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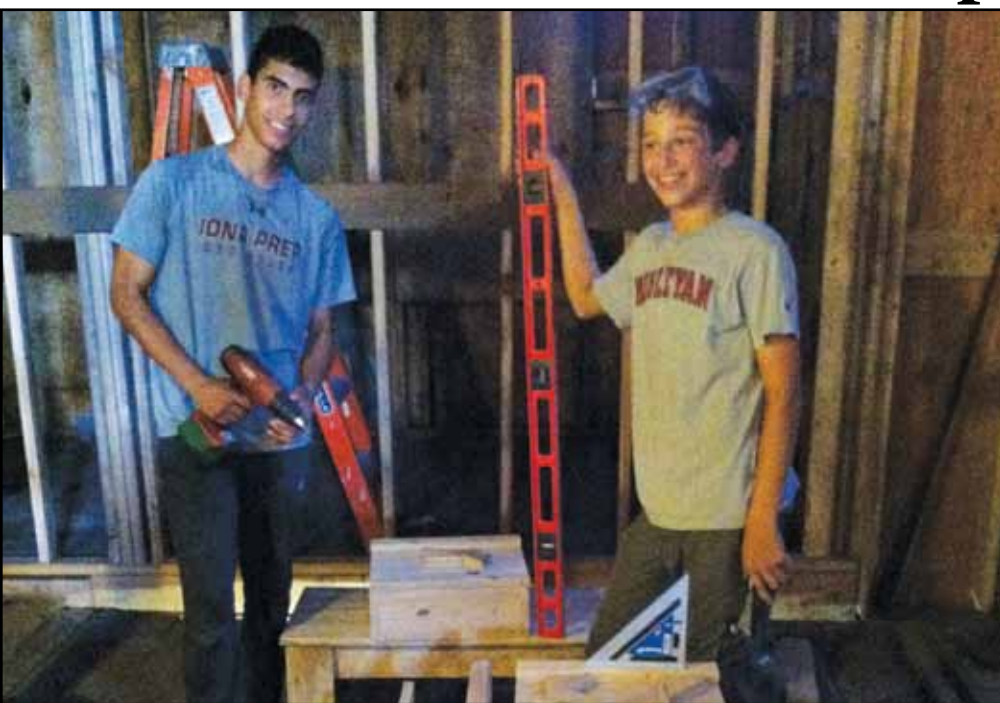
# WESTCHESTER RISING

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## Habitat Hosts Builder's Camp



Two Habitat campers who have been learning building trades this summer.

By Dan Murphy

Building is a cornerstone of Habitat for Humanity International and Habitat for Humanity of Westchester – but we need to make sure everyone knows how to build properly! As well, we want to make sure everyone knows proper building techniques to adequately maintain their homes and prevent them from getting into disarray.

Habitat for Humanity Westchester hosted a number of young campers for one week this summer, who learned skills and then used those skills in building homes.

This summer, more than 100 campers got a hammer, tool belt and a builders' manual, and performed some work in the wood workshop while

receiving on-the-job teaching at some of the homes Habitat is building in Westchester for those who need it most.

Habitat Westchester has two events coming up. On Sept. 7, the organization will host its 9/11 Build-a-Thon, honoring those who died Sept. 11, 2001, by building homes throughout Westchester. The build-a-thon runs Sept. 7 to 15.

Habitat will also host its 14th annual Build-a-House Golf Outing at Siwanoy Country Club on Sept. 27.

For more information on both events, call 914-636-8335, ext. 101, or email jim@habitatwc.org, and help a worthy organization continue its work.

## The Burbans Take the Stage at Untermyer Band Shares the Record Label that Discovered Steven Tyler



From left are Rich Agosta, Steven Tyler and Pete Agosta.

Untermyer Performing Arts Council and Big Fan Records will present The Burbans on Aug. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at 945 N. Broadway, Yonkers.

“Yonkers has been the place where many music stars have emanated from, such as Mary

J. Blige, Gene Krupa, Ella Fitzgerald and Steven Tyler, amongst others,” said Mary Hoar, president of the Untermyer Performing Arts Council. “We are thrilled to present this Yonkers musical talent

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## Westchester Unites To ‘Ban the Barges’



Mayor Mike Spano with Cortlandt Town Supervisor Linda Puglisi, Ossining Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg, Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina, Hastings-on-Hudson Mayor Peter Swiderski, Dobbs Ferry Mayor Hartley Connett, and others.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano last week convened elected leaders from the Westchester County riverfront communities to create the Hudson River Waterfront Alliance to collectively stand in opposition to the U.S. Coast Guard's proposal of 10 new anchorage locations along the Hudson River.

In its first formal action, the Alliance – consisting of officials from each town, city or village from Yonkers to Peekskill – launched the “Ban the Barges” social media advocacy campaign that includes an online petition urging residents and community and business leaders

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## It's Official: Jenkins For County Executive Will Any Other Democrat Step Forward to Challenge Astorino?



County Legislator Ken Jenkins, who is running for county executive.

By Dan Murphy

Westchester County Legislator and former Board of Legislators Chairman Ken Jenkins, a prominent and outspoken critic of County Executive Robert Astorino, became the first Democrat to announce that he is challenging Astorino next year for his seat.

In a statement on his campaign website, www.jenkinsforwestchester.com, Jenkins wrote: “I’m running in 2017 and I’d like to tell you why. Westchester has always been known as a place for ambitious people, hardworking men and women looking to provide for their families.

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## Killian & Latimer on Common Core, Salary, Term Limits



State Senate candidate Julie Killian speaks out against the federal plan to punish Common Core opponents, with congressional candidate Phil Oliva.

By Dan Murphy

While the Nov. 8 ballot for the Westchester voter will feature the presidential choices of Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump and Gary Johnson, there are very few down-the-ballot elections for Assembly, Senate and Congress that are competitive or even contested. Rising News-

papers hopes to highlight the contested races throughout the fall.

The race for State Senate in the 37th District, between incumbent Sen. George Latimer and Rye Town Councilwoman Julie Killian, will be for the third time in six years the big

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## Does a Third-Party Candidate For President Have a Chance?



Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson, right, and vice presidential candidate Bill Weld.

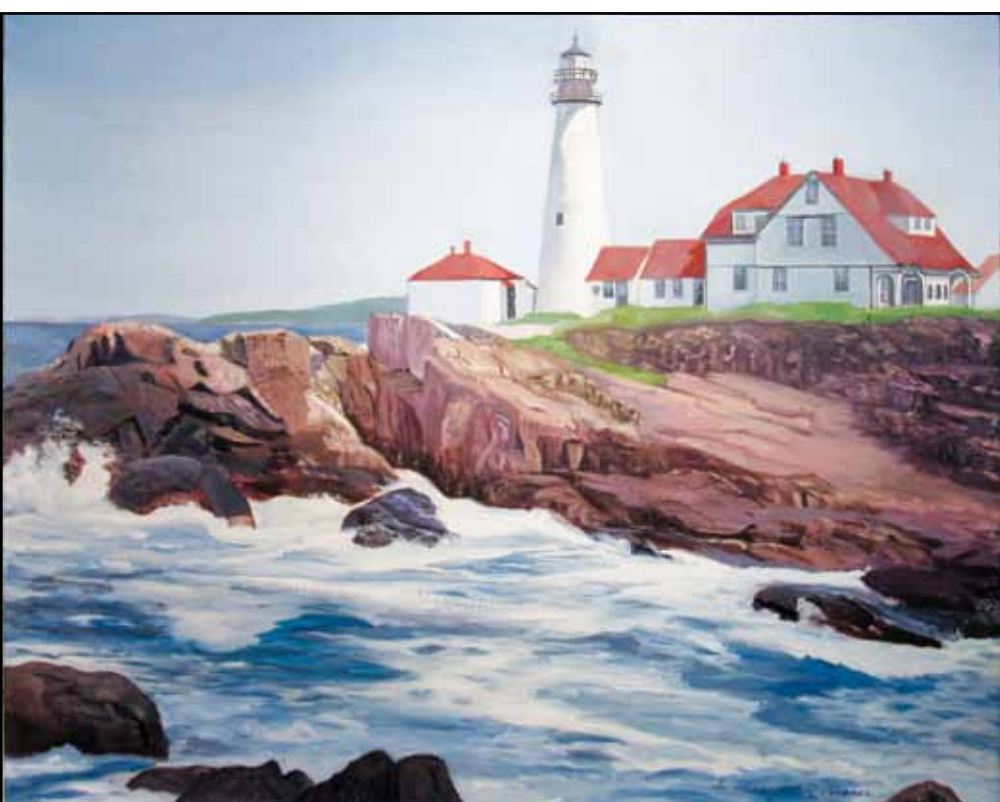
By Dan Murphy

Two pieces of presidential polling data in this year's election point to, and support, the idea of a third-party candidate having a place in the presidential debates this fall, for the first time since Ross Perot in the 1991 and 1996 debates. Forty-two percent of Americans identify

themselves as independent voters, with 29 percent identifying Democrat, and 26 as Republican. According to the Gallup Poll, in 2015, for the fifth consecutive year, at least four in 10 U.S. adults identified as political independents.

