The The Yonkers Chamber of Commerce held its 22nd annual Women of Excellence Luncheon last week at The Fairways at Dunderdale. Women in Business Chairwoman Maria Karamanis welcomed the audience, and she introduced Chairwomen Connie Lambl and Anni March, along with Yonkers Chamber of Commerce President Kevin Caccamo, thanked all for attending and congratulated the chamber’s distinguished women for 2014. They include: Patricia Abreu, Owner of the Abreu Insurance Agency, Patricia Abreu received the Entrepreneurial Award. In the Dominican Republic, she came to the United States in 1992 and graduated from college in 2006. She has opened her insurance agency, Abreu Street in Yonkers. Abreu is president of the County Cycle Center Celebrates 48 Years on McLean Avenue

By Phil Foley

Dan Ventarola with staff at County Cycle Center.

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The festival will kick off April 6 with the Westchester’s Funniest Comedian Competition, musical improv, and a comedy workshop in Mount Vernon and New Rochelle. The winner of the first comedian competition will receive a grand prize of $1,000 and will get to perform in the festival’s finale in the historic Grand Recessive Ballroom in Downtown Yonkers. Amusing comedians and musicians are lined up to perform. The first night’s headliner will be Jackie Mason, who is following in her dad’s footsteps, while legendary comedians including host Phyllis Yvonne Stickney, and talent Del Harrison and Rich Shultis on stage.

The Westchester Comedy Festival is a fun-filled event for all ages and especially the goldilocks crowd. If you are looking to have a great time and laugh out loud, make sure to attend each of the comedy festival’s stops, and especially the finale in Downtown Yonkers – which is under cultural renovation that is bringing more art, music and a new generation of people to this historic waterfront area. As a special option for the finale, part of the ticket price can go to a local charity of your choice. Choose to buy a ticket which supports another Groundwork Hudson Valley or the Yonkers YWCA (www.yonkersYWCA.com). Yonkers residents may also purchase a limited number of discounted tickets at Casa De Café, 44 Main St, Yonkers.

The Westchester Comedy Festival is grateful to its partners, including Westchester County Tourism, the Yonkers Downtown BID, Leifald Comedy, Coca-Cola, Proctor & Gamble, the City of Yonkers, the Youth Community Outreach Programs, Lewis and Kirby, Wolverson, Chong Inc., City of New Rochelle, and Harlem United.

Visit www.yonkerscomedyfest.com to buy tickets, see the schedule, meet the performers and for other information.

Who is Really the Funniest Person in Westchester?

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Spring is Here: Science Barge to Open April 12

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tival, Leighanne Lord (HBO’s Def Comedy All Star Jam) and Crystal Ward.

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Downtown Yonkers has been chosen to host the finale of this premiere comedy se-
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Cross the gangplank and shake those win-
ter doldrums at the grand opening of the Science Barge on Saturday, April 12. This sus-
tainable urban farm and environmental educa-
tion center is celebrating its sixth year on the waterfront in downtown Yonkers with an after-
noon of revelry.

Fun times starting at noon include a “sea-
paw high-kick-flying” with kite-expert and na-
tionally-recognized boomeranger, Flyin’ Brian Sarno, live music from the Nuyaparit Community Drum Corps and hunting for glass urchs. Also, there will be arts crafts, inventors’ Club wizardy, Science Club mis-
els, a windsailing and energy bike challenge.

Free walk on tours will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. and there will be light refreshments throughout the day. Each year the Science Barge grows an abundance of fresh produce for local food pan-
tries, using solar, wind energy and biofuels, and rainwater irrigation. The only fully-functioning demonstration of sustainable energy-support-
ed food production in New York. The Science Barge provides educational programs for young people of all ages and hosts more than 8,000 visitors annually.

The Science Barge is funded by grants from the City of Yonkers, Confidion, Domino Sugar, the Round River Foundation, the New York State Department of Environ-
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If you are a single family homeowner and you answered YES to any of the above questions, you may be eligible for financial assistance through the NY Rising Housing Recovery Program.

The deadline for applications is April 11, 2014*

Please join us at one of our storm recovery outreach events. Learn about our programs for single family homeowners. Eligible homeowners will be able to apply at these events.

