gorton High School students

A recent visit to MLK Jr. School and Gorton High School in Yonkers by American Federation of Teachers (AFT) President Randy Weingarten demonstrated the urgent need to pass President Obama’s American Jobs Act.

Weingarten said that no one should have to learn or teach in such aging, seriously overcrowded and massively underfunded schools. “At a time when we need to do everything possible to prepare students for the 21st-century knowledge economy,” said Weingarten, “it is unacceptable to lay teachers off and cram students in buildings that are too small and antiquated.”

The 27,000 students in the Yonkers Public Schools are learning with 200 fewer teachers this year and 551 fewer teachers since 2009.

“Instead of stonewalling the jobs bill and just saying no, members of Congress need to see what I saw today,” Weingarten said. A vote to move the full bill forward failed in the U.S. Senate last week. The bill is now being divided into pieces. This week, a portion of the bill to fund jobs for teachers and first responders is expected to come up for a vote in the Senate.

The jobs bill could reverse the loss in Yonkers of 551 teachers and school staff since 2009, even as enrollment has climbed by more than 1,600, according to Weingarten. “I saw some of the most deplorable conditions I’ve seen in at least a decade,” she said of Gorton High School, noting windowless, makeshift basement classrooms, a nonfunctioning auditorium, a leaky roof dripping into classrooms and an antiquated HVAC system that makes proper air quality and temperature nearly impossible.

Martin Luther King, Jr. School is overcrowded, has no library, no real science labs and has seen massive cuts to programs and teacher positions. “If the jobs bill were passed, kids could once again have access to prekindergarten — which has hugely helped prepare kids in Yonkers in the past — and our schools could see the return of laid-off art, music and reading teachers,” said Weingarten.

Joining Weingarten in Yonkers were Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent Bernard Pierorazio, City Council President Chuck Lesnick and a representative from Congresswoman Nita Lowey’s office.

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Yonkers' Hyperlocal News

Jennifer Solomon Joins Greyston Foundations as CFO



Jennifer Solomon

Greyston Foundation is pleased to announce that Jennifer Solomon has joined the Foundation as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and as a member of the Executive Leadership Team.

Solomon spent more than a decade on Wall Street as a senior equity research executive. She's worked with some of the largest Fortune 500 companies and brings a wealth of private-sector knowledge and experience to Greyston. She has also provided marketing expertise to the Westchester Philharmonic and other non-profit

organizations as a volunteer.

Prior to joining Greyston, she started a thriving small business in Westchester, creating several jobs for Yonkers-based and other local residents. She holds a Bachelor's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an M.B.A. from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. She resides in Dobbs Ferry with her husband and two daughters.

In addition to her extensive experience, Solomon is committed to Greyston's mission and values.

"I am honored to be joining an organization that has, for almost 30 years, worked to solve some of our community's most difficult problems," said Solomon. "I look forward to furthering Greyston's success in combining entrepreneurial spirit with social activism."

Greyston Foundation President and CEO Steven Brown said, "We are thrilled to welcome Jennifer to our team at Greyston. She brings the perfect combination of business experience and commitment to Greyston's mission to an organization that has a long and esteemed history of creating jobs and opportunities for our society's most disenfranchised individuals."

For more information about Greyston Foundation, contact Vice President of Development and Public Relations Jonathan Greengrass at 914-376-3900 ext. 295 or jonathang@greyston.org.

Pastry Chef & Author Book Signing at Stew Leonard's

Tracey Zabar has never met a cookie she didn't like. Best known for her beautiful jewelry designs and as the jewelry stylist for Sex and the City, a passionate collector of charm bracelets and author of the best-selling book "Charmed Bracelets," Zabar is also a trained pastry chef and a self-proclaimed cookie addict!

Zabar will sign copies of her new book, "One Sweet Cookie: Celebrated Chefs Share Favorite Recipes" at Stew Leonard's in Yonkers on Saturday, November 5 from 12 to 2 p.m.

Zabar embarked on a cookie quest and returned with Mario Batali's Crazy Cowboy Cookies, Daniel Boulud's Bougres de Lyon, Lidia Bastianich's Orange Cookies, François Payard's Flourless Chocolate Cookies and Thomas Keller's Ice Cream Sandwiches. And,

with each recipe, comes a personal (and amusing) anecdote.

As Zabar's recipe collection grew to 100 recipes from more than 60 contributors — including her own family's beloved recipes — she discovered that she had acquired an international array of sweet treats with flavors ranging from the traditional to the exotic.

Rounding out the stellar recipes is Zabar's own baking wisdom, covering everything from recommended ingredients to keep a well-stocked baker's pantry, essential baking equipment for creating the perfect cookie and a wealth of tips and time-saving techniques.