You combine a 40 percent independent *Continued on Page 7*

## Mariandale Sister Marks 70 Years With Art Show



A lighthouse painting by Sister Mary Ellen Wisner, who is pictured below.

The artistic works of Dominican Sister of Hope, Sister Mary Ellen Wisner, OP, who recently celebrated 70 years of religious life, will be on display at the Mariandale Retreat and Conference Center through Sept. 16. "A Life in Colors" features the mixed media work of this Dominican Sister of Hope who taught art for many years. In retirement, she has been able to devote more time to her own work.

S. Mary Ellen works in oils, watercolors and stained glass. Her work is on display in the chapel at Mariandale and can be viewed by the public Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a reception for the artist Sunday, Aug. 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

RSVP is required at [www.mariandale.org/event/art-reception](http://www.mariandale.org/event/art-reception) or 914-941-4455, ext. 0.

The Mariandale Retreat and Conference Center is an ecumenical retreat center located at 299 N. Highland Ave, Ossining.



## Eastchester Blue Devils Celebrate 50 Years



From left are Zach Cooperman (Tiny Mite), Brody Cooperman (Mitey Mite), Josh Cooperman (Jr. Pee Wee), Dylan Cooperman (Mitey Mite) and Jake Cooperman (Tiny Mite).

Football is alive and well in the Town of Eastchester. This is especially true with the Pop Warner program that is serving the community, the Eastchester Blue Devils, which will be entering its 50th consecutive playing season – having taken the field for the first time in the fall of 1967. There is not a better youth program around.

Just recently the Blue Devils accomplished another first for the program, when all five of the Cooperman boys signed up. While there have been families of five children going through the program before, never has the Blue Devils field-

ed five boys from one family in the same season.

"As a former Blue Devil, I can attest that the program is family-based and I think it is terrific that five children from the same household will be wearing the Blue and Gold," said Supervisor Anthony Colavita. "Go Devils!"

Registrations are being accepted for both football and cheer candidates at [www.eastchesterbluedevils.com](http://www.eastchesterbluedevils.com) and register. For more information, contact Football Commissioner Bill Cade at 914-772-2912 or [bcade@stewartefi.com](mailto:bcade@stewartefi.com). For cheerleading, contact Kim Caporaso at 914-943-8253 or [caporaso98@gmail.com](mailto:caporaso98@gmail.com).

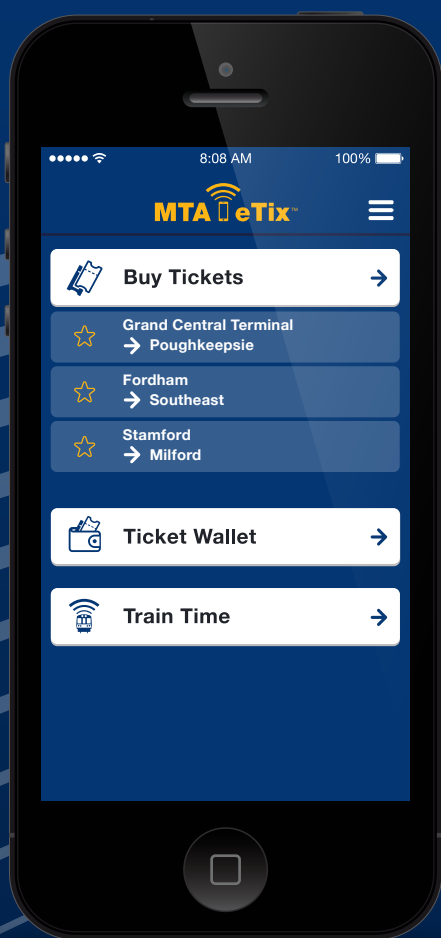
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# This, Too, is Last Summer Adventure Time

By Eric W. Schoen

It's hot out there. I already downed two liters of water by 6:30 in the morning. I hope you are keeping well hydrated in the mid-August heat.

Mid-August? Great balls of fire, Labor Day is a little more than two weeks away!

It's the perfect time to take that last-minute summer trip is now. While we summer through Labor Day, in most parts of the country kids are back to school or winding down summer vacations.

A friend in Arizona sent her kids back to school at the end of July. Labor Day weekend will of course be busy travel-wise, but the period from after Labor Day to Columbus Day is, if your schedule permits, the best time to travel, as great deals on travel are yours for the asking.

We should all be in England now. The pound is at a 30-year low, and with all the concern about terrorism travel to Europe, it will likely plummet after Labor Day. You are just as susceptible to terrorism in Yonkers as you are in London, so hop on a plane, get some grub at a pub, and enjoy a spontaneous holiday.

In the cruise industry, over-supply has led to major decreases in prices. If you have never cruised before, I always recommend a short, three-to four-day cruise to see if you will like it before you head out on a seven-day adventure. Either you like cruising or you don't. The key to cruising is to gastronomically indulge during the day when you are active and visit the midnight buffet, not to eat, but to see how pretty it is.

Some fresh fruit late at night is fine, but if you fill up with little sandwiches, fancy desserts and sugary beverages, you won't sleep and will be tired the next day when you dock at the exciting ports your cruise ship takes you to.

I was in Pennsylvania two weeks ago and experienced the number-one food factory tour in America, which is free of charge as long as you have a reservation. Herr's Potato Chip, Pretzel and Snack Food Company gives an hour-long, behind-the-scenes tour of its operations Monday through Friday. High-production days are Monday through Wednesday, but I went on Friday and saw pretzels and potato chips in various flavors being produced.

The Herr's plant, a little over two hours from our area, in Nottingham, Penn., affords you the ability to taste hot potato chips right as they come off the conveyor belt. Did you know that when they started flavoring potato chips, barbecue was the first flavoring they used? With pretzels, the only pretzel they must pack by hand are pretzel rods, as they are so fragile.

At the end of the tour you will find the gift shop where you can ask the cashiers to try any of the flavors of chips they sell. You try and you can buy those that you like, including some chips not available for sale in the United States. There's an "oops" section of chips and other snack items that are delicious but not up to company standards. New items that didn't quite work are also for sale at drastically reduced prices.

The pepperoni pizza chips were excellent. The cotton candy corn balls, however, didn't dazzle my taste buds.

One of the most refreshing trips on a hot summer day is to take the Staten Island Ferry from the tip of Manhattan to Staten Island. And it's free. Want great pictures of the Statue of Liberty? Your best bet is to take your pictures from the ferry. When you head back to Manhattan, Governor's Island is also a nice place to visit, with acres of parkland and plenty to explore. There is no charge for the ferry Saturday and Sunday before 11:30 a.m. Bring your bicycle, or bicycles are for rent at



Eric W. Schoen

the dock.

Getting around Manhattan is easy using the Via app. Via is a shared car service for \$5 per person anywhere from 120th Street in Manhattan to the southern tip of the island. A little more than the cost of a subway ride, you don't have to go underground and you can relax in the comfort of a car.

Great buys for theater tickets are yours on the StubHub, Broadway Box, Theatermania and Today Tix apps. A \$195 ticket to a concert at Barclays Center was \$50 (see below) and last-minute tickets to audience favorite "Cats" could have been yours for \$10 recently. My favorite place to sit at the theater is in the first mezzanine so you can look down at the extravaganza, particularly when I am seeing musicals.

Planning a late-summer trip to Jones Beach for a concert? Even in the sweltering heat, Jones Beach Theater gets extremely chilly at night. Sweatshirts, a light jacket and blanket are suggested.

I went to see Barbra Streisand at Barclays Center last weekend, where parking is expensive and annoying. Instead, park your car near the 231 Street subway station on the number one train, take the elevator up to your train, switch at 96th Street for the three train, leaving you steps away from the entrance to the venue. It's the cheapest, fastest way to get there, and the only heat you experience is while you wait on the connecting platform for your train.

When booking a hotel, I always use the Priceline, Expedia or Hotwire apps. Many other great apps out there where you can get discounts from 25 to 50 percent on your hotel rooms. Priceline and Expedia feature "express deals" or "hot rate" hotels where you find out the name of your hotel after your book at a bargain price. It's perfect for the high-end, four-star and above hotels. If you are selecting a four-and-a-half- or five-star hotel in Atlantic City, N.J., for example, you are going to end up luxuriating at the Borgata Hotel.

Bargain hunters are using - with increased frequency - Airbnb to book rooms. A doctor friend of mine got a house for Saturday and Sunday nights over Labor Day weekend in the Hamptons for \$300 a night. Another friend got a house in Cape May over Labor Day weekend for \$325 a night. You can't find a hotel for that price, and they are getting a full house!