April 5 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Broome/Tioga: Our Savior Lutheran Church-Lutheran Fellowship Hall, 731 Hooper Road, Endwell

Essex: Jay Community Center Gym/Auditorium, 11 School Lane, Au Sable Forks

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April 9
Storm Recovery Outreach Events will be held in Dutchess and Rockland/Westchester counties.

If you can’t attend one of our community meetings, you can still apply online at: http://stormrecovery.ny.gov or call the STORM RECOVERY HOT LINE at 1-855-NYS-SANDY (1-855-697-7263).

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• Buyouts & Acquisitions

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* Only new applications for single family homeowners will close on April 11th. Applications for Interim Mortgage Assistance (IMA) for homeowners who have submitted a NY Rising Housing Recovery Program application by April 11th will still be accepted. In addition, NY Rising will accept applications for condominiums and cooperatives as well as rental properties. Coop/condo and rental property applications will be available soon.

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A Salute to eHerman
At Will Library on April 6

“Three for the Show” features vocals by Mark Cummings and Michelle Ehrenreich, Kirk Elliott on piano and commentary by Leo Giam. The program will include many of the hits made famous by this Broadway gay, as well as commentary on his life and career. Tickets are $35. More information and directions, call 914-337-1500.

Ready, Set, Serve! Register Now for Volleyball Tourney

Registration is now open for the spring Westchester County co-ed volleyball tournament, to be held Wednesday and Thursday, April 16 and 17 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Westchester County Center in White Plains.

The tournament is open to men and women 17 years of age and older who are members of organized teams, such as corporations, clubs, fraternities and YMCAs. The tournament will be played in Round Robin format with a double-elimination tournament for teams not placing in the Round Robin play.

For more information and directions, call 914-337-1500.

District of Van Vechten, the American Library Association and the American Association of University Women.

For more information, visit www.re-envisioningpakistan.org.
Yonkers Arts Beat: A View For the Arts

Yonkers gets things a decade ahead of the rest of the country. By Eric W. Schoen

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AGENDA FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
March 28, 2014

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: A Public Hearing will be held on the Zoning Board of Ap- pellate Review. Notice of hearing will be given on the agenda of the Zoning Board of Appeals of Yonkers, New York, held at its regular meeting, on March 28, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., at the Municipal Center, 100 North Broadway, Yonkers, New York 10701-2026. The purpose of the hearing is to hear and receive testimony and arguments on the applications for Variance under the provisions of G.C. 4-200, as amended.

Newspapers—Community News—Andrew Romanoff, Esq., on behalf of Artech, Kearney, Inc., on premises known as 1029 aika 1043 Yonkers Avenue, Block 26, Lot 47, Zoned: B-1.

#5360—Area Variance—Christopher C. Daniels, Esq., on behalf of Ameteks-Ten LLC, on premises known as 411 Bronx River Road, Block 33, Lot 20, Zoned: B-1.

#5361—Lien—Walter C. Engh, on behalf of咒价 30 ac.

#5362—Property Tax—Arthur A. McCann, Esq., on behalf of 733 W. 206th Street, Block 301, Lot 11, Zone: M

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NOTICE OF SALE SUMMONS—COUNTY COURT OF WESTCHESTER T1 FUNDING—Sale of Tax Lien, on premises known as Gaspee Lane, Block 1103, Lot 55, Yonkers, New York 10710-2306, for failure to pay the second half of the 2013 Property Tax. Judgment was entered for said amount and interest on 02/17/2014. The date of the sale will be 04/17/2014 at 09:30 AM at the office of the Records Clerk, County Court of Westchester County, 80 West Chestnut Street, Yonkers, New York 10701-2306.

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Yonkers on the Move kicks off Walk Season

Yonkers on the Move will kick off its walk season Monday, April 7 at noon at City Hall Plaza with Mayor Mike Spano welcoming participants and opening the event. The initiative is a citywide campaign and program promoting a healthier active lifestyle, with walking as the core activity.

Participants will also learn about this year’s 2014 challenge called Yonkers Walk 20, which consists of three walks extending from April to November. For more information, visit www.walkyom.org.

VOM is sponsored by Community for All Ages, Helen Aitken Benefit Foundation, United Way of Westchester and Putnam, Saint John’s Medical Center and 35 Plus Yonkers Connections.

Walk4KickingHoff Pier 6 April 6 in White Plains

The Yonkers Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce Walk4KickingHoff Pier 6 April 6 in White Plains. The event will be held at The Forum, 400 Mamaroneck Avenue. The event is free to the public. For more information, visit www.yonkerschamber.org.