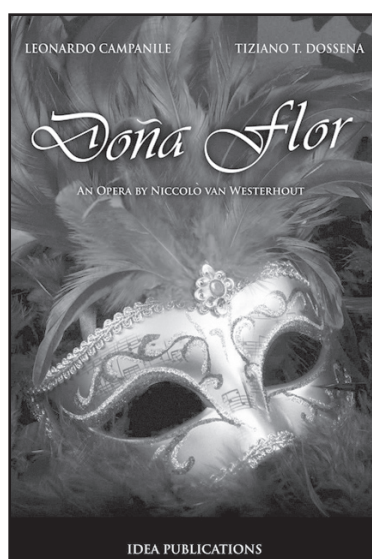
At the signing, Stew Leonard's will be selling "One Sweet Cookie," at the special price of \$24.99.

Meet Yonkers Author Tiziano Thomas Dossena

Tiziano Thomas Dossena, co-author of "Doña Flor," an opera by Niccolò van Westerhout, will be talking about his book and signing copies at the Grinton Will Library on Thursday, October 27 at 2 p.m. Let the mystery behind the disappearance of this famous opera's score be revealed by the ones who discovered it!

"Doña Flor" is a paperback in Italian, with facing English translation. The book narrates the life of Niccolò van Westerhout (1857-1898) and it explores the questions and concerns related to the first performance of his opera-masterpiece.

Enriched with a foreword by the Maestro Vito Clemente, this book also contains the original text of the libretto, the biography of the librettist Arturo Colautti (1851-1914) and the genealogical tree of the van Westerhout family, from their first migration from Holland to Apu-



lia to the composer's birth.

The fascinating story of the birth of this 1895 opera is complemented by an essay on the musical characteristics of this lyrical drama, a commentary on the libretto, an essay on the composer's home town, Mola di Bari, the theater named after him and 24 black and white illustrations.

The authors' notes, moreover, allow the reader to learn of the events that brought to the discovery of van Westerhout's tomb and the final return of his remains to his loved hometown.

Dossena, a Yonkers resident, is the Editorial Director of the quarterly *L'Idea*. His works have appeared in numerous magazines and anthologies in Italy, France, Greece, Switzerland, Canada and the United States. Dossena is also the author of a short stories collection, "Caro Fantozzi."

The European Honey Bee and Beekeeping at Lenoir Nature Preserve

Alan Soiefer will present an introduction to the European honey bee and beekeeping on November 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lenoir Nature Preserve, located at 19 Dudley St. in Yonkers.

His presentation will include information about the busy social life and caste system of honey bees in their hives. There will be an op-

portunity to view the hive at Lenoir Nature Preserve and taste some honey.

This meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments precede the program at 7 p.m. For more information, call Michael Bochnik at 914-237-9331.

Yonkers Concert Calendar

Chaminade Music Club

The Chaminade Music Club of Yonkers is delighted to present internationally acclaimed pianist Edmund Niemann. The concert will take place at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15 at the Grinton I. Will Library, located at 1500 Central Park Ave., and will last about one hour without intermission.

The program will include music by Haydn, Beethoven, Chopin, Fauré, Bartok, Satie, Mom-pou and Rzewski. As a proponent of 20th Century music, Niemann has performed extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Japan and Australia. He is a member of the recording group Steve Reich & Musicians, which has won a Grammy Award, and the piano duo Double Edge, which has released three CDs. He is currently on the faculty of the Hoff-Barthel-son Music School and Princeton University.

The public is welcome to attend. Non-members will be asked for a suggested donation of \$5. The audience is invited to meet the artist at a reception immediately following the concert. For more information, call 914-965-5232, 914-631-6674 or 914-948-6775.

Yonkers Philharmonic

Join Maestro James Sadewhite for an afternoon of Richard Wagner and Franz Liszt as he conducts the Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra in their first concert of the 2011-2012 season, and in celebration of the 200th anniversary of Liszt's birth, on Sunday, October 23 at 3 p.m. at Saunders High School. Admission is Free.

Pianist Jon Klibbonoff joins the orchestra to perform Liszt's "Piano Concerto #1." In addition, this all-German program includes Wagner's "Overture to Rienzi, Siegfried's Rhine Journey" and concludes with Liszt's "Les Preludes."

Klibbonoff has appeared as orchestra soloist, solo recitalist and chamber musician throughout the U.S. and abroad. His numerous awards include the Silver Medal of the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition, the Affiliate Artists Xerox Pianists Award, the Pro Musicis Foundation Award, First Prize at the Kosciuszko Chopin Competition, The Concert Artists Guild Competition and a Solo Recitalists Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Academic Excellence

Saunders Students Selected for Judge Judy Mentoring Program

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Judge Judy Sheindlin and her daughter, Nicole

Judge Judy Sheindlin, better known to the world as Judge Judy in her famous TV show, returned to Westchester for the 5th season of her “Her Honor” mentoring program.

