March Madness With
A Yonkers’ Flavor

By Dan Murphy

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Yonkers Welcomes Newest Addition to Biz Community

Last week, Yonkers Rising featured the site and future redevelopment of the Boyce Thompson property on North Broadway. Simone Development Companies will revitalize the building and the 3.5-acre property into a new mixed-use complex.

Simone’s plan for the $35 million redevelop- ment project includes offices for busi- ness and medical use on the upper floor of the building, with the front and rear grade levels housing medical offices, retail stores, banking and two restaurants. The Boyce Thompson building will be restored to its original char- acter using materials to match or obfuscate the pe- riod architecture. An addition will be attached at the back to formulate the existing struc- ture, and a glass “prestozone” connecting the new building with the existing building will house an information gallery honoring the Boyce Thompson legacy.

Built in the early 1960s, the property was once the home of the Boyce Thompson Insti- tute, a horticulture research center that moved to Cornell University in the 1970s. As a nod to the property’s historic green- houses, a dramatic two-floor sloping glass and aluminum building will be con- structed at the corner of Executive Drive and Executive Plaza for either office, medical and/ or retail use. The plan also includes a public plaza with a clock or fountain.

The existing 52,000-square-foot building space with a clock or fountain. The building will be increased to 70,000 square feet with the free-standing building totaling 15,000 square feet. The parking areas will be paved, landscaped and illuminated using state-of-the-art materials selected to complement the architecture.

“We are very excited by the changing business character in Yonkers with emerging technology and biotech companies bringing new ideas and people to the city,” said Jo- seph Simone, president of Simone Develop- ment Companies. “It is our desire to make the Boyce Thompson Center a place that attracts a diversity of new and traditional businesses working together to further economic growth in the city.”

He noted that the site’s close proximity to St. John’s Riverdale Hospital on North Broad- way makes the Boyce Thompson Center an excellent location for physician practices and ambulatory services.

“The redevelopment of the historic Boyce Thompson building, which has long stood as an eyesore in the heart of Yonkers’ corporate center, will bring new jobs and rev- enue to our city and help solidify Yonkers as Westchester’s retail and business destination,” said Mayor Mike Spano.

Following a planning period for design and approvals from the city, construction is expected to require 20 months, including inves- tigation of the existing structure, the addition to the Boyce Thompson building and the new glass building.

Dr. Beth Schorr-Lesnick

The City of Yonkers recently celebrated the opening of A.T.I.’s first innovative design store located in Westchester County.

The new location is nearly 3,000 square feet in size and located in the Cross Country Shopping Center. Its opening created 15 new jobs in the community.

The first of its kind in the county, custom- ers in the store will no longer use the traditional "cash register" counters. Instead, they’ll find round café-style “learning tables” that al- low for side-by-side interactions with the ORI result consultant to ask questions or learn about a product or service.

All retail consultants also carry a tablet supported by a new mobile point-of-sale system that allows them to help customers anywhere in the store.

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Boyce Thompson Property Rehabilitation Preview

The 200-plus doctors who comprise the Depar- tment of Medicine at St. John’s Riverdale Hospital voted last week to make Dr. Beth Schorr-Lesnick their director of medicine.

After 15 years of practice at SIRI and 25 years of active practice, I am at the point in my ca- reer where I have the ex- perience, education and enthusiasm to give back to our medical community,” Dr. Schorr-Lesnick said.

After graduating from Yale College, Schorr-Lesnick received her medical degree from the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, com- pleted her internship and residency training at Montefiore Medical Center, and completed her gastroenterology fellow- ship training at New York Medical College. After 10 years in aca- demic medicine at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City, she entered private practice in Yonkers where she lives and has raised two daughters, El- ly and Ariel, with her hus- band Chuck Lesnick, the former Yonkers City Coun- cil president.

