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## Go Green for Sound Shore St. Pat's Parade March 23



Bagpipers march down Mamaroneck Avenue during last year's Sound Shore St. Patrick's Day parade. Photo by Sandra Wong Geroux.

Bagpipers, Irish step dancers, nine marching bands and more than 40 local and regional organizations will march down Mamaroneck Avenue on March 23 for the third annual Sound Shore St. Patrick's Day parade.

The family-oriented parade, which draws several-thousand attendees from all around the Sound Shore area, will kick off 1:30 p.m. from midway between the Mamaroneck Metro-North station and Interstate 95, and conclude at Harbor Island Park.

"The Sound Shore St. Patrick's Day parade

is designed to be a fun, family-friendly event and after the terrible winter we have had I hope everyone will want to get outdoors and enjoy the parade on March 23," said parade committee Co-Chairperson Tania McMenamin. "We are very proud of how this event has grown in its first two years and brought together the Irish community from Pelham to Port Chester. We welcome everyone to join us in Mamaroneck on the 23rd."

The grand marshal of the parade will be

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## Mt. Vernon Schools Receive \$100,000 Technology Grant



State Sen. Jeff Klein and State Sen. Ruth Hassell-Thompson pose with students from Pennington Elementary School, after a \$100,000 direct aid grant to fund tablets, Smart Boards and laptops for middle-schoolers in Mount Vernon was announced.

A \$100,000 direct aid grant for Mount Vernon schools was announced last week by State Sen. Jeff Klein. The grant will be used to fund updated technology for sixth- and seventh-grade students within newly restructured schools in the district, including Graham Elementary, Pennington Elementary and Longfellow Middle School.

These technology upgrades include new tablets, Smart Boards and laptops for students impacted by the first phase of a district-wide transition to a kindergarten through eighth-grade school model for the coming year.

Klein, who represents the Fleetwood section of Mt. Vernon, Pelham and the Bronx, was joined by State Sen. Ruth Hassell-Thompson and Mount Vernon Interim Superintendent of Schools Judith Johnson, as well as parents, teachers and the principals from the local schools who stand to benefit from the grant.

"Investing in cutting-edge, digital classrooms is an integral part of keeping our students three steps ahead," said Klein, who serves as co-leader of the State Senate. "All of these tools - from Smart Boards, to tablets, to new laptops - make the curriculum more interactive and train our students to use devices that will be essential in tomorrow's economy. That's why I was pleased to deliver

a \$100,000 grant that will go directly to helping Mount Vernon's schools acquire this new technology. My commitment to ensuring that our schools have the resources they need to deliver a first-rate education has never been stronger."

Hassell-Thompson said primary and secondary schooling should offer the necessary tools and building blocks for a life of learning.

"Studies have shown that iPads enhance our students' educational experiences," he said. "I would like to thank Sen. Klein for his leadership in securing this funding for our Mount Vernon Schools. It is critical that we provide our future leaders with a strong foundation so they are competitive with every other student in our country and throughout the world."

Superintendent Johnson said schools are faced with growing financial demands while student needs are also on the rise.

"Through ongoing research, we understand why achievement at the middle-school level falters across the country," she said. "We have to be smarter in our spending so we can adequately prepare our students for high school and their futures. On behalf of the entire Board of Education, I wish to extend our appreciation to Sen. Klein for his leadership in securing this grant."

## Westchester's Oscar Connection & The Sen. Who Didn't Take the \$\$



The movie "American Hustle," directed by Mamaroneck native David O. Russell, below, was nominated for 10 Academy Awards.



By Dan Murphy

Westchester was rooting hard for Mamaroneck native David Russell to win an Oscar for his film "American Hustle," which was nominated for 10 Academy Awards. And while Russell and "American Hustle" did not win an Oscar night last Sunday, his movies keep making their way to the top of Hollywood's favorite films.

Russell, who was nominated for best director for "Silver Linings Playbook" and "The Fighter," and is fast becoming one of the great American directors, graduated from Mamaroneck High School.

He joins Mt. Vernon native Denzel Washington as two Hollywood figures who grew up in Westchester. Like Washington, Russell has fond memories of growing up in Mamaroneck.

A great piece from Mamaroneck grad Callie Schweitzer who interviewed Russell 10 years ago led him to revisit Mamaroneck High School 28 years after his graduation. (Read the interview, titled "How David O. Russell Made Me a Journalist," at [www.medium.com](http://www.medium.com).)

"American Hustle" tells the story of brilliant con man, Irving Rosenfeld (Christian Bale), who along with his equally cunning and seductive British partner Sydney Prosser (Amy Adams) is forced to work for a wild FBI agent, Richie DiMaso (Bradley Cooper).

The film, which has a disclaimer at the begin-

ning that states, "Some of this actually happened," revisits the Abscam bribery scandal, an FBI sting from 1978- to 1980, which lured politicians with bribes to help an Arab Sheik and ended with the convictions of a U.S. senator, six members of the House of Representatives, and several local officials in New Jersey.

Russell uses the Abscam scandal to raise the ethical question of using a hustler to catch (or entrap) dirty politicians, and uses the same actors in his previous successful films (Adams and Bale from "The Fighter" and Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence from "Silver Linings Playbook"). Bale won the best actor Oscar for "The Fighter," and Lawrence won best actress for "Silver Linings Playbook."

And while almost every politician took the opportunity to walk out of a hotel with a briefcase full of money, one politician remained honest and refused the bribe. His name is Larry Pressler.

Pressler was a freshman U.S. senator from South Dakota when he was offered a bribe from the FBI, but turned it down. Pressler, who was disappointed that "American Hustle" did not include any reference of himself or any elected officials turning down the bribe, is running as an Independent candidate to take back his old Senate seat in South Dakota.

Pressler ran a television commercial in South Dakota on Oscar night, with the FBI video in which he states: "It would not be proper for me to promise to do anything in return for campaign contributions."

"American Hustle" shows the FBI making real-life bribes to Washington politicians," Pressler said in the 30-second spot, which ran twice during the Academy Awards. "I know, because as your U.S. senator, I turned them down... This is the type of honest leadership I will bring to Washington, D.C. - one term as a South Dakota independent free to fight to protect South Dakota families."

The 71-year-old Pressler, a former Republican who endorsed President Barack Obama for re-election, is running as an Independent in an attempt to fix the gridlock in Washington, and vows to serve only one six-year term so he doesn't have to raise any money while serving.

Sen. Pressler will appear on Westchester radio station WVOX -1460 AM and WVOX.com on March 13 at 10 a.m.

## Yonkers, Governor Cuomo, And the Property Tax Cap

By Dan Murphy

It is difficult for a resident or elected official from any of the towns, villages or cities in Westchester to care about the financial difficulties in the City of Yonkers. Most local governments and school districts are dealing with financial constraints of their own, including providing services and paying for their employees' salaries, benefits and health insurance while living within the property tax cap - this year at 1.84 percent.

State Sen. George Latimer, who represents the east side of Yonkers along with most of the Sound Shore communities, is trying to bridge that gap, recently saying at a state budget hearing in Yonkers that he seeks to "fundamentally change how the state perceives Yonkers."

"If Yonkers fails, then Westchester fails," he said. "With 27,000 students in the Yonkers Public Schools, we need to convince everyone in Albany that we are all brothers and that a change in the way we address the needs of Yonkers has to happen."

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and officials at YPS recently uncovered a budget error in the district's past two budgets totaling \$55 million - an error that exceeds most of the total budgets for many Westchester communities. In the recent school budgets of 2012-13 and 2013-14, YPS Superintendent Bernard Pierorazio and his staff included \$26.9 million in state aid in the

first budget and \$28.1 million in the next budget, that the district was not entitled to.

An audit of the school budgets is currently underway, but Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano has pegged the \$55 million budget error, combined with a "regular budget shortfall of \$33 million for next school year's budget, to total an \$88 million expected budget shortfall in the YPS budget.

The \$55 error was not only not discovered by officials at the Yonkers Board of Education, but also by the City of Yonkers, Yonkers City Council, and State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli - all who signed off and approved the YPS budgets with the \$55 million errors.

The fact that all of these bodies with oversight "trusted" the erroneous figures given to them by YPS makes this a unique situation for the state government, and Gov. Andrew Cuomo, to deal with.

Spano has already traveled to Albany to seek "a legislative solution" to the budget problem. He has a good working relationship with Cuomo, who is seeking re-election this year, and the combination of both could lead to the governor coming to Yonkers' rescue.

Members of the state delegation to Yonkers, including Democratic Senate Conference Leader and Westchester State Sen. Andrea Stewart-

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## 'Sound of Music' Comes Alive March 13 Through 15



Jonathan Shapiro and Dina Resnick, who are playing the roles of Captain and Maria Von Trapp in the upcoming "The Sound of Music" musical, at a recent rehearsal.

"The Sound of Music" is coming to the stage at Edgemont High School in Scarsdale on March 13, and will be led by Howard Kilik, music director and pianist; and John Cato-liati, orchestra director and producer.

The production will also include seasoned performers at the school.

"It's wonderful to have an opportunity to direct a Rodgers and Hammerstein classic," said Director Mitch Shapiro. "The cast and I have been exploring the ways that the staged version of the show is different from the film version, with which people are so familiar. Any time you have a piece that is so well known, it is a challenge, especially for young actors, to tell the story in a fresh way; so far, I've been impressed with everyone's enthusiasm and interest in deconstructing the script line by line to find the hidden intentions and motivations behind each statement and action. We look forward to begin working with our orchestra and our set starting next week."

The cast of the show was equally excited, yet mindful of the popularity of the musical.

"I'm very excited to take on the role of Maria Von Trapp, but I'm also nervous since the musical is very well known," said Dina Resnick, who will play the leading lady. "Many people are familiar with Maria Von Trapp and the songs she sings, and I do feel a little pressure since Julie Andrews is iconic in that role."