Stay-cationers can enjoy performing arts events at Untermyer Park on Saturday evening through the end of the month; and the Downtown Yonkers Merchants Association has events planned in and around the downtown area for all to enjoy.

Too hot to cook? Olive Garden just brought back its "buy one, take one home" deal. Enjoy an entree, soup or salad, and breadsticks for as little as \$12.99 at Olive Garden at Cross County, and take home a full-sized entree from a select menu for later consumption - for free. Sources tell me the ever-popular unlimited pasta deal will be featured for a month or so in mid-September. That's another great deal.

Summer is far from over and there's still plenty to do and see. We are complaining about the hot weather now, but just remember, the snow is on its way!

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## Letters to the Editor

# Westchester Needs Tougher Campaign Finance Laws

Dear Editor:

The recent announcement that U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara has expanded his corruption probe into Westchester and has issued subpoenas to County Executive Robert Astorino's office highlights the need for Westchester County to adopt a law that has been on the books in Greenburgh since 2007.

Westchester County Executive Astorino and other county lawmakers are no different than lawmakers at the state and federal levels. They solicit and accept contributions from most contractors, consultants and applicants who want something in return. It's part of the pay-to-play culture.

I have often wondered how many county consultants or contractors will get business with the county if they don't contribute to re-election campaigns. My guess - not many.

In 2007 the Greenburgh Town Board unanimously approved a law that has been cited as the toughest in the state - perhaps in the nation. We prohibit incumbent officials from accepting campaign contributions from those who have applications pending before

the government or contracts with the government.

Our law prohibits incumbents from accepting contributions from developers, contractors, consultants and their attorneys who appear before the town seeking approvals.

Another option: If the county executive or legislators receive a campaign donation of \$1,000 or more from an applicant during the previous 12 months, he or she would not be able to vote on the application; the lawmaker would have to recuse themselves from a vote.

The county executive sits on the Board of Acquisition and Contract, which has the ability to approve or reject all county contracts. Legislators could accept contributions from anyone as long as they don't vote to push the application in any way.

If enough public officials start recusing themselves from voting on applications of those who benefit from a government action, we will make progress in eliminating legalized bribery.

Paul Feiner  
Greenburgh Town Supervisor

# Dobbs Ferry F.D. Receives Grant for Safety Upgrades

The Dobbs Ferry Fire Department has been awarded a \$235,734 Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant, it was announced last week by Congresswoman Nita Lowey, ranking member on the House Appropriations Committee.

"It is vital that local first responders have the equipment they need to respond swiftly and decisively to emergencies," said Lowey. "This grant will provide critical resources to the Dobbs Ferry Fire Department so they can continue to keep our communities, neighborhoods and families safe. I am pleased that the Department of Homeland Security is addressing this need in Westchester, and I will continue fighting to ensure that federal resources are invested in the Lower Hudson Valley."

Fire Chief Gerard McIlvain said the feder-

al money will be used to buy 30 new air packs for the firefighters to replace old packs that have become outdated. "We are thankful to get this federal money," he said. "It saves our local taxpayers the high cost of having to replace the air packs all at once."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant program is a Federal Emergency Management Agency program awarding grants directly to fire departments, non-affiliated Emergency Medical Services organizations, and state fire training academies to enhance their ability to protect the health and safety of the public. Since fiscal year 2001, the AFG program has provided approximately \$6.4 billion in grants to first-responder organizations to obtain much-needed equipment, emergency vehicles, and training.



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## Mamaroneck Receives \$250K Clean Water Grant

The Village of Mamaroneck has been awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act, the new state program created to assist local governments in funding often-expensive water infrastructure improvements. The grant will help fund the village's project to reduce sanitary sewer overflow in the West Basin Drainage area, part of Mamaroneck's program to address inflow and infiltration issues in the system and protect Long Island Sound.

"The Village of Mamaroneck is continuously thankful for the support from New York State to improve our water quality and for the efforts by Assemblyman Otis who has been a huge supporter of the quality of life and the environment in the Village of Mamaroneck," said Mayor Norman Rosenblum.

"Congratulations to the village for putting together a successful application," added Assemblyman Steve Otis, who helped initiate the new grant program in 2015. "Gov. (Andrew) Cuomo and the (Environmental Facilities Corporation) have done a tremendous job in making this new program an immediate success. Statewide, these grants reduce costs to property taxpayers and make previously unaffordable projects possible."

State Sen. George Latimer said the quality and safety of residential water is paramount.

"For the people of Mamaroneck, this \$250,000 grant will serve to resolve a problem

that threatens both water quality and safety," he said. "It is crucial that we take the steps necessary to protect families and their water supply, and I believe this grant – and the entire Water Infrastructure Improvement Act – will go a long way toward accomplishing that."

The Water Infrastructure Improvement Act was created last year as part of the 2015-16 state budget to assist local governments and taxpayers in paying for water quality projects. The program was spearheaded by two former mayors, Otis and his colleague, Assemblyman John McDonald of Cohoes. It has received strong support from Cuomo, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, and both houses of the State Legislature.

The Water Infrastructure Improvement Act was initially funded for \$200 million over a three-year period. That total was increased by \$25 million with grant funds added by Cuomo in round one, and an additional \$200 million included with the adoption of the state budget this year.

The program is administered by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, which held a workshop about the program in Mamaroneck in April. It is expected that the \$425 million in state funding will leverage more than \$2 billion in funding for local water infrastructure improvements, benefitting taxpayers by reducing the cost of these projects.

## Child Development Institute Presents 'Play Experiences'



A youngster looks to the sky with homemade "binoculars."

The Child Development Institute at Sarah Lawrence College will present a series of Community Adventure Play Experiences at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, 29 Warburton Ave., next month. The first will take place during Yonkers Riverfest on Sept. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. Other CAPEs at Philipse Manor Hall are scheduled for Fridays, Sept. 23, Oct. 7 and 21, and Nov. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m.

CAPEs can be enjoyed by children of all ages and are free of charge, with no reservations required.

Community Adventure Play Experiences encourages children to use their imaginations, develop initiative, collaborate, and problem-solve using materials from their own communities. CAPEs are created by children using loose parts, including cardboard boxes, tires, fabric, plastic bottles, recyclables, wood and other materials. Participants are encouraged to collect and contribute their own CAPE materials, which can include toilet paper rolls, egg cartons, tissue boxes and other household items.

Parents are welcome to come and watch their children play, explore and create.

Parents are welcome to come and watch their children play, explore and create. "Children today have fewer opportunities to direct their own play experiences than previous generation," said Sandra Norton, director of Sarah Lawrence College's Child Development Institute. "Many parents who bring their children to the CAPEs share fond memories of their own childhoods, spending hours building forts out of cardboard boxes, puppets out of pinecones, or rolling tires on the grass. We provide these opportunities for children at CAPEs where the adults are on the periphery to support and to provide a safe space, and children and their imaginations are at the center of the experience."

For more information, contact the Child Development Institute at Sarah Lawrence College at 914-395-2630 or [cdi@sarahlawrence.edu](mailto:cdi@sarahlawrence.edu). To learn more about the Child Development Institute's other programs, visit [www.slcc.edu/cdi](http://www.slcc.edu/cdi).

## Westchester Breaks Tourism Record, Again

Building on a record-breaking 2014, Westchester County's tourism industry went even higher in 2015 with visitor spending increasing by \$60 million to \$1.8 billion. Since 2009 (the end of the Great Recession), visitor spending has soared 29 percent an increase of more than \$400 million.

"These numbers show that Westchester County continues to be a leading destination for business and pleasure in the State of New York," said County Executive Robert Astorino. "Year after year, Westchester attracts more visitors, and that's great news for the growth of our economy and county as a whole."

In 2015, visitor spending supported 24,000 jobs in Westchester, or 5 percent of all jobs in the county. At the same time, tourism generated \$216.9 million in tax revenue for state and local municipalities. This represents \$633 for every household in the county. Westchester's tourism industry, which ranks third in the state behind New York City and Long Island, represents 53 percent of all visitor spending in the Hudson Valley region.

Natasha Caputo, director of Westchester County Tourism and Film, said the county's success as a tourism destination is the result of great industry partners who offer top-notch accommodations, restaurants and cultural and entertainment attractions for every age and budget. To keep up with the demand, the county's travel and tourism industry has continued to reinvest to guarantee the best product for the county's visitors.