Funded by Judge Judy and the Lanza foundation, and developed by Judge Judy’s daughter Nicole Sheindlin, the program matches promising young women from five local Westchester high schools with professional women who provide hands on work experience, advice and guidance about succeeding in the workplace. The 40 girls met their mentors at a reception hosted by Judge Judy on October 6 at the Larchmont Shore Club.

“As our world becomes a more challenging place for young people,” said Judge Judy, “I hope that the women who have spent a year with us embrace their future with new confidence and purpose.”

The girls — from Nellie Thornton High School and Mount Vernon High School in Mount Vernon, Mamaroneck High School, White Plains High School and Saunders Trades and Technical High School in Yonkers — were selected with the help of their school districts and will receive stipends for their work. They will spend a minimum of four hours per week, for six months, with their mentor at her work site, benefiting from various resources and services.

The program supplements the mentee’s work experience with monthly life skills workshops. MasterCard, Bloomingdale’s, Dr. Ann Engelland, My Sister’s Place, the Ritz Carlton, Judith Re of Social Savvy, the College of Westchester, MTC Transportation and the Pace University School of Law have generously agreed to underwrite a portion of the life skills program. The girls will take courses in everything from budgeting money, business attire, professional expectations, healthy relationships, dining etiquette, public speaking and advocacy.

The proud girls from Yonkers’ Saunders Trades and Technical High School and their mentors are:

Rachelle Campos and her mentor, Operation PROM Founder and Executive Director Noel D’Allacco. Campos is dedicated to her school work and currently serves as President of the Key Club. She has worked in a business environment and aspires to be a social entrepreneur.

Thalia Garcia and her mentor, Blue Door Artist Association Director Arle Sklar-Weinstein. Garcia has always loved drawing and making things with her hands. She dreams of attending Pratt Institute to pursue a career in art.

Francesca Messina and her mentor, Sullivan Architecture Architect Elisa Volpati. Messina is the proud winner of her school’s architecture open house award. She wants to pursue a career in architecture to combine her love of physics, art and design.

Cynthia Munoz and her mentor, Westchester County Family Court Judge for Yonkers Honorable Janet C. Malone. Munoz takes full advantage of her education and is excited to be the first person in her family to attend college. She hopes to have a career involving criminal justice.

Virginia Nunez Quezada and her mentor, Stew Leonard’s Yonkers HR Specialist Christie Verschoor. Quezada’s parents have impressed upon her the importance of a strong work ethic. She dreams of becoming a female leader who is admired by many people.

Catherine Ramirez and her mentor, Biczak Environmental Education Center Director of Education and Outreach Victoria Garufi. Ramirez takes full advantage of her American education and plans to attend a four year university. She is always looking to learn new things and enjoys working in the school lab.

Michelle Ramos and her mentor, Yonkers Partners in Education Executive Director Wendy Nadel. Ramos aspires to have a career in education. Her favorite subject is math and she routinely tutors other classmates.

Jazmil Genao Sosa and her mentor, Pace Women’s Justice Center Family Court Legal Program Yonkers Site Supervisor Elizabeth Best. Sosa plans on going to university and then pursuing a degree in law. She is passionate about helping people in need.

Melissa Vazquez and her mentor, Greyston Foundation Manager of Workforce Development Katherine Harris. Vazquez is proud to be the first person in her family who will attend college. She wants to pursue a career that helps people better their lives.

Ashley Williams and her mentor, theON-switch Founder and CEO Nancy Shenker. Williams’ favorite subject in school is graphic design. She is inherently creative and inspired by many forms of art.

County Executive Rob Astorino praised the program, saying, “There are so many positive things that come out of a mentoring program such as. Not only are the girls given on-the-job training, but they make personal connections. The county’s Office for Women is glad to provide support for Judge Judy Sheindlin initiative.”

Samuel Kurian Named To Dean’s List at University of the Sciences

Samuel Kurian, a doctor of pharmacy student from Yonkers, has been named to the summer 2011 Dean’s List at University of the Sciences.

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For more information or to make reservations, contact Kimberly or Nancy at Philipse Manor at 914-965-4027 or NPIS Director Adam Shefts at adam@northeastparanormal.org.

Editor’s Note: Philipse Manor Hall is truly one of Yonkers’ and, in fact, the whole of New York State’s most valuable historic treasures; we are very glad that it is open while undergoing important renovations. While the NPIS’ event will be enjoyable for those of us who are paranormally inclined, Philipse Manor hosts a wide range of fun, educational and family-friendly events all year long — read Yonkers Rising to stay updated on what’s happening at the Hall.