This is not the case for Jonathan Shapiro, who plays the leading male role of Captain Von Trapp.

"Unlike the rest of the cast and, most likely, the cast majority of the musical theater community, I was very unfamiliar with 'The Sound of Music,'" he said. "I never watched the movie until it was announced that it would be the spring musical."

His unfamiliarity with the musical will likely be a blessing in disguise to shelter him from the expectations. Shapiro is, indeed, a newcomer to the musical theater world, only having his first role in a musical last year as Will Parker in the school's "Oklahoma!" production.

He is no amateur in his craft, however, as he was nominated for "Outstanding Dramatic Performance by an Actor" at the Helen Hayes/Metro Theater Award for his role as Archibald Craven in the school's "The Secret Garden" production.

Pressures and hard work aside, both Resnick and Shapiro are enjoying their rehearsal times. "The whole cast gets along well, and we have a lot of fun," said Resnick.

The story of seven Von Trapp family children brings a cast of junior and senior high school students together, creating opportunities for Resnick, a senior, to become friends with seventh-graders – a joy shared by Shapiro.

The camaraderie on the set is inspired by the maestro himself. Working with "Dr. Mitch," as the cast calls the director, is a pleasure to all, according to the leading man.

"He gives me freedom to explore the role myself, but he is always there to give me advice, which not only helps me tease out a new expression in my current circumstance, but thinking about his advice has helped me in other scenes and even in other productions," said Shapiro.

The school community – and beyond – looks forward to performances by the hard-working cast, crew and pit members of "The Sound of Music." After all, as Shapiro said, the making of the production is "simply one of the most enjoyable experiences I've been a part of in my life," and everyone wants to be a part of it.

"The Sound of Music" musical, best known for its 1965 film adaptation starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer, won five Academy Awards and spawned many songs familiar to American ears, including "Edelweiss," "My Favorite Things," "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," "Do-Re-Mi" and the title song, "The Sound of Music."

The production will run in the Edgemont High School Auditorium from Thursday, March 13 to Saturday, March 15 at 7 p.m., with a matinee at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Ticket prices vary from \$20 for the Thursday, March 13 performance (includes a donation of \$10 to the Edgemont Scholarship Council) to \$15 for Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15 performances.

For ticket information, visit [www.edgemontpts.org/ace](http://www.edgemontpts.org/ace). Checks for all performances should be made out to Edgemont Union Free School District and mailed to: Sound of Music – Edgemont High School, 300 White Oak Lane, Scarsdale, NY 10583.

For questions, email [tickets@ehs.edgemont.org](mailto:tickets@ehs.edgemont.org).

## 'Savor the Flavor' to Raise Funds for the Arts

A variety of local restaurants and the Harrison Band Parents Association have united for a fourth year to host Savor the Flavor, a fundraiser to benefit the Harrison High School marching band and performing arts programs, from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 15 at Reid Castle on the campus of Manhattanville College in Purchase.

During an evening of great food and music, guests will enjoy appetizers, entrees and desserts at individual food stations while Reid Castle is filled with the sounds of students showcasing both their individual and collective talents. A silent auction will feature another way to support the event.

"This is an opportunity for the public to see and hear our high school musicians performing music in groups, and solos from genres include music from a broad spectrum of classical, jazz and popular genres," said Band Director

Charles Briem.

Proceeds from Savor the Flavor will help underwrite costs and provide scholarships for the performing arts trip and performance for the 2014-15 school year. Annual trips include the 50th anniversary ceremonies for the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in 2012 and an upcoming parade appearance at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., in April 2014.

The Harrison High School Band Parents Association is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to advocate for the students in the Harrison High School band and to support the teachers and staff in an effort to ensure successful productions and events.

Event tickets are \$50 in advance or \$60 at door. For more information, contact Kristine Camillone at 914-441-7864, or visit the Harrison Band Parents Association website at [www.hhsbpa.coffeecup.com](http://www.hhsbpa.coffeecup.com).

## Eastchester CAP Receives Donation of Food & Finances



Eastchester Supervisor Anthony S. Colavita, left, and ECAP Director Don Brown.



From left are Fay Blasi, Supervisor Colavita, Laura Cerasi, Denzil Francis, ECAP Director Don Brown, Alda Picconi, Tuckahoe Senior Director Jennifer Ventromile and Bernice Yancy.

The Town of Eastchester recently showed its support for the Eastchester Community Action Program in Tuckahoe, when Supervisor Anthony Colavita presented an annual check in the amount of \$15,852 to ECAP Director Don Brown at its Main Street location.

"ECAP is a vital organization," said Colavita. "The Town of Eastchester supports ECAP in its endeavors to help assist our citizens."

Brown was thankful and appreciative of the grant.

Also recently, Colavita visited the various

senior centers to celebrate Valentine's Day. Seniors were treated to strawberry shortcake and candy heart raffles courtesy of the supervisor.

"It was a pleasure to visit our seniors on that special day," he said. "Everyone was in good spirits, donning red attire and enjoying the fun and entertainment."

While attending the celebration with the Tuckahoe seniors at Father Fata Hall, the supervisor was again joined by Don Brown, who was presented with the Tuckahoe Seniors Executive Board's January food drive donations for ECAP's Emergency Food Pantry.

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## Lowey Announces Re-Election Bid; Day to Challenge Congresswoman



Chris Day



Congresswoman Nita Lowey

Longtime Westchester Congresswoman Nita Lowey recently announced that she will seek re-election to a 14th term in the House of Representatives. In an email to supporters, Lowey wrote:

Dear Friend:

Because you are a strong supporter and valued friend, I want you to hear directly from me that I am running for re-election to Congress in November.

I am proud of my effective leadership in Congress, representing our communities from Port Chester to Stony Point, and from Chappaqua to Pearl River and beyond. With your support, in just the last two years, I have secured vital investments in our region, including:

- \* \$60 billion in federal Superstorm Sandy relief to rebuild and recover

- \* Historic assistance for the new Tappan Zee Bridge

- \* Aid for local small businesses to expand and create jobs

As the highest-ranking Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, I served on the bi-partisan House-Senate conference committee that broke the gridlock in Washington and passed a budget in the fall to end the Tea Party shutdown. Just last month, we enacted important legislation to improve our economy and quality of life through restoration of federal investments in infrastructure, early education, homeland security, medical research, and much more.

Nationally, unemployment has declined to 6.6 percent, and 8.2 million new jobs have been created over 46 consecutive months. But we can't stop now.

I'll keep fighting to help our local businesses grow and create jobs and to direct federal investments to local transportation systems and schools, which helps to keep down property taxes. And, I'll continue the march toward economic security for our families with an increase in the minimum wage for 16.5 million Americans and equal pay for America's working women.

Finally, many of our accomplishments are under attack in Washington. We can't allow extreme Republicans to risk our fragile economic recovery with their irresponsible actions.

In one short week, hundreds of supporters will begin a month-long canvass to collect petition signatures so that I can qualify to run for re-election. I know that I can count on you to help and to advise me throughout the campaign.

I am proud to call the Hudson Valley home, and it is an honor to serve you in the

United States Congress.

Thank you for your continued support. (End of letter.)

Lowey represents the 17th Congressional District, which includes the Westchester communities of Peekskill, Cortlandt, Croton, Yorktown, Ossining, Greenburgh, White Plains, North Castle, New Castle, Mt. Kisco, Port Chester and parts of Rye. She was first elected to Congress in 1988.

One Republican has already stepped forward to announce his interest in running against Lowey: Chris Day, the son of Rockland County Executive Ed Day, wrote a letter to Republican district leaders in the district last month, seeking their support.

"I enter this race with a fervent belief that the time is now to act and (end) Nita Lowey's nearly 30-year hold in Congress," wrote Day. "The Republican Party in Westchester and Rockland has proven itself in recent county executive races to be the party of new ideas and a focus on the needs of the people. I've lived a life of service. I've spent time in the U.S. Army serving in two wars. I've seen combat, and raised a family. I'm a homeowner, and I currently work in the private sector."

The 17th Congressional District that Lowey now represents was redrawn last year to include all of Rockland County, and central and northern Westchester. In 2012, Lowey easily defeated Rye Town Supervisor Joe Carvin 64 to 35 percent.

Fifty-eight percent of the new district still includes Westchester County, where Lowey is well known and Day relatively unknown.

Day, 29, ran his father's successful campaign for Rockland county executive last year, and has his father's support in his congressional bid.

"...If you look at his resume, he is more qualified for office than any other elected official in the area, myself included," said Day Sr. of his son. "He has served his country with distinction, he is a family man, and he brings a fresh perspective to government. I am confident he will serve this district with the same dedication with which he served his country - and those qualities have nothing to do with what his last name is. I wish him best of luck in his tremendous endeavor."

Westchester and Rockland County Republicans are expected to unite behind Day's candidacy. However, even with unified GOP support, any efforts to defeat Lowey in a district that is 2-1 Democrat will be an uphill battle.

For more information on both candidates, visit [www.voteofday.com](http://www.voteofday.com) and [loweyforcongress.com](http://loweyforcongress.com).

## Did I Just Buy A House?

By **Martin B. Epstein Esq.**

The search to purchase a house is often a long and difficult process.

Once you have found the house of your dreams, the next step is to negotiate the price and terms, which are to be reflected in a written contract to be signed by both the seller and buyer. These negotiations usually occur through a broker, if one is being used; or in a conversation directly between the seller and buyer, either in person or by telephone.

The next step is for the seller to hire an attorney who will prepare a contract of sale reflecting the purchase price and other essential terms agreed to by both parties.

What happens if either the seller or buyer changes their mind before the written contract is signed by both parties? Have the parties en-

tered into a contract which could be enforced in a court of law?