These projects include: a \$10.5 million renovation of the Westchester Marriott in White Plains; a \$6 million renovation of guest rooms, restaurants, event/meeting space and outdoor pool area at the Holiday Inn in Mount Kisco; a \$5.2 million renovation of the guest rooms, lobby, meeting space, restaurant and fitness center at the Sheraton in Tarrytown; a \$4 million renovation at the Doral Arrowwood Resort in Rye Brook, which includes new technology, refurbished guestrooms and new meeting rooms in the Doral Executive Center; a multi-million-dollar renovation of The Westchester Mall in White Plains, which includes interior redesign, improvements to the entrance and signage, and new luxury amenities, including upgraded valet facilities; a \$500,000 entrance and lobby renovation project at the Crowne Plaza in White Plains; and the construction of two new hotels, the Hampton Inn and Suites and the Courtyard by Marriott,

both in Yonkers.

Westchester's local municipalities are also stepping up to the plate and enhancing their own tourism products. For example, the City of Peekskill's recent investments include almost \$11 million to parks, museums, and trails. The city is also home to a variety of new restaurants.

Westchester County has also seen significant growth in the agritourism sector, as the "Westchester-Grown" Farm Trail is a New York State-designated route, spanning 17 miles. The trail provides an opportunity for visitors to see and taste some of the county's freshest products and builds upon the county's historic agricultural roots and cultural richness.

Farms and farm stands along the trail include: Harvest Moon Farm and Orchard in North Salem; Hemlock Hill Farm, Cortlandt; Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights; Muscote Farm, Katonah; Ryder Farm Cottage Industries, Brewster; Seedswell Vegetable Farm, Bedford; Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture, Tarrytown; Stuart's Farm and Orchard, Granite Springs; The Farmer and The Fish, North Salem; The Meadows Farm, Yorktown Heights; Thompson's Cider Mill, Croton-On-Hudson; White Oak Farm, Yorktown Heights; and Wilkens Fruit and Fir Farm, Yorktown Heights

In order to complement this growing sector, Westchester County Tourism and Film has produced a revamped farm-to-table guide, which highlights restaurants that have embraced the farm-to-table movement and source products from Hudson Valley farms. This guide also highlights the county's burgeoning craft beverage scene.

This segment continues to grow with the recent additions of South Salem Winery in South Salem and Hardscrabble Cider in North Salem.

South Salem Winery is Westchester's first micro-winery, set amidst the grounds of the beautiful Gossett Bros. Nursery with a tasting room and food bar adjacent to the greenhouse offering a unique space for parties. At Hardscrabble Cider's tasting room, customers can sample their different varieties while hearing about the special cider-making process. The room, located within the Harvest Moon farm store, was renovated in 2015 to create an old, farm-industrial vibe using brick and locally foraged, reclaimed barn wood.

And of course, there are the standbys: Captain Lawrence, Yonkers Brewing Company, Peekskill Brewery and Broken Bow Brewery.

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## 'Great B-Day Caper' Honors Kids on their Special Day



Larry and Pat McCrudden, founders of the Great Birthday Caper.

Thinking back, there are childhood pleasures that we all took for granted – the freedom of summer vacation, laughing over nothing until your sides ache, somersaulting down a grassy slope, or simply hanging out with your best friend.

For Larry McCrudden, 81, one half of a volunteer grand-parenting duo, celebrating birthdays is another joy. "I feel remembering someone on their birthday is important," he said. "It's their special day."

Since 1993, he and his wife, Pat, now 77, have been secretly celebrating the birthdays of hundreds of children and teens who face significant challenges in their day-to-day lives, including living away from their families.

While watching television in their Yonkers kitchen one December 24 years ago, it dawned on the couple that while many nonprofits make sure children have holiday gifts, no one does it for birthdays. At that "aha" moment, the Great Birthday Caper was born.

The couple immediately reached out to a close friend at a local children's services organization and together they gathered more than 100 children's names, birth dates and a wish list reflecting what each wanted for his or her birthday. Through a word-of-mouth, grassroots approach, a few volunteers turned into just the right number. Each picked up at least one wish list, purchased the gift, wrapped it and dropped it off at the McCruddens' home – all in time for the child's birthday.

"After the first month, we never had to ask again," said Pat McCrudden. "People heard about the Caper, asked us about it and got on board right away."

At ANDRUS, a Westchester nonprofit that

offers preventative and restorative services to thousands of children and families each year from the New York-metropolitan area, it's made a big difference. The McCruddens contacted ANDRUS in 1994 and now distribute 75 to 80 surprise birthday (and even Christmas) gifts throughout the year to children and teens living in the organization's residential cottages. Since the inception of this volunteer effort, more than 4,000 children have received at least one Caper gift.

"We adore this volunteer program," said Pauline Del Rosario, ANDRUS' assistant director of residential services. "The truth is that everyone is busy leading his or her own life, but not many step out to develop an idea that directly brings joy and pride, and elicits ear-to-ear smiles from children."

Del Rosario is the ANDRUS liaison to the Birthday Caper crew, and ensures that a wish list from each child is sent to Larry and Pat at least one month in advance of the upcoming birthday. The gift is then presented on the actual birthday, even if it's on a weekend.

The average sponsored gift is valued at \$40 per child. The only other request of the sponsor, who remains anonymous, is to support the same child as long as s/he continues being assisted by the nonprofit. "And it works well," said says. "We have very committed sponsors who have even moved away and still send the gifts."

The McCruddens say they hope other communities across the country will consider starting their own Great Birthday Caper since the need of these children and teens who live away from their families is so significant. "We just want the children to know that someone out there cares" said Larry.

## New Rochelle Library Trustees Discuss RDRXR

By Peggy Godfrey

After reviewing possible grants for the Main New Rochelle Library, needed future finances and the popular summer programs for children, the attention of the library's Board of Trustees meeting shifted to RDRXR and downtown development plans, during an Aug. 11 meeting of the board, where the evaluation of the library property development rights were analyzed and evaluated.

Previously, trustees had engaged HR&A Advisors to help explore the library's market value and development rights. A full set of the firm's tasks may include community engagement, project management, and a possible request for proposals for alternative sites and negotiation with selected developers. HR&A proposes an estimated fee of \$55,000 for needed support in the areas as public presentations, project management, drafting and managing a request for proposals, analysis of alternative sites, and continued public outreach.

Another proposal by U3 Advisors is also under consideration; its services and fees would allegedly be similar to HR&A. This firm suggested that the library needs to establish the value of the present library and the cost of constructing a new one within 100 to 200 feet of the existing facility.

The trustees discussed the need for an evaluation of the costs that would be involved in building a new library. The "discomfort" with

the costs of both selling and rebuilding the public library was contrasted to the view that the new opportunities would increase "exponentially."

Library Trustee Greg Varian suggested that no matter what is developed, the value of each location has to be determined. Another trustee expressed concern that the redevelopment cost estimates from the consultant and RDRXR could be "far apart" and he said he wants to know how this would be addressed.

Since no final transaction has been reached, the trustees said they are free to accept or reject any redevelopment real estate proposal. Discussion of this strategy could continue later in executive sessions.

During the public session of the meeting that followed, Marjorie Sachs asked why the trustees are even considering this sale, reminding the board that state Library Trustee Bernard Margolis had stated that other districts had said "no" to any proposals of this type. David Patterson added that "no one is aware of what is happening," and that questions that have been asked need to be answered. Citing the many programs and concerts at the library, he questioned whether the trustees should let a developer take over.

Following public comment, the library trustees continued to consider the possibility of better facilities, and expressed that they are "not looking to do anything negative."

Notice of formation of PRIME-NELSON SPEECH SERVICES PLLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/15/16. Office location: Westchester County. The street address is: 3 Davenport Avenue 2B New Rochelle NY 10805. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: PRIME-NELSON SPEECH SERVICES, PLLC 3 DAVENPORT AVENUE #2B NEW ROCHELLE NY 10805. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Notice of formation of THE GARDEN ROOM NY, LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/16/16. Office location: WESTCHESTER County. The street address is: 535 THIRD 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: ERIC BERMAN, 42 SOMERSET DRIVE, COMMACK, NY 11725. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6810 08/26 - 09/30

#6808 08/26 - 09/30

## Celebrate 'Septemburton' At Alamo Drafthouse



The various movie characters of Tim Burton.

Director Tim Burton returns to the big screen this September with "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children," which is the latest in the director's long line of singularly imaginative, sweetly off-kilter films. In honor of this occasion – and in the spirit of pure, plain fun at the movies – Alamo Drafthouse has created "Septemburton," dedicating September to celebrating the artist/director/magician/visionary and his cinematic creations with film screenings, exclusive Mondo pins, in-theater food and drink specials and an all-Burton edition of Alamo Drafthouse's collectible magazine, "Birth.Movies.Death.," featuring cover art by the man himself.

Septemburton kicks off with "Burtonize This!" a Burton-inspired "filmmaking frenzy" contest where filmmakers are invited to "Burtonize" famous films by referencing his characters and visual motifs to create a 30-second bumper. The contest runs through Sept. 6, and the winning bumper will be shown before select film screenings at this year's Fantastic Fest, which kicks off Sept. 22 in Austin. See the full details at [www.filmmakingfrenzy.com](http://www.filmmakingfrenzy.com).