In addition to her pri- vate practice as a gastro- enterologist, Schorr-Lesn-

ick – while at SIRI – has served on the Performance Improvement Committee for a dozen years, the Library and Emergency Room Committees, and serves currently on the Credentials Committee. As a fellow of the American College of Gastroen-
terology, she served for 12 years on the Public

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The twists and turns in the Robert Durst case are still compelling. As the line of politicians under investigation for corruption and misfeasance continues to grow, we let our leaders do this to our country… America, once again, on the world stage. Sad that our leaders are more concerned with security, confrontation with the Israelis with all of these issues. Whether you celebrated St. Patrick's Day on St. Patrick's Day; or plan on celebrating this weekend; or plan on celebrating this weekend? I love celebrating my birthday. Isn't it wonderful to celebrate holidays and thought we have to only celebrate on the official day. By Eric W. Schoen - FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015 - YONKERS RISING - PAGE 3

No better. Let's hope with the good craters dotting Westchester from Yonkers to Yonkers. A flat tire or your alignment knocked out from the holes that dot our region's roadway. Chances are the license suspension. Bills to remedy the situation motorists pay the tolls they owe via registration or prised leaders have not figured out a way to make it get prepared to go completely cashless at the toll booth. Phone lines on our region's bridges have not...
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**Dr. Schorr-Lesnick**

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**Irish Heritage Celebrated at Lincoln Park Jewish Center**

As the 2015 prom season approaches, high school seniors are already thinking about what they will wear to the big event and if they can afford it. Operation PROM is encouraging those who want to make a difference to take part in a difficult campaign to raise enough funds for high school seniors – courtesy of the Westchester County Center for the annual giveaway at the Lincoln Park Jewish Center. The county, a longtime partner of the organization, helps to publicize events, provides reservations for groups and brings with her a stellar reputation.

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This year marks the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. In commemoration of the historic events, the Union Taconic Council of the American Revolution, with the support of the Philipse Manor Hall, has announced the dates for the first two installments of a four-part movie series that will focus on the topics of slavery and the war. The series will be held at the Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, which was the site of a Union camp during the Civil War.

**McGough Dance Academy**

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**Dress Giveaway Returns With Operation PROM**

For more information, call Public Programs at 914-965-7119, or visit www.LPJC.org. The McGough Dance Academy, starting at 3:30 p.m. Admission for adults is $11, and for children ages 10 and under, it is $5. The McGough Dance Academy, starting at 3:30 p.m. Admission for adults is $11, and for children ages 10 and under, it is $5.
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On This Day in History...

**1924**
On this day in Yonkers, the Yonkers Historical Society had its annual meeting. According to the meeting minutes, the club's annual meeting was held at the Yonkers Opera House. The meeting was attended by several members of the Yonkers community, including President James M. Whitmore and Vice-President David Tubiolo. The meeting was held in honor of the society's 10th anniversary, and it featured a presentation by Dr. Barbara Ross-Lee, vice president for medical education at Oregon Health & Science University. The presentation focused on the importance of medical education and the role of the Yonkers Historical Society in promoting this goal. The meeting was held in a large teaching hospital, and attendees were able to tour the facilities and learn about the latest developments in medical education.

**1931**
Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler, who was born in Yonkers as Steven Tallarico, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana. Tyler was known for his energetic stage presence and his love of music, and he was a popular figure in the Yonkers music scene. However, his arrest on this day was a setback for his career, and it caused a lot of speculation about his future. Tyler later went on to become one of the most successful rock stars of all time, and he has been a beloved figure in the Yonkers community ever since.

**1968**
The Yonkers-connection continued when the vessel finally left Edward Landulfs, the last employee of Yonkers Plant's plant, was on board as an electrician, as was expert electrician August Sturm. Harald Westergard, the captain, bad luck continued for the Nantes as it developed engine trouble shortly after left Tonnere, which was on its way to Dunkirk and was lost.

**1973**
The Chelmsford Winkler, one of the largest ethnic publications with a weekly circulation of more than 5,000, was founded in Yonkers. The newspaper was a community publication that covered local news and events, as well as national and international stories. It was published by the Chelmsford Publishing Company, and it was known for its in-depth coverage of local issues. The newspaper was a valuable resource for the Yonkers community, and it provided a forum for local leaders to express their views and to share their ideas with the public.