Pajama Program Announces 4th Annual ‘Stuff a Bus’ Week



Kids enthusiastically “stuffing the bus” with donated pajamas at last year’s event

The Pajama Program, the celebrated non-profit, marks its first decade of service to children with the launch of its 4th Annual “Stuff a Bus” weeklong event, to be held from October 31 to November 4.

Hundreds of Westchester’s children and adults, schools, businesses and libraries participate in this popular event to help local children in need. Last year, more than 45 Pajama and Book Drives were conducted at schools, corporations and libraries throughout the county.

Pajama Program, which provides new pajamas, new books and comfort to children in need throughout Westchester and nationwide, has been widely recognized as an advocate for children living in group homes and shelters, most of whom have never enjoyed the simple comfort of having a parent tuck them in at bedtime with warm, clean pajamas and a story.

The Program reached an important milestone this year, celebrating it’s 10th anniversary and having provided more than *one million* new pajamas and books to children in need in more than 40 states.

The need is great. One in five American children now live in poverty. In today’s economy — as families suffer under the weight of joblessness, low wages and the housing crisis — it is the youngest members of American society who are most af-

fected. In New York, 30 percent of New York City children now live in poverty — that’s one in three kids. Sixteen thousand of those children live in homeless shelters every night.

The brainchild of then-16-year-old Haleigh Telfer-Burgess, daughter of a local Westchester school bus driver, the Stuff a Bus campaign has been a hugely successful local event that has demonstrated the generosity of spirit and caring of children and adults alike, even during these challenging economic times. The enthusiasm is contagious; as the donated school bus stops by designated stops, beaming children pour out of their schools — many dressed in pajamas — with armloads of new PJs and books to “stuff” the bus for children in need.

On the evening of November 1, best-selling author Lee Woodruff will host the Pajama Program’s Awards presentation at OSilas Gallery at Concordia College in Bronxville, from 7 to 10 p.m. Woodruff is co-author of the best-selling book, “In an Instant,” which chronicles her family’s journey to recovery following her husband Bob’s roadside bomb injury in Iraq. Whitney Kneisly will receive the Woman of the Year honor for her work with children in need. Also, this evening the newly formed Spirit of Hope Foundation, inspired by the Pajama Program, will present its first College Scholarship to a foster care youth.

Breakfast and lunch will be served!

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Seniors and Health Care

‘The Time is Now’ at WPH



WPH Board of Directors Chairman J. Michael Divney, WPH Board Member and Honoree Nancy Clarvit, Chuck Clarvit and WPH President and CEO Jon Schandler

White Plains Hospital (WPH) recently celebrated the launch of it’s “The Time is Now” campaign with the dedication of the Cardiac Catheterization lab in honor of board member Nancy Clarvit’s parents, Dr. Alan and Joan Herfort.

Dr. Herfort was a well-known internist affiliated with WPH for many years. His wife Joan, who worked in the Hospital’s microbiology lab, was at the dedication event with other members of the family to receive the honor.

Prescription Drug ‘Take Back Day’

Building on the success of an April 30th “Take Back Day” for unused and outdated over-the-counter and prescription medications, the Eastchester Communities That Care (ECTC) coalition announces a second such collection for Saturday, October 29 at the Tuckahoe Community Center, located at 71 Columbus Ave. in Eastchester, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This autumn collection will be hosted in co-operation with the Tuckahoe Police Department and is an initiative of the federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Tuckahoe Mayor Steve Ecklund fully supports the event.

“The village wants to support all groups who seek to improve the quality and safety of our lives here in Tuckahoe and the surrounding community,” Ecklund said. “I’m delighted that our police force is helping residents dispose of unwanted and outdated medicines which, if they

fell into the wrong hands, could be both illegal and dangerous.”

Police Chief John Costanza agreed, saying, “This is an excellent method by which our citizens can rid themselves of unwanted prescription drugs and aid in the fight towards the abuse of these drugs.”

“In April, we gathered four cartons filled and sealed with these expired and unwanted drugs on their way to safe disposal. It was an encouraging sight” said ECTC Director Jay Genova. “Let’s do it again! This is just one more way in which we can protect our children and teens and create a healthier life and community for us all.”

For more information, contact Kevin T. Cook at 914-965-3700 ext 1241 or kcook@jdam.org.

Events at St. John’s Riverside Hospital

Zumba Fitness

St. John’s Riverside Hospital’s Holistic Care Department is offering five 60-minute Zumba Fitness classes for \$25.

Zumba fitness is taught by a licensed Zumba Instructor and begins on Tuesday, November 22 at 5 p.m. Classes will be held every Tuesday until December 20, with one bonus class — Tuesday, December 27 — if there are 20 or more people registered. The classes will be held in the Cafeteria of St. John’s Riverside Hospital Andrus Pavilion, located at 967 North Broadway.

