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E. Griest, who was delighted to learn more about by YTI instructor Mamie Duncan-Gibbs. and Alana Redick; the piece was choreographed for the song “Every Time I Feel The Spirit,” in Presidents’ Day last week.

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The City of Yonkers, and the City Council, will review a proposal to preserve two murals downtown.

An application for local landmarking of internationally-renowned artist Richard Haas’ celebrated murals on the history of Yonkers, “Gateway to the Waterfront,” has been presented to the Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board and is currently under review by that body. The applicants have proposed that the three mural panels and the buildings onto which they are painted be named the “Richard Haas Mural District.” If the LPB votes in the affirmative that the murals and the buildings meet specific LPB criteria as a landmark, the application will be sent to the City Council, which under the terms of the Yonkers ordinance makes the final decision on preservation status.

A public information walking tour will take place Saturday, Feb. 28 from noon to 1 p.m., when Haas and Barney Bower, art critic for the Wall Street Journal, will talk about the murals and their buildings. Participants should assemble at the intersection of Main Street and Riverdale Avenue.

Members of the public will have an opportunity to weigh in on the pros and cons of preservation, along with their contemporaries the landmarked Grain Building on Main Street and the recently landmarked and restored Philipse Manor Historic District to the north, on Warburton Avenue. The applicants submitted a proposal for landmarking the murals and their buildings because the owner of 36 Main St. proposes to demolish the building and replace it with a contemporary tower. This would leave the north and south panels of the iconic block of the connecting tissue of the full Yonkers historical area, now told in the three panels.

Rather than demolishing work by an iconic artist, preserving the proposal Richard Haas Mural District as part of a route of distinguished historic properties in the center city would continue to stimulate the dynamic synergy of old and new that is already contributing to the revitalization of the city’s downtown.

Preserving the past, in both imaginative and creative form, is a bridge to the city’s continued success.

Editor’s Note: The owner of one of the properties that features one mural is owned by Rising Development LLC, also the owner of this newspaper. Preliminary discussions with members of the City Council point to their review of the proposal and discussions with all stakeholders before any decision is reached on landmarking.

Murals by artist Richard Haas are to be considered for Landmarking status.

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The musical score includes “If Ever I Would,” “To a Quiet Place,” “If I Loved You Once in Niniya,” “The Lament of Marduk,” “I Am His Hand,” “To Handle a Woman,” and of course the beautiful love duet “The Simple Joys of Love.” Although musical excellence is one of the hallmarks of “Camelot,” its real value is the story. By focusing on the virtues and vices of Lancelot, a handsome, brave and heroic knight, the musical sets out to destroy the “one brief shining moment that comes to most lovers and this passion – undermines the one brief shining moment that was known as Camelot.”

The story is described as a powerful and emotional work that explores the themes of love, power, ambition, and betrayal. By focusing on the relationship between King Arthur and his queen Guenevere, it highlights the challenges and consequences of maintaining a strong and stable relationship in the face of external pressures and internal conflicts.

The musical “Camelot” is presented at the Westchester Broadway Theatre. If you are interested in attending, you can call 914-592-2222 or visit www.westchesterbroadwaytheatre.com. The theme is located at 20 Baird Blvd., Elmsford, New York.

James as Lancelot du Lac, Martin Van Tonder as King Arthur, Victor Williams as Modred, Emily Brockway as Lady Anna/Queen, Dan Fromm as Sir Ector, Michael Glenn as Sir Lamorak, Billy Steppe as Sir Lancelot, and Natalee Karpas and Danna Shemesh in the ensemble.

Clark Scott Carmichael is convincing as the brash, chivalric knight who thrives on reality in his own way. He demonstrates his brilliance with his loyal friend, Jemima. Jerry’s Hotel is magnificent as the lovely, mischievous queen, while Jemima is basic yet vulnerable as a knight of the round table. Jemima and Lancelot join the king and the love in the end.