The simple answer is no.

New York State has adopted a law, modeled after an old English law, called the Statute of Frauds. This law requires that certain types of contracts must be in writing and signed by the party to be bound. A contract involving the sale or transfer of real estate is one such contract that must be in writing and signed.

The purpose of the Statute of Frauds, which has been adopted in some form in every state, is to prevent the possibility of a nonexistent agreement being proven in a Court of Law by means of perjury or fraud.

The "moral" of this story is: When it comes to real estate purchases, get it in writing.

## 'Hire Westchester' Initiative Helps Businesses Train Local Employees



From left are Ronnie Ram, InspiriaMedia Corporation president; Donovan Beckford, Workforce Investment Board director; Nick Simard, InspiriaMedia vice president; Jim Coleman, IDA executive director; Allison Madison, Workforce Investment Board member; County Executive Robert Astorino; Dr. Marsha Gordon, Business Council of Westchester president and Workforce Investment Board member; Aron Myers, My Favorite Student president; Greg Jones, My Favorite Student customer service representative; and James Sternkopf, Connect One New York district manager.

Hire Westchester residents and the county will pay half the training costs up to \$20,000 per business.

That's the idea behind County Executive Rob Astorino's new jobs initiative, announced last week at InspiriaMedia in White Plains.

"Hire Westchester' gives employers an incentive to expand their business and draw from the talented workforce right here in the county," said Astorino. "The businesses create jobs, we help pay for the training, and it doesn't cost taxpayers a dime. That's a winning formula for economic growth."

Hire Westchester is a Westchester-Putnam Workforce Investment Board program made possible through \$100,000 in support from the Westchester County Industrial Development Agency. The IDA is funded by the fees it collects from corporations that take advantage of low-cost financing.

"County Executive Astorino's business-friendly approach and One-Stop's job-readiness programs are helping our company grow," said Ronnie Ram, president of White Plains-based InspiriaMedia, a digital media and promotion company. "We're hiring two more people as a direct result of Hire Westchester's training dollars."

Jobs eligible under the Hire Westchester program may be seasonal, part-time or full-time and must pay between \$10 and \$25 an hour.

The Westchester-Putnam One-Stop Employment Center will help guide businesses through the steps of recruiting top talent for their available

positions, developing a comprehensive training plan, and getting reimbursement for up to half their training costs. Eligible reimbursements include worker's wages for the training period as well as other costs (cash or in-kind) associated with the training such as equipment or room rental (up to \$20,000 per business).

"As a developing small business, we're thankful for the investment that County Executive Rob Astorino has already made in small business training programs," said Aron Myers, president of My Favorite Student, an e-commerce mail-order gift-giving company based in Scarsdale. "We've grown dramatically because of them and we're continuing to stay ahead of the competition with the training and recruitment support from Hire Westchester."

"Cable companies continuously update their technology, which requires our cable technicians to keep up through both customized and on-the-job-training," said Lisa Fasciani, vice president at Connect One, a Rye-based cable installation and repair company. "County Executive Rob Astorino's Hire Westchester is filling a serious need in the marketplace by helping to absorb some of the risk and the cost of this training."

Any business interested in saving on their recruitment and training costs and helping their business grow should contact Bob Fois, Westchester Putnam One-Stop job developer, at 914-995-4976 or [OneStop@westchestergov.com](mailto:OneStop@westchestergov.com). For more information, go to [www.WestchesterPutnamOne-Stop.com/hire](http://www.WestchesterPutnamOne-Stop.com/hire).

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## Poperatic Entertainment Serenades The Larchmont Woman's Club



**Poperatic Entertainment**

"Maladies of Love: Yearning, Romance, Infatuation and Unrequited Love" is the theme for an afternoon of music by the singing group Poperatic Entertainment on March 21 at the Larchmont Woman's Club.

The program will include songs of love by well-known composers such as Cole Porter and Rodgers and Hart, and the group will also act out excerpts from "Guys and Dolls."

Members of Poperatic Entertainment (the name is derived from a combination of "Pop" for popular and "Operatic" for opera/classical music) include health care workers, teachers, office work-

ers, and retirees who love to bring others the joy of music and have much experience in local opera companies, musical theater, cabaret and chorale groups.

Poperatic Entertainment performs all over Westchester County and New York City's Upper West Side, and is particularly known for presentations at senior facilities.

The sure-to-please program is free and open to the community. It takes place at 1:30 p.m. at the Larchmont Avenue Church, 60 Forest Park Ave.

For more information, contact Margaret Shultz at 914-834-7218.

## Poetry Reading and Book Signing in Mamaroneck

"Requiem for Njeri" by Waithira Mbuthia-Protano will be presented Sunday, March 9 at 2 p.m. at Mamaroneck Public Library, including a reading and book signing.

The book is a collection of poems, along with Waithira Mbuthia-Protano's lyrics and music by psychologist/composer Dr. George Groth, and is dedicated to the author's daughter, whose young life was claimed by bipolar disorder. It questions the actions of the people, and the institutions and the laws that evoke shame, stigma and indifference to such illness.

"Requiem for Njeri" is so strong, so deeply moving...beautifully written and very powerful," raved Eric Kraft, author of "The Personal History, Adventures, Experiences and Observations of Peter Leroy."

"As one who struggles with depression and a passionate advocate of victims of mental disorders, I commend Waithira for writing this book and helping to fight the stigma of mental illness," said Terrie Williams, a mental health activist and author of "Black Pain: It Just Looks Like We Are Not Hurting."

The book comes with a CD, "Songs of Mourning and Remembrance."

Mamaroneck Public Library is located at



136 Prospect Ave. For more information, call 914-698-1250.

## Hilltop Hanover Hosts Webcast On Sustainable Food Movement

For the first time, Hilltop Hanover Farm in Yorktown Heights will host a viewing gathering for "Changing the Way We Eat," an informational webcast about the sustainable food and farming movement in America, on Saturday, March 1 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The webcast is a one-day conference featuring a dynamic and diverse group of speakers addressing issues in the popular slow food and farming movement. It will be cast live from The Times Center in Manhattan via TEDx Manhattan, a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to enjoy live speakers who spark discussion and connection in a small group environment. The event is sponsored by Slow Food Metro North

and Hilltop Hanover Farm, and will include a pot-luck lunch.

Speakers include representatives from the food industry, purveyors of food products, restaurant owners, chefs, and professionals in the field of public health. For a complete list of speakers, go to [www.tedxmanhattan.com](http://www.tedxmanhattan.com).

The webcast will begin at 10 a.m., and all participants should bring a lunch dish that serves four to six people. Admission is free, but pre-registration is required at [Loring@LoringAllen.com](mailto:Loring@LoringAllen.com).

Hilltop Hanover Farm is located at 1271 Hanover St., Yorktown Heights. For more information, go to [www.HilltopHanoverfarm.org](http://www.HilltopHanoverfarm.org) or call 914-962-2368.

## All Pro Cleaning of Elmsford Earns Diamond Claim Award

DKI, North America's largest disaster restoration contracting organization, announced last week that All Pro Cleaning and Restoration of Elmsford, the Franchise DSP of the Year, was presented with The Diamond Claim Award at the 2014 DKI Awards Ceremony.

This award recognizes a DKI contractor who has excelled in providing a high level of service, reporting and assistance relative to DKI claims. With more than 400 service locations throughout the United States and Canada, DKI provides quality emergency and reconstruction services, 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. DKI can also assist with developing an emergency response plan for a facility to ensure that a business has minimal downtime if a disaster were to strike.

"We are honored to be recognized by DKI

for our commitment to the organization," said Tom Avezzano, president of All Pro Cleaning and Restoration. "Providing quality service to our customers is our number-one priority, and as a DKI Franchise, we continually promote the DKI brand in the marketplace."

The ceremony took place Monday, Feb. 10 at "Insights 2014: The Property Restoration Conference and Tradeshow" in Indian Wells, Calif.

"DKI is proud to be associated with All Pro Cleaning and Restoration," said Dan Casara, president of DKI, who presented the awards. "All Pro Cleaning and Restoration exemplifies the quality and dedication to customer service that are imperative to DKI's success as the largest property damage restoration organization in North America."

## Mount Students Raise More Than \$50K for Typhoon Relief

Students at the College of Mount Saint Vincent have raised more than \$50,000 for Concern Worldwide's Typhoon Relief campaign. After reaching \$20,000 in November, Mount students have continued efforts to raise funds to help the 11.8 million people displaced by the natural disaster in the Philippines.

Through their own initiative, students organized and participated in several fundraising activities, such as "Breakfast for One Dollar," a bottle collection, and a "Christmas at the Mount" T-shirt fundraiser. Filipino student group SAMAHAN (Students at the Mount Advancing their Humanity and Nationality) donated funds from their benefit show and annual Simbang Gabi Mass toward the relief campaign.

"It is inspiring, yet not surprising, to see our community respond so generously to our dear brothers and sisters in the Philippines,"

said Matthew Shields, director of Campus Ministry. "While we surpassed our goal of \$50,000 toward the Filipino relief effort, our commitment to alleviate global suffering is ongoing."

The college celebrates a close connection with the Philippines. In 2010, the college presented the Elizabeth Seton Medal to the Hon. Benigno Aquino, president of the Philippines. His mother, Corazon Aquino, graduated from the Mount in 1953 and later became the first female president of the Philippines.

More than 10 percent of the students enrolled at the College of Mount Saint Vincent are of Filipino descent.

The college invites the local community to donate online. Contributions may be also sent via check to the College of Mount Saint Vincent with "Concern Filipino Relief" in the memo.