All September – or "Septemburton" – Alamo Drafthouse locations nationwide will feature retrospective screenings of vintage Burton films and their starring male characters, including his gothic, genre-igniting 1989 "Batman;" the "ghost with the most" in the iconic "Beetlejuice;" the uncommonly gentle leading man of "Edward Scissorhands," a rebel and his bike in "Pee-Wee's Big Adventure" – and more.

In addition to regular shows on the big screen, "Batman," "Beetlejuice" and "Pee-Wee" will also be found in interactive "movie party" presentations, complete with a celebratory atmosphere, pre-movie contests, fourth-wall-breaking props for audiences, and other surprises. Coming in costume is very much encouraged.

"Tim Burton is a singular filmmaker; throughout his entire career he has infused his films with a thoroughly distinct magic that only he can create," said Tim League, Alamo Drafthouse founder and CEO. "The look, the feel, the emotions... They're complete, fully realized worlds and unmistakably Burton. I'm pleased we can dedicate an entire month to celebrating his vision and artistry in a big way."

Fans will be able to wear their love for Burton on their sleeves, lapels – or wherever – with a collection of brand new enamel pins from Mondo. The first set features three pins designed by artist Matt Ryan Tobin and inspired by "Edward Scissorhands." It includes Edward's precarious right and left hands, along with a masterfully trimmed T-rex hedge. The second set, designed by artist Oliver Barrett, is a tiny copy of "Beetlejuice's" "The Handbook for the Recently Deceased."

Both pin sets will be available as ticket add-ons to Alamo Drafthouse shows, and can be purchased through the Mondo website.

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema is located at 2548 Central Park Ave., Yonkers. For more information, visit [www.drafthouse.com/yonkers](http://www.drafthouse.com/yonkers)

## It's Still the Economy, Local and Regional

By Derickson Lawrence  
Candidate for Congress

Despite the Bureau of Labor Statistics' rosy unemployment numbers of 4.9 percent, the economy is not growing fast enough to raise middle-class incomes. So says a panel of economists, according to the Wall Street Journal, who estimated a paltry 1.8 percent gross domestic product growth for 2016. That should be cause for concern, even when for the first time since the dot-com boom was in full swing, all three major U.S. stock indices reached new records on the same day – Aug. 11.

A confluence of factors has brought us here. Easy money from the central banks since the Great Recession, domestically and globally, has kept the markets afloat. The central banks had hoped that corporations would use that almost free money to invest in new plant and equipment. Instead, most of that borrowed money was used to buy back stock and acquire other companies. The challenge now is that those central banks have run out of additional ammunition to boost the economy because interest rates are now at rock bottom; and in some markets internationally, they are negative.

In that setting, equities, especially in the U.S. stock market, appear extremely attractive to international and domestic investors as opposed to bonds. And, the cycle feeds on itself. The chief beneficiaries in this climate have been people in the top 1 percent of the population – exacerbating income inequality.

Given the state of our economy, I believe we need a fresh approach. As a congressional candidate challenging the establishment in November 2016, I offer an approach not based on dogma or ideology but on analysis. I believe our national



Derickson Lawrence

economy requires regional and local focus on innovation and productivity. To date, I have not only proposed an economic plan to jump start the local economy, I have also engaged our local institutions (business and educational) to begin workforce development. This includes the creation of an incubator with private funding to help small businesses grow. And, it includes a strong drive to create opportunities for entrepreneurs.

Further, I will advocate

for policy changes to allow multinational companies to bring their profits back in the U.S. at much more attractive tax rates. This incentive-driven policy will be tied to business capital spending focused on new jobs, productivity and wage-growth, plant and equipment. Alongside infrastructure spending, the above approach will not only create more opportunities for all, it will also create an ecosystem to lift the economy of the region.

Where do we go from here?

Third quarter's data, in addition to clarity on the presidential candidates' recently-released economic plans, will help guide investment decisions for the fourth quarter. But do not be fooled by the market's exuberance of late, especially in the midst of the high level of political uncertainty in the U.S., and the uncharted territory of negative interest rates in Europe. The trajectory is simply not sustainable.

Besides, we have seen a version of this ramp-up before. The last time all three indices jointly closed at records was Dec. 31, 1999... Some of us remember the bust and pain that followed.

For more information about Derickson Lawrence, visit [www.Dericksonforcongress.com](http://www.Dericksonforcongress.com).

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**GOALNATE LLC**, Articles of Org. filed N.Y. Sec. of State (SSNY) 29th day of January, 2016. Office in Westchester Co. at 1 Odell Plaza, Yonkers, New York, 10701. SSNY desig. Agt. Upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 1 Odell Plaza, Yonkers, New York, 10701. Reg. Agt. Upon whom process may be served: Spiegel & Utrera, P.A., P.C. 1 Maiden Lane, NYC, 10038. 1-800-576-1100. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of **PENSIONERS VENTURES, LLC**; Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on JUNE 13, 2016. Office location: Westchester County. The street address is: 48 WINANS DRIVE, 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: VERA HUBIAK, 48 WINANS DRIVE, YONKERS, NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of **AVILOH CONSULTING SOLUTIONS** Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on June 1 st , 2016. Office location: Westchester County. The street address is: 1767 Central Park Avenue, Suite 326. 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, 1767 Central Park Avenue, Suite 326, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6793 07/22 - 08/26

#6794 07/22 - 08/26

#6795 07/29 - 09/02

Notice of formation of **WTC Solutions LLC** Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/27/15. Office location: Westchester. The street address is: 675 Pelham Rd # F7, New Rochelle, NY 10805. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: c/o United States Corporation Agent Inc. 7014 13 Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228 Purpose: any lawful act.

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Notice of formation of **32-13 85th St. LLC** Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/2016. 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: 32-13 85th St. LLC c/o Walsh & Amicucci LLP, 1133 Westchester Avenue White Plains, New York 10604. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6796 07/29 - 09/02

#6797 07/29 - 09/02

#6798 08/05 - 09/09

**TOWN OF EASTCHESTER EASTCHESTER/TUCKAHOE SCHOOL TAXES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I HAVE THIS DAY RECEIVED THE WARRANT TO COLLECT THE SCHOOL TAXES FOR 2016-2017

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SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

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SECTION 550-A WESTCHESTER COUNTY TAX LAW PENALTY SCHEDULE

First Half	Second Half
Due Sept 1st	Due Jan 1st
During SEPTEMBER	-
NONE	-

(Taxes payable without penalty on or before September 30, 2016)

During OCTOBER	-
2 Percent	-
During NOVEMBER	-
5 Percent	-
During DECEMBER and JANUARY	-
7 Percent	-
During FEBRUARY and MARCH	10 Percent
10 Percent	
During APRIL	12 Percent
12 Percent	
During MAY	13 Percent
13 Percent	
During JUNE	14 Percent
14 Percent	

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Dated August 19, 2016  
Eastchester N.Y.

#2299 08/26/2016

**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE**

Index No. 62297/2015  
Date Filed: 7/29/2016

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

Digital Federal Credit Union,  
Plaintiff,  
-against-

Ramana Chitti a/k/a Ramana Moorthy Chitti; Shobha Kalyanaswamy, if she be living or dead, her spouse, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff, The Board of Managers of the Valimar Homeowners Association; State of New York; and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises, Defendants.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 86 Legacy Circle, White Plains, NY 10603

**TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

**TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:** The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Charles D. Wood, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Westchester County, entered July 29, 2016 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Westchester County Clerk's Office.

**NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT** of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$774,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's Office on April 21, 2008, in Control Number 481061248 covering premises known as 86 Legacy Circle, White Plains, NY 10603 a/k/a Section 7.280, Block 111, Lot 86

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above, Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated.