“Camelot” will be presented at the Westchester Broadway Theatre through April 5.

Contact the office at 914-965-7119 to register for a bowl of piping hot oatmeal at the Argos Restaurant. The oatmeal is a happy hour burger: double beef patties on a toasted bun with cheese, sautéed onions, special toasted breads and plenty of drink specials.

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Jennifer James as Lancelot du Lac and Jennifer Hope Wills as Queen Guenevere. Photo by John Venegas.
Mangold Scholarship Application Deadline is March 31

The Yorktown Historical Society’s Scholarship Committee has announced March 31 as the deadline for applying for the Patricia Mangold Scholarship Award. The award recognizes a student with a significant personal interest in Yorktown history. The scholarship is open to any Yorktown student, and applicants must be pursuing a degree in education. Applicants should present a project shoreline for the history of Yorktown. The project may be in a medium chosen by the student, such as written history, video, music, media, etc. (A bibliography must be included with written essays.)

Submit one copy of the application form (available from local high schools or upon request from the Yorktown Historical Society at 914-961-4900) and the project to Patricia Mangold Scholarship Award, c/o Mr. Dar- ryl M. Mack, YHS Education Committee Chair, 1000 Ridge Hill Blvd., White Plains, NY 10603.

Applications and projects may be mailed or dropped off to Mr. Mack; if mailed, the applica- tions must be postmarked by March 31. The projects will be presented at the Yorktown Historical Society’s Membership Meeting, Sunday, April 19 at the Will Library.

Further information on the scholarship is available at mailto:dmack@yonkerspubnysparks.com or visit the Yorktown Historical Society’s website www.yhsociety.org.

Two sessions: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, or Thursday, May 7.

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Spring Restaurant Week Includes Record Number of Eateries

The highly-anticipated list of restaurants participating in the spring Restaurant Week in Yonkers from March 10 to 22 is now available online. A record number of restaurants – 205 and growing – have already registered for the two-week culinary event that offers diners the chance to experience the best restaurants of the region at a fraction of the normal price.

“People are excited and looking forward to supporting the culinary offerings both regionally and nationally, “ said Crawshaw. "This is a great opportunity to support local talent and to discover new restaurants that may be in your backyard or across New York State,” added Mayer. “We are excited to welcome 27 new, tabletop.

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Schwarz' Donate $1M to Northern Westchester Hospital

Northern Westchester Hospital announced last week that Lisa and Mark Schwartz, two highly respected business leaders and philanthropists from the community, donated $1 million in support of NWBH's ongoing surgical services modernization.

As a hospital that provided high quality patient-centered care, NWBH is redesigning and expanding its surgical suites to ensure adequate space for new technologies and to better align the facility with the sophisticated procedures being performed by its surgical staff. Northern Westchester Hospital continues to receive recognition for its leading-edge surgical programs including spine, neuroradiology, orthopedics, breast surgery and robotics, among others.

“Our community deserves tremendous benefit from having such a high-quality hospital that is dedicated to providing patient-centered care,” said Lisa Schwartz, founder of Rainhouse Ridge in Bedford Hills, and author and chairperson of Social Global Health, an organization dedicated to strengthening health systems globally. “By involving patients and family members as key members of the care team, patients become empowered and provide important input in the direction of their care. We believe this innovative approach will help future health care will be delivered in the years to come.”

Schwarz was also a detraining force behind the NWBH “Focal Care” patient navigation program.

“We are proud to make this level of financial commitment and we completely support the vision of the NWBH leadership team,” she said. “Their achievements in building NWBH into such an important community asset demonstrate their ability to successfully manage the challenges of the current health care environment.”