**1992**
President, Yonkers Historical Society Monday, March 23
March 23, 1867: The first trains of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad ran along the line through North Broadway. The line was opened to the public on this day, and it was a major milestone for the city. The railroad brought new industry to Yonkers, and it helped to spur the growth of the city's economy. It also brought new opportunities for residents, and it helped to create new jobs.

March 24, 1923: The first subway system in the United States opened in New York City. The subway was a major innovation, and it helped to make public transportation more convenient and efficient. It also helped to reduce traffic congestion in the city, and it helped to make New York City more accessible to residents.

March 25, 1935: The second semester of the New York City College of Technology opened. The college was founded in 1931, and it was one of the first community colleges in the United States. It was established to provide education and training for residents of the New York City area, and it helped to prepare them for careers in a variety of fields. The college was a major resource for the city, and it helped to improve the quality of life for residents.

March 26, 1948: Steven Tyler of Aerosmith was born in Yonkers. Tyler was a popular singer and songwriter, and he was known for his energetic stage presence and his love of music. He was a beloved figure in the Yonkers community, and he helped to bring new energy and excitement to the city.

Time to Bring Graduate Medical Education to the 21st Century
By Dr. Barbara Ross-Lee
America is suffering from a shortage of primary care physicians. And with the nation’s patient populations expanding and fewer doctors choosing to be generalists, the shortage is getting worse. By 2020, there will be a shortage of an estimated 45,000 primary care doctors. Reforming graduate medical education—the system used to train new physicians—would help address this problem. Established in 1966, the current system is outdated and inefficient; it doesn’t train enough physicians in primary care. Voters must urge Congress to repay a generation of current trainees in primary care by funding training models that fix the shortfall and meet patients’ needs.

A key report from the Institute of Medicine demonstrates that many graduate medical education programs fail to provide enrollees with the knowledge and skills needed to provide high-quality care outside of the hospital. Newly minted doctors struggle with even “simple procedures,” commonly required in office-based settings.

The root of this problem is that the bulk of the average doctor’s residency training takes place in a large teaching hospital. That’s a unique environment with many advantages for the small percentage of people who receive care there. But it leaves little room for opportunities to practice clinical settings where most care is delivered. A key tenet of the Institute of Medicine report is that “training in community settings is one of the best ways to prepare future physicians.” By selecting the right applicants, providing adequate services and training that mirrors the realities of medical care outside the hospital, this report’s recommendations would result in the next generation of doctors being much more likely to practice high-level primary care in community settings. Patients in these regions often struggle to find doctors, and we’ll need more doctors who can provide quality, culturally competent care.

Teaching health centers link primary care providers to clinics and health centers in underserved communities, and their graduates are almost three times more likely to practice in underserved areas. Specifically, the Affordable Care Act includes provisions for funding health centers throughout the country. In 2014, the federal government allocated grants to 60 centers, enabling them to train 550 additional doctors. Another successful model for improving the organization of medical education is found in the Wisconsin Collaborative for Community Primary Care Education. These partnerships enable medical schools, hospitals and community-based health care facilities to pool their academic and research resources, and provide funding to graduate medical education programs. At New York College of Osteopathic Medicine at the New York Institute of Technology, we are dedicated to improving graduate medical education. Our program is focused on providing an innovative, multifaceted primary care education that will better prepare future physicians to practice in underserved communities and will provide much-needed care to the millions of patients who are currently underserved.

A key challenge in transforming medical education is funding. One funding source is based on an outdated formula that’s $13 billion annually to finance graduate medical education. Sustained funding needs to flow to these institutions providing the graduate medical education system will provide the flexibility needed to address workforce and patient needs in an evolving health care system. Across the country, this model is working. In fact, this program at our osteopathic residencies is choosing the generalist disciplines of family medicine, general internal medicine, and pediatrics. At more traditional programs, just 1 in 10 physicians choose primary care.

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By Paul Bookbinder

Barbara Walters has made a gift of $15 million to Sarah Lawrence College, which includes an endowment fund and the establishment of The Barbara Walters Campus. The Sarah Lawrence College Board of Trustees will use the gift to establish the Barbara Walters Presidential Fund, which will support the college's president and provide additional funds that the college can use to attract and retain top leadership.