## Free Rabies Clinic is March 9 in New Rochelle

Free rabies vaccinations will be available by appointment for dogs, cats and ferrets owned by Westchester County residents Sunday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Stamen Animal Hospital, 61 Quaker Ridge Road, New Rochelle. For an appointment, call Stamen Animal Hospital at 914-632-1269.

Cats and ferrets must be in carriers and dogs must be on a leash; aggressive dogs must be muzzled.

No examinations will be given at this event. "Vaccinating your pet against rabies will protect your pet and your family in case your pet has contact with a rabid or potentially rabid animal," said Westchester County Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler.

Under New York State law, dogs and cats must receive their first rabies vaccine no later than four months after birth. A second rabies shot must be given within one year of the first vaccine, with additional booster shots given every one or three years after that, depending on the vaccine used. Owners who fail to get their pets vaccinated and keep the vaccinations up-to-date may be fined up to \$2,000.

Rabies is a fatal disease that is spread through the bite or saliva of infected animals. Those animals most commonly infected are raccoons, skunks, bats and foxes. However, domestic animals such as cats and dogs are also at risk,

because they can easily contract rabies from wild or stray animals.

A pet that is up-to-date with its rabies vaccinations would only need to get a booster dose of vaccine within five days of the pet's exposure to a known or suspected rabid animal. Animals not up-to-date with rabies vaccinations would need to be quarantined or potentially euthanized following contact with a rabid or suspect-rabid animal.

A change in an animal's behavior is often the first sign of rabies. A rabid animal may become either abnormally aggressive or unusually tame. It may lose fear of people and become docile or it may become particularly excited and irritable. Staggering, spitting and frothing at the mouth are sometimes noted in infected animals.

Adults should encourage children to avoid touching unfamiliar animals and to immediately tell an adult if they have been bitten or scratched by an animal.

All animal bites or contacts with animals suspected of having rabies must be reported to the Westchester County Health Department at 914-813-5000. After hours, callers should follow instructions in the recorded message for reporting public health emergencies 24 hours a day.

To learn more about rabies and its prevention, residents can visit [www.westchestergov.com/health](http://www.westchestergov.com/health), "like" the department on Facebook or follow it on Twitter @wchealthdept.

## Free Tax Preparation

The Iona College Hagan School of Business accounting department will offer free tax preparation for simple tax returns with income

of \$50,000 or less, March 8, 22 and 29 from 9 a.m. to noon in the lab on the ground floor.

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## Plan With Knicks Would Bring NBA Dev. League Team to West.

A prospective plan with the Madison Square Garden Company that would make the Westchester County Center a site of games for the National Basketball Association Development League starting this fall was announced last week by County Executive Robert Astorino.



with the possibility of up to six playoff games in April.

Once the proposal is approved by the Board of Acquisition and Contract, a formal licensing agreement would be signed by the county and MSG; the overall plan is still subject to the final approval of the NBA.

Under the proposed plan, which will be presented to the county's Board of Acquisition and Contract on Thursday, the County Center in White Plains would be the home of a New York Knicks-affiliated NBA Development League team. The NBA D-League features professional basketball players who hope to earn spots on NBA teams, as well as current NBA players.

"Westchester loves basketball at every level and this agreement would bring professional basketball to the county," said Astorino. "Top-flight basketball at an affordable price in a convenient location is a winning combination and Westchester County is excited for the opportunity to team up with the Madison Square Garden Company, the Knicks and the NBA."

The team would play 24 home games at the County Center between November and April,

deal is being structured as a five-year licensing agreement with an option for MSG to renew for a second five years. The commitment of 24 home games would make MSG the County Center's premier sports and entertainment partner.

MSG will pay the county a set fee for each game date and pick up any additional costs that may be incurred during short turn-around times to get the arena ready for games. The county will also receive fees from parking, tickets, food, merchandise and advertising sales. Depending on ticket sales, the county projects to net between \$2,000 and \$12,000 a game, or \$48,000 to \$288,000 per season, not including the playoffs.

"Under the proposal, all of the county's costs would be covered and the deal becomes more lucrative for the county as attendance for games grows," said Astorino.

## Former Town Super. Picked To Head Tax Commission

Mary Beth Murphy has been appointed the executive director of the Westchester County Tax Commission, announced County Executive Rob Astorino last week.

In this position, Murphy, who had served as Somers town supervisor since 1998, will be responsible for reviewing the assessment rolls of towns and cities as they pertain to county taxes and providing advisory services to municipalities concerning assessments and assessment procedures.

"I am pleased to appoint Mary Beth Murphy to this important position," said Astorino. "Her extensive experience combined with her diligence and her sense of service to the residents of Westchester County make her the ideal person to head this very complex office."

Murphy replaces David Jackson, who retired in January after serving since 2001. The appointment was effective Feb. 18, and includes a salary of \$132,155.



Mary Beth Murphy

Born in New York City and raised in Yonkers, Murphy has resided in Somers since 1989. She attended Syracuse University and graduated cum laude from Fordham University School of Law. Prior to being elected town supervisor, she practiced law in Mount Kisco and New York City.

"During my 16 years as Somers supervisor, I worked closely with residents, assessors and developers, and I know how

budgets have a direct impact on taxpayers," said Murphy. "Accurate information is paramount, and in this role I will be able to serve as a valuable resource to our municipalities. I am excited to be part of County Executive Astorino's administration, and I look forward to working hard for the people of Westchester."

In Westchester County, property taxes are levied by school districts, local governments, cities and towns on behalf of the county, and special districts such as fire, sewer, water and library.

## Bedford Hills Resident Honored at Fundraising Dinner

Bedford Hills resident Britta Vander Linden will be honored at a fundraising dinner at Putnam County Golf Course on Friday, March 7 at 7 p.m., hosted by the Lymphatic Education and Research Network, a national non-profit dedicated to fighting lymphatic disease and lymphedema through research, education and advocacy.

"Although an estimated 10 million Americans suffer from lymphedema, this disease remains in the shadows," said William Repicci, executive director of the organization. "LE&RN honors Britta for her ongoing efforts to bring lymphedema into the light, champion research and give this cause a voice."

Vander Linden has had primary (genetic) lymphedema for more than 15 years and became an early advocate and supporter of LE&RN. She is the author of Lymphedema Diary, a blog that offers practical suggestions on how to deal with the condition and maintain a better quality of life. Her blog has received numerous responses (from as far away as New Zealand) from grateful readers who appreciate her uniquely candid and humorous style.

Vander Linden works in the communications office of Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino and is a graduate student at Pace University's Public Administration program.



Britta Vander Linden

"When a cure for lymphatic diseases is someday found, it is likely to emerge as a result of the unyielding commitment of LE&RN and the generous people who support its cause," she said. "I highly encourage people to join us for this fun and worthwhile event or to contribute even if they cannot attend."

Affecting millions of people worldwide (including breast cancer survivors), lymphedema is a chronic condition that results in excess lymph fluid collecting in the tissues and causes swelling, pain and fatigue. As an integral part of the immune system, the lymphatic system is the body's surveillance against cancer, and it can provide pathways for cancer to metastasize. It plays a role in inflammatory and auto-immune disorders such as arthritis and systemic lupus, and is key to understanding the spread of AIDS and many infections.

The event is being organized by the family of 7-year old Connor Looby of Mahopac, who suffers from intestinal lymphangiectasia, as well as lymphedema.

The dinner will be held Friday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac and will feature dancing, music and raffle prizes. Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased at [www.lymphatic.donorpages.com/LERN-March2014/](http://www.lymphatic.donorpages.com/LERN-March2014/) or by calling 516-625-9675.

## Spring Shakespeare Course Begins March 25 in Bronxville

People often say that the Seinfeld Show had an episode for every issue in life – but compared to Shakespeare, Seinfeld was a novice.

Love, betrayal, youth, age, war, peace, politics, truth and consequences – these are the issues that still plague us today. Thus, the creation of the class "Reading Shakespeare Aloud."

Even if you've never quite got the Bard, reading his works aloud in a comfortable atmo-

sphere with seekers like yourself will reward with "a dish fit for the gods."

Participants are welcome to read, offer suggestions, or just listen. Join English teacher Fran Gilmore and actor Patrick Hewes for the spring session of this popular course at the Bronxville Adult School beginning March 25, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Sign up by calling 914-793-4435 or going to [www.bronxvilleschool.org](http://www.bronxvilleschool.org).

## From the Mayor and Town Hall

In speaking with residents about issues that face our community, I understand the frustration many feel with the onslaught of snow, sleet and freezing rain our region has experienced this year. This precipitation has required that our Highway Department continue to plow and salt our roadways.

January and February presented freeze and thaw cycles that created the perfect condition for pothole formation. As water or condensation builds up and freezes on the road's surface and in the cracks, the top layer of asphalt or pavement loosens and at times breaks free, thereby creating potholes.

After removing the snow, and insuring that our roadways are safe and passable, Department of Public Works crews work diligently to address potholes on municipal roadways, and are currently employing a more permanent patching application.

I am pleased that Harrison is ahead of many other municipalities in pothole response. However, several main thoroughfares that run through our municipality, are state or county roads. Should a dangerous condition on a state or county road come to our attention, town personnel will send an alert to the appropriate municipal office.

I appreciate everyone's continued patience as we keep up with this season's wintry weather.

This year's Youth Art Month kicked off with a reception in Town Hall on Sunday, March 2, and I encourage all residents to visit our municipal building, throughout the month of March, and view the extraordinary talent.

In recognition of the season preceding Lent, I recently joined area seniors as they celebrated Carnival. Brightly-colored beads were worn and everyone enjoyed lively conversation and a delicious meal. This tradition is a harbinger of spring and I'm sure all attendees are eager for the warmer weather that lies ahead.