Registration is required and must be completed by Thursday, November 17. For more information, call Gail Newshan at 914-964-7396 or visit www.riversidehealth.org.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

St. John’s Riverside Hospital is celebrating National Breast Cancer Awareness Month with “Look Good, Feel Better” on Monday, October 24 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the hospital’s Andrus Pavilion.

Exciting progress has been made to com-

bat Breast Cancer, but but there are still women who do not take advantage of early detection at all and others who do not get screening mammograms and clinical breast exams at regular intervals.

Some facts about women and breast cancer:

- Women age 65 and older are less likely to get mammograms than younger women, even though breast cancer risk increases with age;
- Hispanic women have fewer mammograms than Caucasian and African American women;
- Women below poverty level are less likely than women at higher incomes to have had a mammogram within the past two years; and
- Mammography use has increased for all groups except American Indians and Alaska Natives.

For more information, contact Shari Rosenberg at 914-964-4327 or srosenberg@riversidehealth.org, or visit www.riversidehealth.org.

Hot Topics in Health Care

By Michael LaMagna, Esq.

There are currently not many options for funding Long-Term Care costs, e.g. Nursing Home and Home Health Care services.

Most people believe that Medicare will take care of them when they get older but this is a misconception, since Medicare has very limited benefits and for short periods of time. Long-Term Care Insurance is very often a limited benefit and most people cannot meet the stringent Medicaid income and asset qualifiers. The CLASS Act was supposed to be the answer but this, too, proved to be a disappointment.

The CLASS Act, or the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports Act, was the portion of the 2010 Health Care Reform law which effectively created a government sponsored Long-Term Care Insurance policy, which was to be funded through monthly payroll deductions, just like Medicare. Since its inception, CLASS has been criticized as a program that would not be fiscally solvent, as the payroll deduction would not be able to sustain the \$50 per day benefit that would be collected starting in 2017.

On Friday, Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that the CLASS Act program could not be self-sustaining, financially sound and affordable to consumers and pulled the plug on the program, leaving the future of long term care once again up in the air. Although, the move does not specifically affect the rest of the health care law, it removes more than \$70 billion in expect-

ed revenue, as it was expected that participants would pay premiums for a few years before receiving any benefits.

The lack of affordable Long-Term Care options will soon reach epidemic proportions, as approximately 70 percent of all seniors, one of the fastest rising sectors, will require some form of Long-Term Care. Most think that Medicare will be there to assist and are surprised to find out how limited the benefit is and are left either paying out of pocket or using their life savings and then going on Medicaid. At the very least, while fiscally flawed, CLASS started the discussion; now it is up to policy makers to craft a solution that will be solvent and assist with the high cost of care.

One possible solution is to model a policy on the Medicare Part D or prescription drug benefit, which enlists private companies to provide the medications, but has full transparency to the government and consumers. This would allow consumers to choose a plan that they can afford with the benefits that are best suited for their particular needs.

The only certainty is that there needs to be a viable solution before this reaches a crisis point.

This article is intended to be used for informational purposes and nothing in this article should be construed as legal advice. Michael LaMagna is an attorney who specializes in health care, social security, Medicaid and disability benefits. He can be reached by e-mail at mlamagna@tllawoffices.com or by telephone at 914-819-0663.

Healthy Eating Discussed at Next Mall Walk

Health walkers can get tips on how to eat healthy, get recipes for nutritious breakfasts and more on Friday, November 4 as part of the mall walk program at The Westchester in White Plains.

Sara Oppenheim-Sommerville, health and wellness group leader from the Visiting Nurse Services in Westchester, will discuss the benefits of a low sodium diet and demonstrate how to read and interpret labels on prepared foods. She’ll also discuss the importance of body mass index (BMI) and how to lose weight, along with pointers on how and what to order when you eat out. She’ll also provide tips for making your fa-

vorite recipes healthier and offer some ideas for easy and nutritious breakfasts.

The program will begin at 9 a.m. at the Food Court on Level 4. Admission and parking are free for members of the mall walk program.

Sponsored by Westchester County Parks, the mall walk program offers year-round indoor health walking at The Westchester on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 8 to 10 a.m. To join, sign up at the horse fountain plaza between Crate & Barrel and Restoration Hardware on Retail Level Two, on Tuesday and Friday mornings during the program. For more information, call 914-864-7077 or visit www.westchestergov.com/parks.

Protect Aging Loved Ones from Financial Abuse

The Westchester County Elder Abuse Coalition (EAC) recently hosted White Plains elder law attorney Sara Meyers, a senior associate at Enea, Scanlan & Sirignano, for a candid discussion about how guardianships can help protect against elder abuse.