“Providing high-quality, clinically sophisticated health care in a community setting is an important element in controlling U.S. health care costs,” added Mark Schwartz, vice chairman of Goldman Sachs and chairman of Goldman Sachs Asia Pacific, who serves as a trustee of New York Presbyterian Hospital and a member of its Executive Committee. “Community hospitals that are run efficiently and produce consistently high-quality outcomes are able to provide care at a lower cost than major medical centers. Our financial support of Northern Westchester Hospital is an investment in our community and in creating a sustainable, cost-effective healthcare model.”

Schwarz also serves as trustee at Massachusetts General Hospital, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University.

Lisa and Mark Schwartz have been long-standing supporters of Northern Westchester Hospital, said Joel Seligman, president and CEO of Northern Westchester Hospital. “As respected health-care thought leaders, they have provided tremendous guidance to NWBH, and Mark has personally provided his valuable time serving as a three-term member and vice-chairman of the NWBH Board of Trustees. With such a deep understanding of health care, their substantial gift is a true vote of support for our continued commitment to providing high-quality, patient-centered care for our community.”

Concordia Nursing Program Exceeds in National License Exam

Following the final release of the National Council Licensure Examination for registered nurses, the Concordia College nursing program’s Class of 2013 has achieved a first-time pass rate of 88 percent.

Concordia’s performance has earned placement in the top 10 baccalaureate nursing programs in New York State and second regionally.

The 88 percent first-time-pass rate surpasses both New York State (75 percent) and national (62 percent) averages.

“This is a reward of our students and faculty,” said Dr. Kathleen Fishley, dean of nursing.

“The program will begin at 9 a.m. at the food court on level 1, admission and parking are free for members of the Mall Walk program.”

Sponsored by Westchester County Parks, this is their third year round indoor health walking at The Westchester on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. 75 steps, sign up at the Horse Fountain Plaza near Crane and Bar- rel on retail level two, on Tuesday and Friday morning during the program.

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Grand Prix New York will be having an event to help raise funds for research on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. On Feb. 26 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., 553 North Bedford Road, Mount Kisco.

The fundraiser will benefit “Quits For The Win” to help support Yonkers resident Pat Quinn, co-founder of the March-A-Thon for Bucket Challenge that took social media by storm last summer, raising millions of dollars and awareness for ALS research. Quinn was diagnosed with ALS two years ago.

All proceeds from the event will include a night of food, drinks, bowling, silent and live auc-

tions, aaffle, Hawaiian dinner contest and auto-

graph photos with Major League Baseball legend Pete Rose.

Motivational speaker and former college ath-

lete Rudy Ruettiger will also be in attendance; the 1989 film “Rudy” was based on Ruettiger’s col-

lege football career at University of Notre Dame. Any amount raised after Quinn, often referred

to as “Lou Gehrig’s Disease,” in a progressive neu-

rodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. The event is organized by Quinn’s rugby team – White Plains Rugby Club. Tickets are $75 in advance or $100 at the door and include admission, food, bowling and beer/ wine/soft drinks (specialty). Tickets for children (under 18) are $50.

There will be an additional cost for Pete Rose autographs.

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This program will begin at 9 a.m. at the food court on level 1, admission and parking are free for members of the Mall Walk program.

Sponsored by Westchester County Parks, this is their third year round indoor health walking at The Westchester on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. 75 steps, sign up at the Horse Fountain Plaza near Crane and Barrel on retail level two, on Tuesday and Friday morning during the program.

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Yonkers native and astronaut Ron Garan met astronaut and Yonkers native Ron Garan at the Hudson River Museum on Friday, Feb. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m., when he will discuss his new book “The Orbital Perspective – Lessons in Seeing the Big Picture from a Journey of 71 Million Miles.”

Garan, who lived and worked in space for 178 days, is a graduate of Roosevelt High school. He will answer questions and speak about his journey through space, and sign copies of the book, which is available in the museum shop.

Tickets are free, but limited. For more information, visit www.hrm.org.