Mayor Ron Belmont

Recently, I attended the New York State Society of Professional Engineers' annual dinner at Westchester Manor. It was a wonderful event and I would like to congratulate Harrison resident Ralph Peragine on receiving the Outstanding Service to the Chapter Award. As a professional engineer, Ralph has contributed his knowledge and skill in an effort to improve our communities. It was an honor to be at the dinner and celebrate this significant achievement.

I would like to take this time to recognize the Harrison High School boys' varsity basketball team, who last week made it to the Section I semi-finals, making the team eligible to compete for the championship title at the County Center. Congratulations to the team and coach as they finish a great season.

Special recognition goes to Matt Stein for being named to the All-Conference Team and to Nicholas Esposito for being named to the All-Section Team.

In closing, I would like to bring your attention to this year's town-wide clean up event: Harrison's Spring Spruce-Up Weekend will take place March 22 and 23. Municipalities are obligated, by the New York State Department of Conservation, to make certain that areas leading to storm drains are free from garbage and debris. By clearing rubbish from central areas, parks and roadways, Harrison will satisfy this state mandate. Materials and instructions will be provided on site by group leaders.

If you are interested in joining this very worthwhile event, please contact my office.

The next "Lunch with the Mayor" is Friday, March 7, when I will be at Pizza 2000 at 339 Halstead Ave., in downtown Harrison. On Friday, March 14 I will be at Fuji Sushi located at 216 Harrison Ave. I will be at these locations from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and look forward to meeting with residents and talking about issues facing our community.

## Shame on You: Teacher Arrested for Stealing Club \$\$

A Tuckahoe educator was arrested last week for allegedly stealing fundraising money from a student organization.

According to Westchester County District Attorney Janet DiFiore, between May 1 and Dec. 31, 2013, Dorothy Lepore, 41, of Carmel, while employed as a math teacher at Tuckahoe High School and as the treasurer of the middle school and high school student government organizations account, took money raised at various fundraising events instead of depositing them at the bank and used them for her own purposes.

The amount of the larceny at this time is estimated at \$26,295. A joint investigation by detectives from the



Dorothy Lepore

Eastchester Police Department and the District Attorney's Office resulted in Lepore surrendering herself to police. She was arraigned on one count of third-degree grand larceny, a class D felony, and released on her own recognizance to return to court next month.

Assistant District Attorney Brian Conway, deputy chief of the Public Integrity Bureau, is prosecuting the case, and the investigation into the theft is ongoing.

Lepore faces seven years in prison for stealing these funds raised by the middle and high school for charitable organizations and causes. Hopefully, Lepore will be fired from her teaching post as soon as possible.

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## Celebrate Women's History At St. Paul's Historic Site

In recognition of March as Women's History Month, visit St. Paul's Church National Historic Site on Sunday, March 8 at 1 p.m. to learn about the interesting and varied connections of three prominent women from American history – Anne Hutchinson, Abigail Adams and Eleanor Roosevelt – to the church.

At 2 p.m., the world-renowned Ajkun Ballet Theatre will present a special dance sequence evoking the lives of those three women. The site will be open from noon to 4 p.m. that day.

On Wednesday, March 12 at 1 p.m., the

site's lunchtime series will offer a performance of music by a violin duo from Sarah Lawrence College.

Then on Wednesday, March 19 at 1 p.m., learn about Mary Gedney, prominent late-19th century businesswoman, president of a national organization and a woman of distinction, who is buried at St. Paul's.

The national historic site is located at 897 S. Columbus Ave., Mt. Vernon. For more information, call 914-667-4116 or visit [www.nps.gov/sapa](http://www.nps.gov/sapa).

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## Legal Notice

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on March 4, 2014, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the **Town of Eastchester, in the County of Westchester, New York**, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Linda D. Laird  
Town Clerk

**BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 4, 2014, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS PURSUANT TO TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$599,719.91, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$599,719.91 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.**

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A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

#2165 03/07/2014

Loos Company LLC has filed articles of organization with the Secretary of State of NYS on 12/10/2013. The offices of this company are located in Westchester County, NY. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is 3035 Lexington Avenue, Mohegan Lake, NY 10547. The company is organized to conduct any lawful business for which limited liability companies may be organized.

#6491 01/31 - 03/07

Notice of formation of JRH & ASSOCIATES CONSULTING LLC. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/13/2013. Office location: White Plains, NY. The street address is: 9 Teramar Way, Greenburgh, New York, 10607. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: JRH & ASSOCIATES CONSULTING LLC, 9 Teramar Way, Greenburgh, New York, 10607. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6492 01/31 - 03/07

Notice of formation of History Gear LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on Dec 09, 2013. Office location: Westchester. The street address is: 400 Bronxville Road, Bronxville, NY 10708. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228 Purpose: any lawful act.

#6493 01/31 - 03/07

## SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

S&C Investors II LLC, Plaintiff against FIRST EQUITIES HOLDINGS, INC., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated June 13, 2013 and amended January 30, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell in Parcels (First 50-52 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Mt. Vernon, NY and if the proceeds are not enough to satisfy the debt then 2 The Circle, New Rochelle, NY) at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., WHITE PLAINS, NY on the 20th day of March, 2014 at 2:30PM premises situate, lying and being in the City of Mount Vernon, County of Westchester and State of New York, being known and designated as parts of Lots No. 221 and 222, on a certain map entitled, "Map of West Mount Vernon, lying in the Town of Eastchester, County of Westchester and State of New York", dated June 27, 1851, and filed in the Office of the County Clerk, Division of Land Records, May 1, 1852, as map No. 151, BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the Northwesterly side of South Bleeker Street, with the Southwesterly side of Mount Vernon Avenue; RUNNING THENCE Northwesterly along the said side of Mount Vernon Avenue, 56.69 feet to a point; RUNNING THENCE Southwesterly on a line parallel with the aforesaid Northwesterly side of South Bleeker Street, a distance of 100.57 feet to a point; RUNNING THENCE Southeasterly a distance of 56.69 feet to the Northwesterly side of South Bleeker Street, as shown on said map; RUNNING THENCE Northeasterly along the said Northwesterly side of South Bleeker Street, 100.57 feet to the point or place of Beginning. Said premises known as 50-52 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Mt. Vernon, Premises are designated on the Tax Map of the City of Mount Vernon as Section 164.76 Block 1065 Lot 40 & 7. Situate, lying and being in the City of New Rochelle, County of Westchester, and State of New York, shown and designated as Lot 5 in Block A on a certain map entitled, "Rochelle Park, New Rochelle, N.Y." made by Horace Crosby, C.E., dated July 1886, and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, Division of Land Records, on August 18, 1886, as Map No. 1382, BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of the Boulevard, which point of beginning is the dividing line between the premises herein described and Lot 4 in Block A on the aforesaid Map No. 1382; RUNNING THENCE North West, 174.65 feet THENCE easterly along the southerly side of Lot 2 North East, 211.94 feet to the westerly side of the circle formerly known as Beaufort Place; THENCE southerly along the westerly side of the circle formerly known as Beaufort Place, the following two courses and distances; THENCE South West, 26.47 feet; THENCE Southwesterly on a curve to the left having a radius of 40 feet and a length of 54.78 feet to the northerly side of the Boulevard; THENCE along the northerly side of the Boulevard, South West, 162.47 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Said premises known as 2 The Circle, New Rochelle, New York Premises are designated on the Tax Map of the City of New Rochelle as Section 3 Block 821 Lot 36. Approximate amount of lien \$ 238,519.05 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 66675/2012.

KEVIN L. WRIGHT, ESQ., Referee.  
Swidler & Messi LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
57 West 38th Street, 5th Floor New York, NY 10018

#3099 02/14 - 03/07

Notice of formation of NX-TUP LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 1-22-14. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: The LLC, 18 Granada Crescent #18, White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Notice of formation of Cheryl Adam Art & Design, LLC filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/22/2013. Office located in Westchester County Address is: Cheryl Adam Art & Design, LLC, PO Box 529, Purchase NY 10577, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: Cheryl Adam Art & Design, LLC, PO Box 529, Purchase NY 10577. Purpose: any lawful act.

#2164 2/7/2014 - 3/14/2014

Notice of formation of Westchester Psychiatry, PLLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/6/13. Office location: Westchester County. The street address is: 632 Palmer Rd, #3P Yonkers, NY 10701. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: 632 Palmer Rd, #3P Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful act.

# 6501 02/28 - 04/04

Notice of formation of Fran-Lyn Associates LLC, Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/10/2014. Office location: Westchester. The street address is: Orson and Brusini Ltd, 144 Wayland Avenue, Providence, RI, 02906. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: Mark S. Aron, 701 Pelham Road, New Rochelle, NY, 10805. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6494 01/31 - 03/07

Notice of formation of PearlBrite1164 LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on January 17th, 2014. Office location: Westchester County. The street address is: 7 Orchard Drive, Purchase, NY 10577. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: Alexander Linhart, 7 Orchard Drive, Purchase, NY 10577. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6497 02/14 - 03/21

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#6495 02/14 - 03/21

Notice of Formation of Dana's Delights LLC Arts. Of Org. Filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/13/2014. Office Location: Westchester County. The street address is 5 S Mortimer Ave, Elmsford, NY 10523. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: The registered agent, Dana Ravida of 5 S Mortimer Ave, Elmsford, NY 10523, Purpose: Retail food products

#6498 2/14 - 3/21

Notice of formation of Confirmed Success, LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/27/2014. Office location: Westchester County. The street address is: 55 Chatsworth Ave, Larchmont, NY 10538. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: Confirmed Success, LLC, 55 Chatsworth Ave, Larchmont, NY 10538. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6496 02/14 - 03/21

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#6499 02/21 - 03/28

Notice of formation of The Art of Sports filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on February 11, 2014. Office Location: Westchester County. The street address is: 159 Sparks Avenue, Pelham, NY, 10803. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: The Art of Sports, LLC, 159 Sparks Avenue, Pelham, NY, 10803. Purpose: Any lawful act.