“Westchester County is booming with seniors and, unfortunately, they can be easy victims of financial abuse,” Meyers said while speaking at the Atria Senior Living facility in Briarcliff. “It is critical that people understand and implement protections to guard against elder abuse. These issues are definitely going to come up more often.”

In Westchester County, it is estimated that 15 percent of the population over 60 are victims of elder abuse. This figure could be much higher, however, because most cases are never reported. In fact, it is estimated that for every case of elder abuse reported in the U.S., five are not. Adult children are the most frequent abusers of the elderly according to the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services (DSPS).

As an authority on elder law who has been speaking about the topic for more than 15 years, Meyers offered anecdotal insight into when guardianships should be implemented, detailing both contested and uncontested scenarios. Technically known in New York as an Article 81 Proceeding, guardianships are utilized in the event that a family member or loved one be-

comes unable to make personal and/or financial decisions and has not executed the necessary legal documents, such as a Power of Attorney or Healthcare Proxy, to have his or her affairs attended to.

For instance, guardianships could be implemented in cases ranging from a husband falling off a ladder and becoming mentally incapacitated to a sibling discovering that another sibling has been stealing funds from an elderly parent’s accounts. Guardianship proceedings can be brought whether the victim already has a Power of Attorney and/or Healthcare Proxy or if he or she is unable to execute a Power of Attorney and/or Healthcare Proxy, which provide authorization to act on another’s behalf in personal, business, health or other legal affairs.

The meeting of the EAC, an initiative of the DSPS, consisted of roughly a dozen government and social-service agencies tasked with protecting Westchester’s aging population. To learn more about the coalition, call 914-813-6397.

“Inviting experts such as Sara Meyers gives us the information we need in order to better do our jobs of educating and protecting seniors,” said Gary Brown, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Westchester Regional Office and co-chair of the Elder Abuse Coalition. “Unfortunately and sadly, elder abuse is very widespread because seniors are vulnerable and easy targets for fraud. That’s why we are trying to be as proactive as we can be about offering protection.”

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Public Hearing Notice
Proposed Remodel of 678 Post Road

Notice is hereby given that the Architectural Review Board of the Town of Eastchester will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 3rd, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Town of Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York, on the application of 678 Post Road Remodel for architectural review of the application to renovate the existing, vacant retail space affecting the premises known as Section 64, Block 1, Lot 7B on the Tax Map of the Town of Eastchester, New York, and known as 678 Post Road.

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THE CITY OF YONKERS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Room 102, Yonkers, New York 10701, will receive sealed bids for the following projects until **2:00 PM, on November 16, 2011**. Sealed bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above. Solicitation documents are available at the above address Monday through Friday, except holidays, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Please call 914-377-6030 to confirm availability. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.
Bid 5661 – Public work contract to repair walls, ceiling, floors, stairs and drainage at the Ashburton Avenue parking facility.

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Events at Westchester Community College

Art Exhibitions

The Fine Arts Gallery at Westchester Community College is presenting two exhibitions this fall and winter.

SUNY SUMI is on display now until November 12. The exhibition is curated by Jeff Eaton. The Los Angeles-based artist duo Luke Fischbeck and Sara Rara hosted SUMI INK CLUB, a participatory ink and brush drawing event, at the exhibition opening. Now that the show has opened, a DIY book station using print-outs of drawing details is in the gallery for visitors to express their unique interpretations of the drawing by binding their own books.

The second exhibition features works of art by students at Westchester Community College, on display from December 12 to 17. There will also be a reception for the artists and the public on Wednesday, December 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The work in the show will include prints, drawings, paintings, sculptures, digital images, graphic designs and computer graphics created by those in various studio art classes.

Both SUNY SUMI and the student exhibition — an end-of-term celebration of the extraordinary talent, creativity and imagination of the college’s students — are free and open to the public. Show hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 4 to 6 p.m. The gallery is located on the third floor of the Academic Arts Building, across from the theatre. For more information, call 914-606-7867.

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Westchester Community College is pleased to present the institution’s annual President’s Forum event, “The Arab Spring — Prelude to Democracies or Dictatorships?” to be presented on

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Sunday, November 20.

The panel discussion in the Academic Arts Theatre, moderated by MacNeil/Lehrer Productions President Lester M. Crystal, will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will conclude with a wine and cheese reception and book signing at 4:30 p.m.

The panelists are:

- Elliott Abrams — special Assistant to President George W. Bush, Senior Director on the National Security Council for Near East and North African Affairs, Deputy National Security Advisor to President Bush and currently senior fellow for Middle Eastern studies at the Council for Foreign Relations;
- Leslie Gelb — President Emeritus of the Council on Foreign Relations, long time national security correspondent for *The New York Times* and former Assistant Secretary of State under President Carter;
- Congresswoman Nita Lowey — member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee, ranking Democrat of the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee and member of the Homeland Security Subcommittee; and
- Ambassador Richard Murphy — former United States Ambassador to Syria, Saudi Arabia, Mauritania and the Philippines, Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East and South Asia under President Reagan and former Chairman of the Middle East Institute in Washington.