Hospital Awarded $50K Grant For Breast Health Program

St. John’s Riverside Hospital announced that $50,000 grant has been awarded to St. John’s in Westchester. The program will focus on improving the early detection of breast cancer.

Avon funding is essential to St. John’s in Westchester in achieving its mission of providing quality breast care and also assisting those that are challenged with access to breast care.

The grant will enhance breast care plans for the newly diagnosed and patient-centered chemotherapy and radiation services and patient navigation.

County Health Department Expands Tuberculosis Services

The Westchester County Department of Health announced last week that the number of Tuberculosis cases in the county declined in 2013, and the department is increasing its emphasis on treating those with inactive TB – about 10 percent of whom will subsequently develop active TB.

The announcement was made on World Tuberculosis Day, which marks the day in 1882 when the discovery of the bacteria that causes tuberculosis was announced. TB, a disease which spreads through aerosolization, can spread out of control in many parts of the world and is still a life-threatening problem in the United States.

In addition to providing free medical care, case management and medical services to residents with active TB, the health department will now evaluate and treat people for latent TB infection, which is when a person gets infected with TB but doesn’t have active TB disease.

The department is urging residents who may have had contact with someone who may have active TB to come forward for medical care and testing. If someone is found to have latent TB, they can be treated to prevent them from developing active TB.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 10 percent of people in the United States who are infected with TB will develop active TB in their lifetime. In Westchester, the rate of TB is lower than the state average and continues to be among the lowest in the nation.

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TB of the lungs. If left untreated, TB can be fatal.

If untreated, each person with active TB can infect, on average, 10 to 15 people a year, according to the World Health Organization. In the United States, 8,735 cases of TB were reported in 2013, a 5.8 percent increase from 965 cases in 2012.

Tuberculosis is a disease caused by a bacterium that is usually spread when an infected person coughs.

TB usually infects the lungs, but it can also affect other parts of the body. Symptoms can include weakness, fatigue, muscle, weight loss, fever, and night sweats. Persistent coughing, pain or coughing up blood might be symptoms of TB of the lungs. It is preventable and curable.

TB can be fatal. But if TB is recognized in the U.S. in the early stages, such illness can be avoided.

St. John’s Riverside Hospital’s Cochran Nursing School Info. Session

St. John’s Riverside Hospital will host a Nursing School Info. Session Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. on the S1 level of the Andrea Pavilion, 967 N. Broadway, Yonkers.

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Barbara Smith
Barbara Smith has been depicted as a crusader in her Yonkers community as both an activist and a civil leader, although her leadership style has sometimes come under fire.

Her dedication, and knowledge of Yonkers, has been described as "true difference among our neighbors." She has been involved in various community programs and organizations, including the March of Dimes, Youth Services and Community-Based Programs, the Yonkers Family Service Society, the Yonkers Salvation Army, the Yonkers Homeless Coalition, and Visions for Vounteered Women, and many more.

Sarah Heyes's commitment to her community began as a Girl Scout volunteering at Y.E.S. (Youth Enterprise Services) and with the Yonkers Public Library. She was also involved in several organizations, including the Yonkers Salvation Army, the Yonkers YWCA, and the Yonkers Police Department. Sarah Lawrence College, completing a summa cum laude degree in English, the importance of women's rights, and the knowledge to shape her Yonkers community.

Her love for Yonkers led her to positions where she could do the most good, by teaching and working in the field of education. Sarah Heyes has been described as someone who is passionate about Yonkers and its communities.

Cavallo Wons Appeal; Cuomo & Astorino Asked to Decline Ind. Line
By Dan Murphy
Four thousand members of the Westchester Independence Party had their registrations cancelled as a result of a State Appeals Court decision handed down last week.

“I think that this is a clear, cut-and-dry case that he claims that his ballot is not needed and that he was wrong,” said Judge Robert Duffield’s decision. “I’m not saying that there are no respondents who have a right to appear before this court, but I do not see them in this particular case.”

The case came from the Westchester County Board of Elections where it was heard by Cavallo and the Independence Party. The court ruled in the favor of the 4,000 members, and the Independence Party was forced to refile its complaint.

“Light of the subcommittee’s withdrawal of their appeal, we anticipated that we could win,” said Duffield. “However, we have not heard from the members who did not appear at the subcommittee’s hearing.”

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