# 6504 03/07 - 04/11

# 6502 02/28 - 04/04

# 6503 02/28 - 04/04

# Seniors and Health Care

## White Plains Hospital Opens Outpatient Imaging Center in NR



**New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson, far left, visited the newly opened Imaging Center at New Rochelle last week to tour the facility with, from left, White Plains Hospital President Susan Fox, Director of Outpatient Imaging Dr. Pamela Weber, and CEO Jon Schandler.**

White Plains Hospital Imaging Center at New Rochelle opened its doors Jan. 13 at 1296 North Ave., in northern New Rochelle.

This is the first Imaging Center in the Sound Shore region, opened under the auspices of the hospital. It occupies the first floor of a newly renovated 18,000-square-foot building in the Wykagyl Shopping Center, and is connected to a large primary and specialty care physician office suite on the second floor.

New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson toured the new space last week with hospital CEO Jon Schandler and President Susan Fox. "We are very happy to welcome White Plains Hospital to New Rochelle," he said. "The hospital's reputation for exceptional health care makes it a welcome addition to our community."

The Imaging Center offers comprehensive

diagnostic radiology services including bone densitometry, CT scan, mammography and 3D mammography, ultrasound and X-Ray. All services are by appointment only and fall under the direction of Scarsdale radiologist Dr. Pamela Weber.

"We are pleased to be welcomed into this very special community," said Fox. "It is our hope that the White Plains Hospital Imaging Center at New Rochelle will fulfill a need in the area for exceptional radiology services in a comfortable and convenient location right here in the heart of the Sound Shore."

The Imaging Center offers extended office hours during the week, and convenient, free parking is located in the front and rear of the building. For appointments and more information, call 914-336-5900.

## St. Joseph's Hospital Outreach Continues with Imaging Center

By Dan Murphy

Saint Joseph's Hospital in Yonkers continues its efforts to expand and provide enhanced medical options for the people of Yonkers and neighboring communities. Last year, St. Joseph's opened a medical clinic on South Broadway, and is about to open an imaging center in Riverdale.

The new imaging center will allow patients the choice of getting an MRI or ultrasound completed outside of the hospital's Department of Radiology.

We recently sat down with John Ohnmacht, St. Joseph's administrator for radiology, to discuss the expansion.

"We are looking to branch out and we found in Riverdale a lot of physicians, but a need for radiology services in the neighborhood. We hope to provide patients from Riverdale and the Bronx quicker service and turnaround," said Ohnmacht, who explained that the new radiology center will open sometime next month.

"We will provide some walk-in patients and services as required," he said. "We hope to bring some of the radiology services that we can provide at the hospital to the Riverdale location, and do a lot of follow-up over the phone so the patient doesn't have to make a return visit."

A brand new digital mammography imaging machine, and the latest in radiology technologies, will be available at the Riverdale location, as they are available at the hospital.

A board-certified radiologist will be on-site at the Riverdale location, but Ohnmacht also highlighted what St. Joseph's can provide radiology patients that other MRI facilities cannot: a network of doctors affiliated with the hospital to review mammography, pediatric, neurological or bone scans and MRIs.

"We have specialists affiliated with St. Joseph's at our fingertips to read images 24/7," he said. "All of these doctors work at our hospital and our patients have access to their images quickly. Many MRI facilities do not have the large group of specialists we have."

Turnaround time for an MRI at St. Joseph's is also among the fastest in Westchester, and will be at the new Riverdale location, as well. "All of our images are computerized and can be reviewed by our radiologist, who will have access to our doctors at our hospital, who can review and provide consultations and opinions working together. Turnaround time can be one to two hours, and we can send our images out to our doctors for review."

Ohnmacht, who has more than 40 years of experience in radiology and has served for the past 13 years as radiology administrator, said the combination of quick turnaround and the quality of service at St. Joseph's Hospital, and its new Riverdale location for radiology services, are an advantage to patients.

"We offer personal services at St. Joseph's," he said. "The patient will receive state-of-the-art imaging services from a quality staff. And our information technology helps us get out the images as soon as possible. I'm excited about expanding to our new location, where we will continue to offer a friendly experience."

St. Joseph's radiology services include s-ray, MRI, CAT scan, cardiac imaging, ultrasound and an enhanced digital mammography unit, led by board-certified Women's Imaging Radiologist Dr. Adam Mizrachi. A graduate of Temple University School of Medicine, Mizrachi completed his radiology residence at Lenox Hill Hospital and his fellowship in breast imaging at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh.

## Healthy Life Series Continues At Phelps Memorial Hospital

Phelps Memorial Hospital Center's Healthy Life Series is continuing to offer a wide range of programs on health-related subjects, as well as numerous health screenings and support groups. All events are free and take place on the Phelps campus, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow, unless otherwise noted.

\* Wednesday, March 19 – Blood pressure screenings will be conducted the first and third Wednesday mornings of every month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Walkway Conference Room. To make an appointment or for more information, call 914-366-3220.

\* Thursday, March 13 – The Phelps Osteoporosis Center offers free monthly educational programs for osteoporosis patients the second Thursday of the month. Attendees will become more knowledgeable about osteoporosis, learn nutritional guidelines to improve bone health, practice bone-strengthening exercise routines and develop techniques to compensate for skeletal limitations. Meet in the Board Room from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 914-269-1888 to register.

\* Thursdays, March 13 and 27 – An after-

noon Bereavement Support Group for adults struggling with the loss of a loved one meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Phelps Hospice office in the James House; led by Bess Steiger, LCSW, bereavement coordinator. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per session. Call 914-366-3325 for information.

\* Thursday, March 13 – The Breakfast Club is a series of free breakfast meetings designed especially for seniors. Each includes breakfast, a presentation on a healthy lifestyle topic and a light exercise program. The group meets monthly, except for August and December, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria (G Level) of the hospital; this month's topic is nutrition. Call 914-366-3937 to register.

\* Tuesday, March 18 – As part of the Vitality Program at Phelps, Senior Steps includes health screenings and special events for seniors. The club meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Room 225 of the Medical Services Building. Registration is required at 914-366-3937.

Updated calendar listings are available at [www.phelpshospital.org](http://www.phelpshospital.org), as well as on Facebook and Twitter.

## Town of Eastchester Senior Programs & Services

### Garth Road Center

Wednesday, March 5

11:30 a.m. Hot lunch available, reservations required

12:45 p.m. Movie greats with Lew Sunderland

2 p.m. Low-impact exercise with Rowena, Lawrence Hospital, physical therapy

Friday, March 7

11:30 a.m. Coffee and chatting

12 p.m. Blood pressure screening, "Humor and Information for a Healthier You" with Donna Kane, RN

1:30 p.m. Cooking with Sheila Marcotte

Wednesday, March 12

11:30 a.m. Hot lunch available, reservations required

12:45 p.m. Movie greats with Lew Sunderland

2 p.m. Low-impact exercise with Rowena, Lawrence Hospital, physical therapy

Friday, March 14

11:30 a.m. Exercise with Julie Rosen

12:30 p.m. Corned beef luncheon, reservations required

2 p.m. Pat's entertainment with Shelly Gartner

Wednesday, March 19

11:30 a.m. Hot lunch available, reservations required

1 p.m. "Let's Imagine," a group conversation led by our friend Jane Rose

2 p.m. Low-impact exercise with Rowena, Lawrence Hospital, physical therapy

Friday, March 21

11:30 a.m. Michael Fix on Eddie Rickenbacker: "Eddie Rickenbacker Went From Race Car Driver to WWI Flying Ace to President of Eastern Airlines"

1 p.m. Zumba gold exercise with Diane Sorg

Wednesday, March 26

11:30 a.m. hot lunch available, reservations required

1 p.m. Medicare update with Judy Wank

2 p.m. Low-impact exercise with Rowena, Lawrence Hospital, physical therapy

Friday, March 28

11:30 a.m. Exercise DVD

12:30 p.m. Pizza party

1:30 p.m. Strategies for solving crossword puzzles with Ed Stein

The Garth Road Center is located at 235 Garth Road, Scarsdale. For more information, call 914-771-3340.

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## Birding, Hikes, Wreath-Making And More at Nature Centers

The Westchester County nature centers will host a slate of activities in the coming weekends.

On Saturday, March 8, learn to identify the birds at the feeders at Lenoir Preserve on Dudley Street in Yonkers at 10 a.m.; beginners welcome. For more information, call 914-968-5851.

Also on Saturday, stop by the Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Route 35 and 121 South in Cross River, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to watch as sap is turned into maple syrup. For more information, call 914-864-7322.

Saturday will also feature the first of a two-session class, "Seed Starting in the Lasdon Greenhouse," discussing how to grow cool-weather crop seeds and transplant them to take home. It will take place from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial on Route 35 in Katonah. The second session will take place March 22. The fee is \$25, and pre-registration can be completed by calling 914-886-5108 or emailing carolinesgardens@aol.com.

Also on Saturday, a volunteer work project will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Marshlands Conservancy on Boston Post Road (Route 1) in Rye. Bring work gloves; hand tools will be provided. For more information, call 914-835-4466.

Lastly on Saturday, a hike around Cranberry Lake will take place at 2 p.m. at Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street in north White Plains. For more information, call 914-428-1005.

On Sunday, March 9, a "flint-knapping make-and-take" will occur at 2 p.m. at Marshlands Conservancy in Rye. Make your own projectile point, followed by a hike. The fee is \$2 per person, and pre-registration is required. Children younger than 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 914-835-4466.

Also on Sunday, discover beautiful plants and shrubs for the dry areas of your garden from 2 to 3 p.m. at Lasdon Park in Katonah. For more information, call 914-864-7268.