**NOTICE**

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Dated: June 6, 2016  
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#3225 08/12/16 - 09/02/16

Notice of formation of **100-11 Ascan Ave. LLC** Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/2016. 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: 100-11 Ascan Ave. LLC c/o Walsh & Amicucci LLP, 1133 Westchester Avenue White Plains, New York 10604. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6799 08/05 - 09/09

Notice of formation of **30-23 85th St. LLC** Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/2016. 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: 30-23 85th St. LLC c/o Walsh & Amicucci LLP, 1133 Westchester Avenue White Plains, New York 10604. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6800 08/05 - 09/09

Notice of formation of **Grip-Side Film Equipment LLC** Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/6/2016. Office location: Westchester County. The street address is: 16 N High Street, 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: Christopher Gamiello, 16 N High Street, Elmsford, NY 10523. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6801 08/05 - 09/09

Notice of formation of **Global Peace Warriors, LLC** Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/5/2016. Office location: Westchester. The street address is: 123 Mamaroneck avenue unit 401, Mamaroneck, NY, 10543. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: Global Peace Warriors, LLC Attn: Natalia Konyushenko, 123 Mamaroneck avenue unit 401, Mamaroneck, New York, 10543. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6802 08/05 - 09/09

Notice of formation of **Man-gia Freddo, LLC** Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/19/16. Office location: N.Y.S. Department of State, Division of Corporation and State Records, Albany, NY 12231-0001 Westchester County. The street address is: 176 Woodland Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10703. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: LegalZoom.com, Inc., 9900 Spectrum Drive, Austin, TX, 78717. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6803 08/05 - 09/09

Notice of formation of **High-line Risk Solutions, LLC** Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/25/2015. Office location: Westchester County. The street address is: 5 Glenbrook Dr., New Rochelle, NY 10804. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: Highline Risk Solutions, 5 Glenbrook Dr., New Rochelle, NY 10804. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6804 08/12 - 09/16

Notice of formation of **BLUE SPRUCE SELF STORAGE LLC** Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/18/2016. Office location: WESTCHESTER. The street address is: 4 GROVE ROAD, NORTH WHITE PLAINS, NY 10603. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: KENNETH W KAUFFMAN JR, 4 GROVE ROAD, NORTH WHITE PLAINS, NY 10603. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6805 08/12 - 09/16

Notice of formation of **Veristar Realty Group, LLC ("VRG")**. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/06/16. Office location West. Cnty. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served, and shall mail process served to VRG, 1 Walworth Terr, WP, NY 10606. Purpose any lawful purpose.

#6806 08/12 - 09/16

Notice of formation of **Neighborhood Restoration Partners (NY), LLC ("NRP")**. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/07/16. Office location West. Cnty. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served, and shall mail process served to NRP, 1 Walworth Terr, WP, NY 10606. Purpose any lawful purpose.

#6807 08/12 - 09/16

# Seniors and Health Care

## Phelps Hires New Director Of Marketing/Communications

Allyson Miller of Verona, N.J., has joined Phelps Hospital as director of marketing/communications, bringing more than 20 years of health care marketing and business development experience to the hospital. In her new position, Miller will develop and oversee all marketing, advertising, public relations and revenue-generation strategies and programs for the hospital and for Phelps Medical Associates.

In addition to building the Phelps brand, she will work closely with the Northwell Health marketing team to promote the system brand in the region.

Most recently, Miller served as vice president of business development at St. Barnabas Hospital Health System, a 461-bed acute care community hospital and level one trauma center in the Bronx. She was responsible for the development and operations of the Community Physician Referral Office, which realized a 54 percent growth in revenue during her tenure. She also developed and implemented an urgent care strategy, specialty prac-



Allyson Miller

tice strategies, a women and children's strategy, as well as partnerships with community-based organizations – all of which increased revenues and brand awareness.

Prior to her tenure at St. Barnabas, Miller served as vice president of marketing and business development at CarePoint Health, a for-profit health care system in Hudson County, N.J., that included three acute care hospitals, a nonprofit foundation, a Medicare Advantage insurance plan, and a medical group. She previously served as director of sales at Franklin and Seidemann, Inc., a national teleradiology provider in Cleveland, Ohio.

She holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Ramapo College.

Miller succeeds Mary Sernatinger, who served as director of marketing/communications at Phelps for the past 17 years and who will continue working on a part-time basis as senior marketing coordinator.

## Mosquitoes With West Nile Virus Found in Westchester

This season's first batch of mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus has been confirmed by the Westchester County Department of Health. The area surrounding the positive mosquito batch in Yonkers has been inspected by the health department, and nearby catch basins with standing water have been treated to protect against further mosquito breeding in the area.

"The presence of West Nile Virus has been a reality in the Hudson Valley for quite some time now, so this positive test is not a surprise," said County Executive Robert Astorino. "Nevertheless, it's a reminder for residents to protect themselves and their families against West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses. For the county's part, we have implemented a proactive and comprehensive plan to combat mosquito-borne illness for more than a decade, including advice and resources for our residents."

So far in 2016, the county health department has submitted 243 pools of mosquitoes to the New York State Department of Health for testing with only one positive result. The state health department has identified 195 positive mosquito pools throughout New York so far this year.

Symptoms of West Nile encephalitis (a severe infection) usually occur from three to 14 days following a bite and include high fever, headache, confusion, muscle aches and weakness, seizures, or paralysis. Most people who are infected with West Nile Virus will not show any symptoms. Persons over 50 years of age are at the highest risk for a severe disease.

West Nile Virus is not to be confused with Zika. To date, no mosquitoes in New York State have tested positive for Zika, and there have been no locally-acquired cases.

"We hope confirmation of mosquitoes with West Nile Virus reminds residents to take pre-

cautions," said County Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler. "The best ways to avoid West Nile, and other mosquito-borne illnesses, are to remove standing water from your property."

According to Amler, favorite mosquito breeding sites include buckets, plant pot saucers, clogged gutters, pet bowls and old tires, as well as children's pools and toys. Residents should also minimize spending time outdoors at dawn and dusk, and apply insect repellents according to the label directions when enjoying activities outside.

As in prior years, the county health department prepared for the 2016 mosquito season by evaluating and treating with larvicide, as needed, all catch basins on county and municipal roads throughout Westchester. In addition, the county gave away free fathead minnows and mosquito dunks to residents this spring, which help to curtail the mosquito population in ponds and water features by feeding on mosquito larvae and pupae before they develop into adult mosquitoes. The mosquito dunks serve the same purpose in birdbaths, rain barrels and unused pools.

Free mosquito dunks are still available, and residents can make arrangements to pick them up by calling 914-813-5000.

In 2015, 17 positive mosquito batches were found in Westchester County with the first positive batch collected around this time. The county has been safely applying larvicide since 2001 to suppress the mosquito population.

Residents who notice large areas of standing water on public property that could serve as potential mosquito breeding grounds should report it to the Westchester County Department of Health by calling 914-813-5000 or emailing hweb@westchestergov.com. For more information about preventing West Nile Virus, visit health.westchestergov.com/west-nile-virus.

## '9/11 Day' Events Include Blood Drive

Westchester County will once again hold a blood drive in partnership with the New York Blood Center and Volunteer New York! as part of the county's "9/11 Day: Serve + Remember" activities. The blood drive – open to all county employees and members of the public – will take place Friday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Westchester County Center, 198 Central Park Ave., White Plains.

Anyone between the ages of 16 and 76 and weighing at least 110 pounds is a potential donor; individuals over the age of 76 must produce a doctor's note to be approved. Donors are

asked to register in advance by contacting Janet Lokay at JEL1@westchestergov.com or 914-995-2127. Walk-ins will also be welcome until 3:45 p.m.

For county employees wishing to donate, a shuttle van will provide transportation from the Michaelian Office Building motor pool area to the County Center at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., with return trips provided, as well.

Dozens of other "9/11 Day: Serve + Remember" projects will be taking place Sept. 9 to 11. Learn more and register at www.volunteernewyork.org/service or 914-948-4452.

## Town of Eastchester Senior Programs & Services

### The Center at Lake Isle

Monday, Aug. 29

8 a.m. Early bird swim  
9:30 a.m. Line dancing with Theresa  
10:30 a.m. Drawing, games, cards  
12:30 p.m. Exercise video with Linda  
1 p.m. Bridge/cards/Mahjong/board games

Tuesday, Aug. 30

8 a.m. Early bird swim  
8:30 a.m. Exercise video with Grace  
9:15 a.m. Exercise with Patricia  
10:30 a.m. Drawing, games and cards  
1 p.m. Bridge/cards/Mahjong/board games

Wednesday, Aug. 31

8 a.m. Early bird swim  
10:30 a.m. Drawing, games and cards  
12:15 p.m. Bingo and treats – bring a friend  
1 p.m. Mahjong/Bridge/cards/board games

Thursday, Sept. 1

8 a.m. Early bird swim  
9:30 a.m. Intermediate line dancing  
10:30 a.m. Drawing, games and cards  
12:15 p.m. "Hearing Better" with Dr. Jason Ruiz  
1 p.m. Mahjong/Pokeno/cards/board games

Friday, Sept. 2

8 a.m. Early bird swim  
8:30 a.m. Exercise video  
9:30 a.m. Zumba Gold with Patricia  
10:30 a.m. Drawing, games and cards  
12:30 p.m. Yoga with Peggy  
1 p.m. Bridge/cards/Mahjong/board games

The Center at Lake Isle is located at 660 White Plains Road, Eastchester. For more information or transportation, call 914-337-0390.

## The Burbans

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and proud to be producing this with a Yonkers record label, Big Fan. This is truly a showcase of Yonkers talent.

"Pete Agosta, father of Big Fan's Rick Agosta, discovered Steven Tyler in his Yonkers supermarket, became his first manager and launched Steven's career into rock stardom," explained Hoar.