Crystal was instrumental in preparing the NewsHour program for its launch as the nation’s first hour-long nightly newscast. Prior to NewsHour, Crystal was president of NBC News, executive producer of NBC Nightly News and producer of The Huntley-Brinkley Report. She Crystal is on the Westchester Community College Foundation board of directors.

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The Stepinac High School marching band performed at the ceremony

Cross County Shopping

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pleased with the outcome,” said Beneson Capital Partners CIO and the center’s property’s owner Brooks Shopping Centers Executive VP James Stifel. “The center has been transformed into a modern destination with nationally-known retailers, beautifully landscaped gathering spaces and valued amenities including free parking.”

When it opened in 1954, the Cross County Shopping Center was Westchester’s first shopping center and featured as its original anchor stores such legendary retailers as Gimbels, John Wanamaker and F.W. Woolworth. The property was developed by Sol Atlas and subsequently acquired by Brooks. The group’s majority partners include Benenson Capital Partners, the New York-based firm dating back to 1905 whose holdings include more than 200 properties throughout the United States, Canada and Europe, and Merchant’s National Properties, Inc., a prominent real estate development company.

Yonkers Mayor Phil Amicone welcomed the renovation. “Cross County Shopping Center is an integral part of the fabric of our city,” he said. “We have been pleased to work closely with Macerich and Brooks Shopping Centers to bring this revitalization to fruition. This project has created more than a thousand construction jobs and hundreds of new permanent jobs for our community, and Cross County is one of the city’s largest revenue generators. Congratulations to all involved.”

“Westchester loves to shop locally and the Cross County Shopping Center has been filling that need for close to six decades,” said County Executive Robert P. Astorino. “It’s redevelopment positions it as a go-to destination for shoppers for years to come and is a sign of confidence in the county’s continuing economic growth.”

“Since my earliest days, I can remember coming here to the Cross County Shopping Center with my family,” said County Board Chairman Ken Jenkins. “Certain places in Westchester have their own mystique, and that’s true for the Cross County Shopping Center. This is where hard-working people come to earn a pay check and also where they find what they need. This re-launching of the Cross County Shopping Center is about economic renewal and a continuing investment in Yonkers and Westchester County.”

Located in Yonkers at the junction of the Cross County Parkway and New York State Thruway, the Cross County Shopping Center features more than 100 retailers, including noted national brands Macy’s, Armani Exchange, Swarovski, bebe, GUESS and H&M, to name just a few. Since the redevelopment project began in 2007, 32 retailers representing 155,288 square feet have opened new stores or renovated or expanded existing stores at the center.

The 71-acre center has also undergone extensive landscaping to complement the retail venues and restore the center’s beautifully manicured outdoor setting. The common area has been transformed into an attractive pedestrian-friendly centerpiece with new brick pavers, colored concrete, new planters with seasonal and local flowers and trees that line the main promenades and entrances. The outdoor shopping experience has been enhanced with the addition of new outdoor gathering spaces with graceful fountains, comfortable seating vignettes and outdoor play areas for children.

Two new children’s play areas were opened last year to enrich the family experience at the center. The Zoo Zone play area features an animal theme, complete with eight play pieces and a tree-house/slide as the centerpiece. A second children’s play area includes two “park pet” sculptures which are modeled after the Alice and Wonderland statutes seen in New York’s Central Park. Both play areas are open to the public at no charge.

A key element in the redevelopment project is the improvement of parking and traffic flow. A new direct entrance into the shopping center from the Cross County Parkway allows shoppers to circle right into the property while on-going traffic continues on Kimball Avenue. The exit ramp off the Cross County Parkway onto Midland Avenue has been widened to allow more traffic to flow toward the shopping center.

There is also a new entrance off of Central Park Avenue that leads shoppers directly into a new parking deck. The new deck has 685 free parking spaces on five levels and direct access into Macy’s on two levels. The center now has more than 5,000 free parking spaces.

Macy’s, the largest store in the center, has expanded by an additional 75,000 square feet of new retail space. The \$30 million expansion and renovation by Macy’s brings it’s total square footage at the center to more than 400,000 square feet.

Additional restaurants are slated to open at Cross County, including free-standing TGI Friday’s and Red Lobster restaurants as well as Chipotle, BGR The Burger Joint, Noodle House and Sarku Japan. More fashion retailers are also planned to open including, Adidas, a renovated Gap, Call it Spring and GNC. Future development plans call for replacing the existing eight-story office building at the center, potentially with a new hotel with approximately 150 beds, meeting space and ground-floor retail.