The following weekend, on Friday, March 14, celebrate spring by creating a beautiful wreath with bunnies, butterflies, flowers and

greens in the greenhouse at Lasdon Park in Katonah. The program, which will take place from 10:30 a.m. to noon, is for adults. The cost is \$15, and pre-registration can be completed by calling 914-886-5851 or emailing carolinesgardens@aol.com.

On Saturday, March 15, learn what to look out for in the northeastern woods and how to protect yourself, during "Beware the Ides of March" at 10 a.m. at Lenoir Preserve in Yonkers. For more information, call 914-968-5851.

Also on Saturday, celebrate spring by making a seasonal wreath with your child, grandchild or friend in the greenhouse at Lasdon Park in Katonah from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$15 per couple and registration can be completed by calling 914-886-5108 or emailing carolinesgardens@aol.com.

Saturday will also feature a hike around the park at the Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation in Cross River at 1 p.m., in search of the color green in honor of St. Patrick's Day. For more information, call 914-864-7322.

Lastly on Saturday, a volunteer work project to inspect Osprey Island will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. at Marshlands Conservancy in Rye. Bring work gloves; hand tools will be provided. For more information, call 914-835-4466.

On Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and 16, learn how to identify birds and help keep count of the winter birds at the feeder with members of Saw Mill River Audubon, at Croton Point Nature Center in Croton-on-Hudson from 8 to 10 a.m. For more information, call 914-862-5297 or email www.sawmillaudubon.org.

On Sunday, March 16, search for seashells and their connection to the seashore at 2 p.m. at the Marshlands Conservancy in Rye. For more information, call 914-835-4466.

Also on Sunday at the Marshlands Conservancy, learn about the volunteer group Friends of Marshlands at its annual meeting at 5:30 p.m.; join expert birder Tom Burke to observe woodcocks at 7:30 p.m.; and view the wonders of the night sky via telescope at 8 p.m.

For more information about Westchester County nature centers, go to www.westchester.gov/parks or call 914-864-PARK.

## Treat Your Dogs to 'Manicure Madness' at Groom Spot

Do your dog's nails seem too sharp? Do they scratch you or your furniture?

You're in luck: Local dog grooming salon Groom Spot in Tuckahoe has dedicated March as "Manicure Month."

Just like human nails, dog nails are constantly growing. While some wear down their nails naturally from walking on pavement or concrete, the majority of dogs don't spend enough time outside to keep their nails short.

"All of the snow and cold weather this winter has resulted in many dogs staying indoors and having shorter walks," said Larry Van Nostrand, co-owner of Groom Spot, who explained that nails that aren't trimmed regularly will keep growing, even to the point of growing around in a circle and into the pads of their feet.

"Almost all dogs' nails need to be trimmed on a regular basis, usually about once a month," added Julie Zwisdak fellow co-owner of Groom Spot. It depends on how fast your dog's nails grow, and how much walking and running they do. Nails that are only trimmed occasionally can result in unnatural stress when a dog walks, causing pain to your dog's feet and joints.

"Nails that are too long can get hung on fabric, blankets, towels, etc., and get torn off, which is not only painful, but tends to cause a great deal of bleeding," said Dr. Stacy Eckman, a lecturer at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. "Nails that are too long (especially the dew-

claws) can also grow around and into the footpads causing pain and infection."

Groom Spot is designating March as "Manicure Month" to encourage pet owners to get their dogs' nails buffed, which results in a smooth nail tip that reduces scratching. It is a great alternative to nail clipping and can reduce accidental scratch wounds to owners, seniors, children or persons with a lowered immunity.

"We want all dogs to be comfortable and have a great grooming experience," said Zwisdak. "It is important to set a routine, that way the dog becomes familiar with nail buffing and views it as a special treat."

Visitors to the salon are often greeted by Groom Spot's "mascot" Maebey. This rescue dog was adopted by the co-owners and can often be seen "hard at work" at Groom Spot. "We trim and buff her nails regularly," said Zwisdak. "She enjoys getting a paw-dicure and showing off her newly manicured nails."

Stop by Groom Spot this March to learn more about the benefits of nail buffing, and check out the "March Madness Sale - 20 percent off all apparel." The salon is currently open and booking appointments.

Dog owners can rest assured that their beloved pooches will be in good hands, as the salon owners have been grooming full time since 2007 and are focused on providing a safe and comforting environment. For more information, visit www.groomspot.com; to schedule a grooming appointment, call 914-826-5240.

## March County Board Meetings

**Veterans Service Agency**  
Monday, March 10 at 7 p.m.  
County Executive's Office, Conference Room A  
148 Martine Ave., White Plains

**Municipal Planning Federation Board**  
Tuesday, March 11 at 9 a.m.  
Conference Room 420  
148 Martine Ave., White Plains

**Board of Acquisition and Contract**  
Thursdays, March 13, 20 and 27 at 11 a.m.  
County Executive's Office, Conference Room A  
148 Martine Ave., White Plains

**Domestic Violence Council**  
Thursday, March 13 at 12 p.m.  
Probation Department Conference Room, seventh floor  
County Courthouse, White Plains

## A Victorian Tea Party March 13 in Chappaqua

A "Victorian tea" sponsored by the New Castle Historical Society and the Chappaqua Library will take place Thursday, March 13 at 4 p.m. at the Horace Greely House.

Children in grades two through four can make a beautiful Victorian crafts and practice

their excellent penmanship using slate pencils and slate tablets. The young guests will then be invited to enjoy a Victorian tea with vintage china and sample yummy treats.

Register by calling the Chappaqua Library at 914-238-4779.

## Killoran: Residents Should Decide New Rochelle's Future

By Peggy Godfrey

Jim Killoran, the eternal optimist, addressed the New Rochelle Citizens Reform Club at its Feb. 25 meeting, regarding New Rochelle's downtown. Killoran, who is executive director of the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity, recounted how his organization had helped in many previous disasters, such as Superstorm Sandy.

However, he began his address by stating that New York State is the highest-taxed state by residents in the country, according to a recent Forbes magazine article.

Because of concern for the present conditions in the downtown area of New Rochelle, Killoran is promoting a new organization called "SoNo New Rochelle." He said high-end buildings in downtown New Rochelle are filled with college students, and a moratorium should be placed on any new development, except for the armory, because residents cannot afford these highly-abated developments.

Killoran also said he would like to see 5 Anderson Street remodeled as affordable condominiums and placed back on the tax rolls.

Residents recalled the grandiose plans for retail, office and apartments Louis Cappelli had proposed for the LeCount Square block, which included these Anderson Street apartments. Although all the Democrats on the council at the time approved this proposal, Cappelli was unable to start construction and there was specula-

tion he was unable to obtain the needed financing.

Killoran said he believes that if the apartments at 5 Anderson Street are renovated, priority in filling them should be given to seniors and veterans. Since municipal employees are not seen in downtown, City Hall could be moved back into empty spaces in the downtown area. This would place people with disposable incomes in close proximity of downtown businesses.

Changes are needed to make downtown more viable for businesses and residents, said Killoran. His vision is for a new Common Sense Party with a platform that would urge part-time elected officials not be given pensions for their services or lifetime health benefits; he called for 20 people to work with this party to win the next election.

Killoran lamented the recent traffic study of downtown where only five people showed up, and said it is a good example of how residents' participation in civic affairs needs to improve.

He wants to bring the free trolley back and have Habitat for Humanity run it.

Main Street, he said, should be a two-way "shopping street" again, instead of a one-way "highway;" at present, the city does not have enough parking to compete with a mall.

New Rochelle belongs to the people, and the residents are the ones who should decide the direction of the city, according to Killoran.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Recently, the Super Bowl raised the concern that the huge influx of people who would be in the metropolitan area would lead to a surge in prostitution and sex trafficking.

Whether this is another urban myth remains a question, but what is not a question is that sex trafficking is alive and well in Westchester and other suburban areas. While we protect youngsters under 16 by dealing with them in the family courts, considering them victims and persons in need of supervision, we have not extended these protections to youngsters, mostly girls, who are 16 and 17.

In contrast we have treated them as criminals in the criminal courts.

I am happy to report that a new law changing the procedures for treating juveniles charged with being prostitutes has passed the Legislature and been signed into law by the governor. I was

pleased to be a supporter of the new law.

Sixteen- and 17-year-olds charged with prostitution or loitering for that purpose can now be treated as "persons in need of supervision." If the person charged pleads guilty or is convicted, the judge must substitute youthful offender adjudication. This brings the treatment of 16- and 17-year-olds into line with the treatment of those under 16 in the family courts.

The recent television show I hosted on sex trafficking certainly suggested that the exploitation of youngsters is a fact of life in our area and not just large urban settings. I was therefore glad to be able to support a bill that I believe will be more effective in protecting our children, removing the taint of a permanent criminal record, and providing the support they need to succeed in life.

**Assemblywoman Sandy Galef Ossining**

## Date Change for Library Meeting

The New Rochelle Public Library Board of Trustees meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, March 13, will instead be held

Tuesday, March 11 in the Ossie Davis Theater, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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Cousins, will do their best to get additional aid for Yonkers.

But the state budget, as always, will come down to the three men in a room - now four men in a room: Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, representing New York City; State Senate Co-Leaders Republican Dean Skelos, representing Long Island, and Jeff Klein, leader of the Independent Democratic Caucus, who represents the Bronx and Pelham; and Cuomo.

With Silver, Skelos and Klein having little self-interest in bailing out Yonkers to the tune of \$55 million, in the end it will be up to Cuomo to advocate for Yonkers.