The Burbans include Rick Agosta on lead guitar and vocals, Michael Cerullo on bass guitar and vocals, Andy LaDue on drums, and multi-platinum producer and engineer Matt Noble on vocals, guitar and keyboard. The band has three albums out in which the members blend pop, rock and country to create their own unique Americana sound.

The Burbans' music has been described as "a shot of rock with a twist of humor." To paraphrase one of the group's lyrics: "They broke the mold, then they made us." Although they are relentlessly coming up with new songs in the studio, The

Burbans are set on making this the "Summer of Burbans Live!"

The concert will also feature special guests Tri Feega, Starnes and Shah, Michael Hammond and B.O.N.D.

Allana Marie Anthony, the radio DJ for "Live from the Chance" on Rock 93.3, the iHeart Station Poughkeepsie, will be emceeding the concert. She is a Burbans fan and is passionate about the "Hug Revolution" and its ability to connect with others through love and kindness.

Big Fan Records and the Hug Revolution are asking concert-goers show their love and kindness by visiting Steven Tyler's Janie's Fund, which is dedicated to providing resources for abused girls in order to help them put their lives back together.

Each year in this country, more than 68,000 children are raped or sexually abused. The number of girls experiencing this devastating trauma before the age of 18 is a staggering one in five. For more information, visit www.janiesfund.org.

The Aug. 27 concert is free and open to the public, and attendees are invited to bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets and to arrive early to tour the gardens.

## Does a

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electorate with two of the most unpopular and unlikely presidential candidates in history, with 60 percent of voters having a negative view of Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, and 55 percent viewing Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton in a negative light, according to a Wall Street Journal/ABC News poll.

The room in the middle of the American political debate, evident by the more than 40 percent of voters who identify as independents, or have a negative view of Trump and/or Clinton, includes a third-party candidate for president.

His name is Gary Johnson, the former Republican governor of New Mexico and the Libertarian candidate for president. Johnson is the only other candidate than Clinton and Trump that is on all 50 state ballots.

Johnson and his running mate, former Republican Governor of Massachusetts Bill Weld, are running with a fiscally conservative but socially liberal view of government. Both Johnson and Weld won as Republicans in Democratic states.

Johnson said he wants smaller government and spending, and less intrusion into the personal lives of Americans. The U.S. military would remain strong but non-interventionist under his leadership.

From the johnsonweld.com website:

No Nation Building. No Policing the World. More Security Here at Home.

Looking back over the past couple of decades, it is difficult to see how the wars we have waged, the interventions we have conducted, the lives sacrificed, and the trillions of tax dollars we have spent on the other side of the globe have made us safer. If anything, our meddling in the affairs of other nations has made us less safe.

Many senior military and foreign policy analysts have concluded that the rise of ISIS can actually be traced back to instability created by our meddling in the affairs of others. This is because the last several administrations, both Republican and Democrat, have used our military resources to pursue undemocratic regime changes, embark on impossible nation-building exercises, and establish the United States as the policeman of the world.

This imperialistic foreign policy makes it easier for ISIS, Al Qaeda and other violent extremists to recruit new members. We need to build a strong military. But we should not use our military strength to try to solve the world's problems. Doing so creates new enemies and perpetual war.

Besides, we have enough problems to solve right here at home. As president, Gary Johnson will move quickly and decisively to cut off the funding which finance violent extremist armies depend. They will repair relationships with our allies. And they will only send our brave soldiers to war when clearly authorized by Congress after meaningful, transparent deliberation and debate.

The idea that we can defeat terrorism by simply putting more boots on the ground or dropping more bombs ignores the reality that this expensive tactic simply hasn't worked. In fact, it's made the situation worse.

No excuses. No games. A real balanced budget.

Responsibility for the years of deficit spending that has created our debt crisis rests squarely with both the Republicans and the Democrats. The debt doubled under President George W. Bush, and doubled again under President (Barack) Obama. During that time, both parties enjoyed control of Congress, and the deficit spending just kept piling up.

It doesn't have to be that way, despite what the politicians say. But the idea that we can somehow balance the federal budget without cutting military spending and reforming entitlements is fantasy. (End of web content.)

Gov. Johnson has pledged that his first major act as president will be to submit to Congress a truly balanced budget. No gimmicks, no imaginary cuts in the distant future; just real reductions to bring spending in line with revenues, without tax increases. No line in the budget will be immune from scrutiny and reduction. And he pledges to veto any legislation that will result in deficit spending, forcing Congress to override his veto in order to spend money we don't have.

Johnson's controversial issue, if any, is that

he supports legalization of marijuana, and is attempting to have an adult conversation with the country about drug abuse and treatment.

From the johnsonweld.com:

Legalizing and regulating marijuana will save lives and make our communities safer by eliminating crime and creating an industry that can legitimately participate in America's economy. The federal government should not stand in the way of states that choose to legalize marijuana.

We need to treat drug abuse as a health issue, not a crime. The war on drugs is an expensive failure. We spend money to police it. We spend money to incarcerate nonviolent offenders. And what do we get in return? A society that kicks our troubled mothers, fathers and young adults while they're down, instead of giving them the tools to be healthier and more productive members of society.

We can save thousands of lives and billions of dollars by simply changing our approach to drug abuse. That is why Gary Johnson came out as an early proponent on the national stage in 1999 while governor of New Mexico, and publicly stated his support of marijuana legalization.

Governors Johnson and Weld do not support the legalization of other recreational drugs that are currently illegal. It is, however, their belief that drug rehabilitation and harm-reduction programs result in a more productive society than incarceration and arrests for drug use. (End of web content.)

Recent national polls have Johnson between 9 and 12 percent. In order to get into the presidential debates, a candidate must receive an average of 15 percent in five national polls, including ABC-Washington Post; CBS-New York Times; CNN-Opinion Research Corporation; Fox News; and NBC-Wall Street Journal.

The 15 percent is based on the rule of the Commission on Presidential Debates. The polls will be reviewed in mid-September. The first presidential debate is Sept. 26. Polls will be reviewed again between the first and second presidential debates and the second and third presidential debates.

Editorial boards including the Chicago Tribune have called for Johnson to be included in the debates.

"For many Americans, this presidential race is a train wreck in progress," wrote the editorial board. "But if many Americans see their options as casting a hold-your-nose vote or staying home, others wonder about a third-party candidate. Johnson could become the escape-hatch choice for a lot of people Nov. 8 – if he's included in the autumn presidential debates. The decision on who is included rests with the private, nonpartisan Commission on Presidential Debates."

"Johnson tells us his biggest hurdle to reaching 15 percent is that many pollsters focus on the Clinton-Trump matchup and exclude Johnson or include him in a secondary question that gets ignored by the media and public. If the polls acknowledged that 2016 is a not a two-way race, he says, 'I'd be at 20 percent overnight.'

"Johnson, in other words, is caught in an election cycle catch-22: To get acknowledged by pollsters, he needs higher numbers, but he won't get higher numbers until the pollsters acknowledge him," continued the Tribune editorial board. "Something needs to give, and we think it should be the pollsters, who can see better than anyone the dissatisfaction with the major-party candidates. In a year when the public is sick of politics as usual, Johnson would bring a set of ideas to the debate stage a lot of people may like."

Gary Johnson and Bill Weld should use all of their limited resources to push their poll numbers to 15 percent over the next three weeks. Media coverage of the pair continues to be scattered and sometimes non-existent. CNN has had two "town hall" events with Johnson and Weld that resulted in a bump in the polls.

The possibility of a large amount of national money coming from prominent independent-minded businesspeople, like Michael Bloomberg and Mark Cuban, never materialized. But younger voters are not interested at all in voting for Trump and skeptical of voting for Hillary. And one thing most political pundits agree on is if Johnson ever gets into the debates, anything is possible.

"Is this the craziest election ever?" Johnson asks to tell his crowds in his stump speech. "It might just be crazy enough that I'll be the next president."

# Westchester Unites

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to support their efforts in opposing the proposal. “Yonkers, like so many of the river communities in Westchester County, is in the midst of a long-term effort to revitalize its waterfront; restore and enhance its parks; and replace closed industrial facilities with new mixed-use residential, commercial and recreational developments,” said Spano. “The shores of the Hudson River should be a place where our residents and visitors can gather to live, work and play – not become a parking lot for potentially volatile substances.

“I convened our Hudson River community leaders because, together, we can galvanize our efforts across the county to bring attention to a proposal that raises serious economic, environmental and public safety concerns regarding the use of our waterfront and region.”

To kick off the unified front, the Alliance launched the social media campaign on Facebook (facebook.com/banthebarges) and Twitter (@banthebarges), including a change.org petition (www.yonkersny.gov/bargepetition) directed to the U.S. Coast Guard, urging the regulatory agency of the Hudson River to prohibit the anchorage plan.