In addition to it’s many retail offerings, the Cross County Shopping Center is home to an extension center of Westchester Community College, which has re-located and expanded to more than 12,000 square feet.

For more information about the Cross County Shopping Center, visit www.crosscountycen.com.

Yonkers Halloween Pet Parade



Who will be this year's Halloween Pet Parade winner?

Accompanied by their humans, dogs and other pets of all shapes and sizes will be competing for top prizes during the Yonkers Downtown Waterfront Business Improvement District’s Fourth Annual Halloween Pet Parade.

Contests will be held for cutest pet, most unusual costume, best costume and others. All dogs must be leashed, wear ID tags at all times and have rabies and other vaccinations. No aggressive dogs are permitted nor puppies under the four months of age.

The fun gets under way at 2 p.m. on Sun-



day, October 30 at the Yonkers Waterfront Esplanade. For more information, visit www.yonkersdowntown.com.

‘My Fair Lady’ at WBT is Absolutely ‘Loverly’



Left (l to r): Karen Murphy as Mrs. Pearce, Tom Galantich as Henry Higgins, Jennifer Babiak as Eliza and William McCauley as Colonel Pickering in WBT’s “My Fair Lady”

Right: Bill Dietrich as Alfred Doolittle and the ensemble



Left: Babiak as Eliza and Galantich as Higgins



By Sue Ann Witt

Westchester Broadway Theatre’s (WBT) latest production, “My Fair Lady,” presents it’s patrons with a most delightful evening. The production was as close to perfection as possible.

“My Fair Lady” is based on George Bernard Shaw’s “Pygmalion.” The play attacks the British class system, shows up Shaw’s feminist views and probes the important questions about social class, human behavior and relationships between men and women.

Jennifer Babiak as Eliza Doolittle has an incredible vocal range and displays her great versatility in the delivery of both cockney and cultured lady accents. The audience follows Eliza’s transformation from a street flower seller to an aristocratic, articulate, well-bred lady.

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This transformation is the result of Professor Henry Higgins, phoneticist, who is convinced he can transform this “street baggage” into a high society aristocrat. Higgins accepts a wager with Colonel Pickering that this can be accomplished in six months. Tom Galantich delivers a strong portrayal of Higgins as the arrogant and callous perfectionist who never dreams that his “creation” would have a mind of her own.

William McCauley as the stuffy old Colonel Pickering, Karen Murphy as Higgins’ housekeeper Mrs. Pearce, Bill Dietrich as the roguish Alfred P. Doolittle, Joe Chisholm as love-struck Freddy Eynsford-Hill, Robin Lounsbury as Freddy’s mother and Kathleen Huber as the professor’s mother each bring excellent performances in their respective roles. The wonderful ensemble rounds out the evening.

Lively choreography, wonderful costumes and excellent vocals by the entire cast make “My Fair Lady” a must-see play. Congratulations to everyone at WBT for another outstanding performance. “My Fair Lady,” continues it’s run until November 27 and then comes back for a second round from December 28 to January 29, 2012.

WBT is located at 1 Broadway Plaza in. For more information or tickets, call 914-592-2222 or visit www.BroadwayTheatre.com.

PBA All Stars vs. NY Giants Basketball Game



The PBA All Stars with Mayor Phil Amicone (center), James Vetrano (far left) and Howard Berman (far right) from the PAL and News12's Walt Fowler (on Amicone's right)



Former NY Giant and event organizer Byron Hunt with Berman



Amicone with 2010-11 Poster Contest finalists Kaitlyn Antonelli (left) and Casey Friend (right) and 2011-12 PAL Poster Contest finalist Christopher Friend



Fowler interviewing Hunt during the game



The PBA All Stars take the court



Amicone (center) Berman (far left), Vetrano (far right) and Mike Bennett with the New York Giants team



Amicone and veteran Kelsey Huge (center) with some of the NY Giants players



Amicone with the game's referees, including Dave Antonelli (left)

The Yonkers Police Benevolent Association (PBA) All Stars recently faced off in a charity basketball game against several members of the New York Giants football team from the 1980s and '90s.

The PBA All Stars, motivated by playing a home gam' at the Yonkers Police Athletic League's (PAL) Walshin Center, won a big victory against the Giants. Walt Folwer from News12 Westchester was the announcer for the game.

Among the Giants who played before a

packed crowd were Stephen Baker, Byron Hunt, Odessa Turner, Curtis McGriff, Perry Williams, Billy Taylor and Lee Ruson. A special thanks goes out to Hunt who, with the help of the PAL, organized the event.

A special thanks also goes out to the Marty & Iris Walshin Foundation for their support of this and all PAL events. Howard Berman of the PAL also did a great job in organizing this event, which raised several thousand dollars for the organiza-