The governor continues to be a staunch advocate for local governments and school districts to comply and live within the property tax cap. But in Yonkers this year, living under a property tax cap of 1.84 percent will be impossible without significant help from Albany. An \$11 million increase in additional state aid in the governor's proposed budget, and another \$10 million or so

that could be raised in property taxes with a tax-cap-friendly budget, will not come close to filling the gap.

Significant cuts to YPS, including teachers, music, art and sports programs, will be required, or Spano and the City Council will have to agree on property tax increases that exceed the cap. All of the above may be required, even if the governor and legislative leaders agree on a bailout for Yonkers.

The need for Yonkers is clearly evident. The city is disenfranchised by the current formula in Albany for determining state education aid. Other "Big Five" Cities in New York, (Syracuse, Buffalo and Rochester) that do not have the "wealth" of home values that Yonkers and Westchester have, receive much larger dollar amounts in education aid year after year.

And while other big cities in New York are seeing a decline in students in their public schools, Yonkers will have an additional 1,200 students this fall, bringing the total number of YPS students to more than 27,000.

Even with all of these factors, the questions remain: Should your elected official support a bailout of Yonkers? And will they?

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People of all ages enjoy a good parade. Photo by Sandra Wong Geroux.

## Go Green

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Kevin Plunkett, deputy county executive and the second-in-command to County Executive Rob Astorino. Plunkett started his career in the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, followed by more than 30 years in the private practice of law, with much of his practice involving representing Westchester County municipalities as village attorney, corporate counsel or special counsel.

In addition to serving on four governors' Judicial Screening Committees, he has served on the New York Thruway Authority, the Taconic State Park and Historic Preservation Commission, the Board of Visitors of Pace University School of Law, and the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley. He has also served on numerous

not-for-profit boards in areas such as the arts, conservation, environmental protection education, and citizens with developmental disabilities.

Confirmed participants in this year's parade include bands such as the Manhattan College Pipe Band, the PESW Pipes and Drums, NYPD Pipes and Drums, DSNY Pipes and Drums, Westchester Brassmen and the Westchester and District Pipes and Drum, State Sen. George Latimer, O'Rourke Irish Dancers, the state champion finalist Rye Neck High School football team, local fire departments, Village of Mamaroneck and Town of Mamaroneck trustees, the Anne Hendry School of Irish Dance, and many school and civic groups.

The parade aims to promote and celebrate Irish culture and heritage and offers two \$2,500 college scholarships to local high school seniors.

For more information on the parade, go to [www.soundshoreparade.com](http://www.soundshoreparade.com).

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SUNY Purchase College will bring top-tier opera to the Westchester community with a production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" from March 13 to 15. The lavishly staged opera – featuring the Purchase Symphony Orchestra conducted by Hugh Murphy – will be performed in the Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center, 735 Anderson Hill Road.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" is one of the world's most entertaining English-language operas, with music composed by the acclaimed master Benjamin Britten and libretto adapted from the William Shakespeare play. The pro-

duction will be performed by students of the Conservatory of Music's renowned Department of Opera Performance and Vocal Studies, along with two alumni in leading roles.

Performances will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with an additional performance at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Ticket prices are \$20, or \$15 for seniors. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Performing Arts Center Box Office at 914-251-6200 or visit [www.artscenter.org/tickets](http://www.artscenter.org/tickets).

## Celtic Harp Music To Be Featured at Library

A free family concert of Celtic harp music performed by the Westchester Harp Ensemble will be presented in the Ossie Davis Theater of the New Rochelle Public Library on Sunday, March 16 at 3 p.m.

The concert will serve as a festive warm-up for St. Patrick's Day, as the 12-person harp ensemble will perform a selection of traditional and enchanting music from Ireland. The concert is on a first-come, first-served basis, to the capacity of the 138-seat theater.

The Westchester Harp Ensemble, directed by harpist Lois Colin, was founded in 2004 and has performed extensively in Westchester and neighboring communities.

The free concert is a "BID Family Day" event, made possible by the New Rochelle Downtown Business Improvement District, in conjunction with the New Rochelle Public Library, the City School District and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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## Chapel Chargers & St. Joe's Warriors Prevail in Tourney



St. Joe's seventh-grade boys' Kealy Champs with coaches Doug Cooper and Thomas Mathison.



The 2014 Chapel eighth-grade boys' Kealy Tourney Champs.

As the 22nd annual Winter Olympic Games were coming to a close, it was an unseasonably warm afternoon in the quiet Village of Bronxville, where the CYO Programs from St. Joseph's and The Chapel School "brought home gold" in the third annual Chapel Chargers Sean and Cara Kealy Memorial Basketball Tournament.

After Holy Name of Croton defeated Chapel in the championship game of the sixth-grade boys' division, St. Joseph's seventh-grade boys faced off with Holy Rosary from Hawthorne. Coaches Tom Mathison and Doug Cooper combined a balanced attack of inside power moves from Justin Van Hoek (nine points) and a deft outside touch from Joseph Vendetti, who led all scorers (31 points).

Matt Panker, who led Holy Rosary to the championship game with a game-high 28 points in a 72-70 overtime win against the host team from Chapel, was again the hot hand for Holy Rosary, scoring 29 of its 43 total points.

The final score was St. Joe's, 5, and Holy Rosary, 43.

The much-anticipated eighth-grade boys' championship game between a CYO Playoff contender from Holy Name of Mary (Croton) and their hosts from The Chapel School was a nail-biter from the opening tip to the final buzzer.

Down 13-8 after the first quarter, the Chargers narrowed the Holy Name lead to one point (26-25) with a 17-13 run in the second quarter, behind eight points from Rashad Griffith and seven points from Arinze Uddoh.

In the third quarter, Alex Kirchgasser (eight of his 11 points), Justin Trotman (four points) and Diego Medina (two of his seven points) put Chapel ahead 39-35. In the final seven minutes, amidst an onslaught from Holy Name's Austin Rago (six of his game-high 20 points) and Miles Ackerman (six of his eight points), Jimmy Scanlon sank two

clutch-free throws, Christian Graham scored three of his five points, and Arinze Uddoh answered with 10 of his team-leading 17 points – including the final five points for the victorious Chargers – leading them from a 50-49 deficit with 49 seconds remaining to a 54-50 championship win.

Other tourney highlights include: The sixth-grade girls played earlier in the week, and came in third place in its division after a thrilling consolation round win over Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Ardsley). And Chapel's seventh-grade boys also came in third place, defeating St. Eugene's in the consolation round; and St. Joseph's eighth-grade boys placed fourth in that division.

Proceeds from the tournament this year are being sent to Typhoon Haiyan Relief Efforts in the Philippines, at the wishes of the Kealy Family.

## Westchester Art Beat: Enjoy The Arts at Sarah Lawrence



By Steve Force

Yonkers is home to one of the finest liberal arts colleges in the nation. Sarah Lawrence College is renowned for its academic excellence and arts programs, with internationally-recognized faculty and talented students at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. It also has a large body of successful alumni who stay actively involved with the college.

Throughout the year, SLC is alive with performances, exhibits, concerts, lectures and readings – most of which are open to the public at no charge. The college also offers workshops and courses for the public.

Sarah Lawrence College is committed to involvement in the community. It partners with many agencies and non-profits in Yonkers and many of its students and faculty voluntarily offer their expertise and time in all sorts of ways to enrich the community. SLC also welcomes and invites the public to enjoy the arts on its beautiful campus.

"We are eager to have the community attend and enjoy the many performances, concerts, exhibits and lectures on our campus and to take advantage of the workshops and courses we offer to the public," said Judith Schwartzstein, director of public affairs.

Sarah Lawrence College is no ivory tower; it is a dynamic institution with a high level of engagement with the community. It is a vital member of its community, and administrators want the public to be part of the campus experience.

There are two ways to find out what is happening at Sarah Lawrence. The first is to go to the college's website, [www.slc.edu](http://www.slc.edu). Go to the box at the bottom of the page labeled "quick links," then click on "news and events" and then "campus events." A list of events for the coming three months will be displayed, and it can even be filtered to show just those open to the public.

A better way is to subscribe to inTouch, a full-color newsletter that includes a calendar of events grouped by category. inTouch comes out twice per year, and throughout the year subscribers receive monthly e-blasts listing all public events – including those that were scheduled after the print issue, and any changes. Subscriptions to inTouch are free; register by email at [communications@sarahlawrence.edu](mailto:communications@sarahlawrence.edu), by phone at 914-395 2412, or by visiting [www.slc.edu/news-events/intouch](http://www.slc.edu/news-events/intouch).

The latest inTouch calendar lists more than 20 concerts, dance performances, theater performances, film screenings and lectures open to the public. Some of these are presented as a series, such as the "Music Tuesdays" concerts held most Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m., and the monthly student dance concerts on select Friday and Saturday evenings in March, April and May.

**Don't miss:**

\* March 6 to 8, 7 p.m., the play "Katzenjammer" at the Francis Ann Cannon Theatre.

\* March 11 and 12, 7 p.m., a chamber music concert titled "Exit" at the Francis Ann Cannon Theatre.

\* March 13 through April 14, an exhibit titled "Roslyn Fassett: Paintings Far and Wide" at the Riverfront Library Art Gallery; [www.ypl.org](http://www.ypl.org).

\* March 15, 7:30 p.m., a concert featuring Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen presented by Urban H2O at the Beczak Center; [www.urbanh2o.org](http://www.urbanh2o.org).

\* Through March 22, an exhibit titled "New Weaves: Sculptural Basketry" at the Blue Door Gallery; [www.bluedoorartcenter.org](http://www.bluedoorartcenter.org).

\* March 23, 3 p.m., a free concert by The Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra at Saunders Trade and Technical High School; [www.yonkersphilharmonic.org](http://www.yonkersphilharmonic.org).

\* Through May 18, an exhibit titled "The Art of Video Games" at the Hudson River Museum; [www.hrm.org](http://www.hrm.org).

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