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Father John Hamilton and the congregation of St. John’s Episcopal Church in downtown Yonkers prepared for Ash Wednesday and the upcoming Lenten season with a meal of pancakes, bacon and sausages for guests Tuesday. Afterward, they gathered outside to form a prayer circle and reflect on the season as the palms of last year bared to provide the ashes the next day’s services.

Preparing for Ash Wednesday at St. John’s Episcopal Church

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including YPS Superintendent Dr. Michael Yarzulo, who sat at Nancy’s lap. Lopez was encouraged to pursue an advanced degree in education, first with a bachelor’s degree in behavioral sciences.

In 2007, Lopez accepted a position at CSEE as a first-year grade teacher. “I came from a job and career where I worked 65 hours a week,” she said. “I wanted to work at a school where I could join with educators who were willing to put in that type of commitment. I also appreciated the fact that in a charter school, we could think outside the box and come up with creative solutions.”

“We succeeded at CSEE mirrored Lopez’s career path. Obtaining a master’s degree in childhood development while teaching and still working at the district office, Lopez ‘worked her butt off’ and still wasn’t satisfied.”

“I missed going to school and the kids I got to work with working two jobs,” said Lopez, who returned for a master’s degree in school building leadership, and who also obtained certification in school district leadership. Lopez is now certified to become a superintendent one day (look out, Dr. Yarzulo).

Lopez earned the praises of CSEE administrators principal prior to, after four years as a fourth-grade teacher. By this time, her other work and institutional motivation was simple but the ‘Lopez way’ was the way to do it, ” she said.

“Charter School is about coming to school early and leaving late, and knowing every single student,” she said. “It’s a cause and it’s a lifestyle and we want to make sure that just a job. We have to want to make a difference.”

Lopez served as AP from 2011 to 2014, and the selection of Principal Jennifer Callejo was named interim principal and then full-time principal. Lopez will complete her first school year as principal at CSEE prior to this.

“We have been able to continue the vision of this school, and have implemented STEM learning process and to aggressive approach science and engineering,” said Lopez. “We have hired a technology teacher and have received laptops from our foundation.”

“The learning process here is also about love of learning,” she said. “My children learn that I love them and we want them to succeed. But for our students to succeed, they must know and see that their teachers and staff are willing to put in the work and effort to make sure they succeed.”

“They accept any student that has the list of suite available (there is currently a waiting list for enrollees). Many CSEE students come to the school achieving below grade level.”

“We see that a student is achieving behind their classmates, we develop an action plan for that student,” said Lopez. “We put in more work and teach in smaller groups and come up with a way to catch them up.”

Lopez is happy with the progress and achievement at CSEE, but looks forward to the future with even more excitement.

“We will be incorporating more science, technology, and engineering,” she said. “We need more space to increase our ability to teach and reach as many students as possible. Almost all of our students are from Yonkers, and we want there to know that they can do it. It takes a lot of time and effort but when you see them in college and a bright future.”

After the eighth-grade, CSEE student move onto a Yonkers Public High school, or a Catholic or private school, if they can afford it. A future charter high school is a dream and a hope for many, including the existing staff and students, for another four years.

Would Principal Lopez continue to move up the CSEE ladder if there is ever a charter high school in Yonkers? “I might be interested,” she said. “But only if I could do it in a way that better serves our students. It’s all about the kids and love about us.”

Creating a family-like atmosphere at CSEE is important, but with that comes responsibilities.

“The proof is in the test scores, with CSEE students achieving at higher levels on their state English language arts, math and science exams than YPS, and achieving at similar levels to some of the more prestigious Westchester school districts. CSEE is also able to deliver a quality education to its students for less dollars per pupil than YPS.”

Whether the task at hand is organizing school events and fundraisers, or ensuring that students, staff and families have what they need to be part of a safe and committed learning community, Lopez understands the need to value the community involvement in a child’s education and activity seeks to increase the relationship between school, home and local organizations.

Principal Cindy Lopez currently resides in Yonkers with her husband, Paul, and their daugh-

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