Sarah Lawrence College is one of the few colleges in the nation to provide a dedicated campus focused on the arts, with a strong emphasis on the performing arts. The college is located in Yonkers, New York, and is known for its small class sizes, low student-to-faculty ratio, and commitment to diversity.

The college is named after its founder, Fred Lawrence, who was a prominent figure in the arts and education. The college has a long history of producing successful alumni, including many who have gone on to become leaders in their fields.

The Barbara Walters Presidential Fund will be used to support the college's president and provide additional funds that the college can use to attract and retain top leadership. The fund will also be used to support the college's strategic initiatives, including the expansion of its campus and new programs in the arts.

The college is currently embarking on a capital campaign to raise $100 million, and this gift is a significant contribution to that effort. The college is grateful for the support of Barbara Walters and the Walters family, and will work to ensure that this gift is used to its fullest potential.

The college is committed to providing a world-class education to its students, and this gift will help the college to continue that mission. The college looks forward to working with Barbara Walters and the Walters family to ensure that this gift is used to its fullest potential.
The program featured a screening of the PBS documentary “Women, Peace and Security: War Redefined,” produced by Peter Bull. It is an emotional depiction of how women have become the main victims of the new type of war that is being waged in the world today, and the need to include women in peace building and at the negotiating table following conflicts. The film was followed by a discussion on women’s role in peacekeeping and peace building, led by NPR independent correspondent to the UN Linda Fasulo, who has recently released the third edition of her book “An Insider’s Guide to the UN. Dr. Brenda Smith provided some background on the Commission on the Status of Women, which began its 59th session March 9, and described her military and civilian work experiences over a 50-year period.

Gerardo Porteny Backal, who provides global youth engagement for the HeforShe campaign of UN-Women, added his remarks on how men can participate in bringing about gender equality. Gerardo is 20 years old and represents the global movement Young Men for Gender Equality.

There was a lively discussion from the audience following the speakers and the discussion continued over refreshments following the program.

The event was organized by UNA-Westchester’s Young Professionals Program, led by co-chairpersons Andy Laub and Martha Perez. It was co-sponsored by the Yonkers Riverfront Library, the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and Sarah Lawrence College.
Saunders' robotics team salutes its robot, The Leonard Nimoy. ‘Live long and prosper.’

Photos by Donna Davis

The Saunders robotics team salutes its robot, The Leonard Nimoy. ‘Live long and prosper.’

The Saunders Droid Factory made it all the way through the finals. Against all odds, the team beat out both the first- and second-highest seeded teams, taking first place. The Saunders Droid Factory also received the Excellence in Engineering Award, given to a team that exhibits proficiency in design, functionality and innovation. Robot Leonard, boasting 3D-printed tools and a three-day competition: Saunders teachers Jose Nunes, mathematics; and Con Edison-Van Nest Shops Manager Rob Bevil, Coordinator Sean Sweeney, Design Team Vigna and Multinational M. Johnson.

The Saunders Droid Factory team included: Brian Rivera, lead programmer and electrician; James Kaufman: programmer and electrician; Brian Rivera, lead programmer and electrician; Sweeney, Designer Ernie Viggiano and Machinist Xi-Hua Nicotina; and scouts Joseph Venturini, Nicholas Warner, Alaksh Shreiff, Alberto Mejia, Pablo Salazar, Shashidh Ali, Musa Ali, Caroline Perez and Sergio Induta.

Saunders’ winning robot, The Leonard Nimoy: drivers Giovanni Balbuena and Christina Girola; Patrick Silva Da Cruz human player; Kevin Petro, spokesperson; Benny Mina, pit administrator; Emma Saltzberg, secondary pit administrator; David Kastrin, assistant pit administrator; Jon Figueroa, lead scout; Karthik Madhav, lead pit scout; scouts Joseph Kim, Frank Swirynicz and Joseph Nicotina, and scouts Joseph Venturini, Nicholas Warner, Alaksh Shreiff, Alberto Mejia, Pablo Salazar, Shashidh Ali, Musa Ali, Caroline Perez and Sergio Induta.