Spano and the other Westchester waterfront community leaders also are taking steps to obtain a preliminary legal opinion by outside maritime counsel to assess the alliance’s legal and appeal options in the event of a rule-making, to consider possible environmental justice implications and to seek additional strategies for opposition.

“This proposition is the work of the maritime lobby, and is strictly a financially-driven agenda without any concern for quality of life or public safety concerns of river communities,” said Spano. “None of us are located within the ports of New York or Albany, but we are at risk of becoming their parking lots; if this parking lot becomes a reality, our quality of life will be irreversibly damaged.”

Submitted by the Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey and the American Waterways Operators, the proposal appears to be focused on opening up the Hudson River to the new oil market due to a recent lifting of an oil export trade ban. The proposal affecting Westchester County includes a Yonkers Extension Anchorage Ground extending to Dobbs Ferry that would cover approximately 715 acres for up to 16 vessels and provide a vessel swing radius of approximately 1,200 feet for each vessel. Current anchorages in the Hudson River in Yonkers can already accommodate up to nine vessels.

The Montrose Point Anchorage Ground would cover approximately 127 acres for up to three vessels and provide a vessel swing radius of approximately 1,400 feet for each vessel.

“The affected river communities have worked to remediate the scars left from historic activity on their waterfronts and bring their communities back to the Hudson,” said Peter Swiderski, mayor of Hastings-on-Hudson. “It would be the height of folly to create what are essentially industrial parking lots that ruin views, endanger recreational boating and place the entire river shed at risk from spills and accidents. This proposal should not be implemented.”

“The Town of Cortlandt has invested millions of dollars to acquire land on the river and to construct lovely parks and docks for our rowing association and for kayaks,” added Linda Puglisi, Cortlandt town supervisor. “We do not want our vistas destroyed or our investments affected by this ill-conceived plan. We pledge to continue to fight this anchor proposal with our other communities along the Hudson River and with our state and federal elected officials.”

Dobbs Ferry Mayor Hartley Connitt thanked Spano for spearheading the fight to preserve the beauty of Hudson River shores and ensuring the safety of the river villages, towns and cities. “He is certain that our joint effort will result in an appropriate review of the proposed anchorage sites and the ultimate defeat of the project,” said Connitt.

“I am grateful to Mayor Spano who, along with other advocacy organizations, has brought together Hudson River towns to oppose the proposed anchorages the U.S. Coast Guard wants to set up in the Hudson River,” added Dana Levenberg, Ossining town supervisor. “Just as we are finally gaining serious momentum in cleaning up the river and re-invigorating tourism and recreation along it, this seems like a backward step for all of us. I am hopeful that together we can show the Coast Guard why siting these barges for industrial commerce in this area will make it less safe and less inviting for residents and visitors who want to enjoy our beautiful Hudson and our surrounding communities.”

The Hudson River Waterfront Alliance, consisting of the Westchester County riverfront communities that will be directly impacted by the U.S. Coast Guard anchorage proposal, includes the villages of Briarcliff Manor, Buchanan, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings-on-Hudson, Irvington, Ossining and Sleepy Hollow; the towns of Cortlandt and Ossining; and the cities of Peekskill and Yonkers.

The U.S. Coast Guard is accepting public comments on the proposed anchorages through Sept. 7. For more information on the Hudson River Waterfront Alliance, visit www.yonkersny.gov/banthebarges.

# It’s Official

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Our environment, our diversity, our economic advantages and our educational system are just some of the reasons that brought my family here and probably brought you to Westchester, as well. Unfortunately, some of those attributes have faded.

“My family and every other family I know make decisions in their lives based on realistic and practical budgets. We know we can’t spend more money than we have and if we do, there are real consequences for doing it.

“Westchester County government is no different: Because the budget has been mismanaged, our roads and bridges aren’t repaired regularly. Because the budget has been mismanaged, we have to have a staring contest to fight for funding our public safety efforts properly, hoping that nobody is hurt before someone blinks. And because the budget has been mismanaged, we can’t provide help for those who need mental health services, protection from more frequent flooding in coastal communities, or basic park services.

“You deserve a county executive who can manage the challenges we face and set us up for success in the future. Because you’ve shown your support in the past, I know I can count on you to have my back during this campaign.

“Under my administration, with better financial management, we can plan for the future and as county executive; I’d make sure that nobody is left behind as we go. I hope you’ll join me along the way,” stated Jenkins, who is completing his fourth term on the county board, representing the 16th district of Yonkers.

Jenkins served as chairman of the BOL from 2010 to 2013. During that time, he and the BOL passed a county budget that had a 2 percent property tax reduction in county taxes, which was signed by Astorino.

Jenkins’ tenure as board chairman also included many disputes with the Astorino administration, which turned into lawsuits and the county board suing the county. It was that type of heated opposition, many believe, that resulted in Jenkins being removed as board chairman, and the defection of two Democrats to join a bipartisan coalition on the board.

Jenkins also sought the Democratic nomination for county executive three years ago. He lost a Democratic convention vote to New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson, and as a sign of party unity, Jenkins agreed to abide by the results and not challenge Bramson in a primary.

This time around, Jenkins says he is running for county executive no matter what, even if that means running in a Democratic primary against any other county Democrat. Currently, no other Democrat has announced their intention to run for county executive next year, and Jenkins’ early entry into the race could be seen as a tactic by him to get early support from Democrats county-wide and perhaps encourage other Democrats to run.

Several Westchester Democrats named as possible county executive candidates next year have not made any moves toward an announcement or run. They include Assemblymembers Amy Paulin and Shelley Mayer, Yonkers Mayor

Mike Spano, and County Clerk Tim Idoni.

One of the possible Democratic CE candidates named above recently conducted a poll that found Astorino comfortably ahead of any Democrat, which has resulted in several county Dems shying away or making no public moves toward a run.

Jenkins currently serves as the president/CEO of the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency where he has served since 2014. He was appointed to the post by Spano, and Jenkins’ county executive announcement has fueled speculation that Spano is no longer interested in running for the seat.

Jenkins has long been active in the Democratic Party in Westchester, having served as chairman of the Yonkers Democratic Committee and vice chairman of the Black Democrats of Westchester. He also served as Secretary of the Westchester County Democratic Committee, as well as on its Executive Committee.

A proud former Boy Scout and senior patrol leader of Boy Scout Troop 32, he is an alumnus of Fordham Preparatory School and Iona College, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in computer science and information systems. He and his wife, Deborah Hudson-Jenkins, have resided in Yonkers since they were married in 1982, and have three children, Alana, Jamal and Terrell.

“We’re going to take our case to the people and let the people decide,” said Jenkins.

Astorino has stated publicly several times that it is his intention to run again for county executive in 2017, and his campaign spokesman responded to Jenkins’ announcement as if Astorino were running.

“Mr. Jenkins has wanted to run for county executive for a long, long, long time, so this comes as no surprise,” said spokesman Bill O’Reilly. “County Executive Astorino will proudly run on his record of seven straight years without a tax increase and on streamlining a once bloated county bureaucracy into an efficient and effective bipartisan government.”

The two narratives in Westchester over a Jenkins vs. Astorino county executive race next year are:

I – The Westchester Democrats who support Jenkins, and believe that he was improperly passed over as the Democratic nominee three years ago, and who believe he is the only Democrat willing to stand up and fight back against Astorino;

II – The Westchester voter who doesn’t want Jenkins raising his taxes and increasing the county budget, and the same voter who thinks that while Astorino will run for a third term next year, he will be leaving Westchester for greener pastures soon.

“It’s a very tough election for any Democrat given Astorino’s high approval rating based on his no-tax-increase mantra,” said one county insider. “He polls well among traditional Republican voters, anti-tax advocates, whites and Catholics, as well as many ethnic groups who are traditional Democratic voters. He is well funded and has amassed an effective group of party faithful who work on his behalf (although many are on the county payroll). There is no question he has aspirations for higher office and sees a rematch against a weakened and somewhat unpopular governor as his ticket out of town.”

## SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Index No. 52214/2016

Filed: 08/04/2016

Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the Mortgage premises is situated.

### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee for Lehman ABS Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-1  
Plaintiff,  
- against -

Florence Lambert, individually and as surviving spouse, if living and if she be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Board of Managers of Parkview Condominium, United States of America-Internal Revenue Service,  
Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

### NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$189,800.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of WESTCHESTER on July 1, 2004, in Control No. 441540119, covering premises known as 21 Lake Street, Unit 2H, White Plains, NY 10603. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

### NOTICE

### YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the Summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your Mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.



By: Stephen J. Wallace, Esq. Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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Our File No.: 01-078021-F00

TO: Florence Lambert

United States of America-Internal Revenue Service New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

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## SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,  
Plaintiff  
against

SIDNEY I. BERGER, LAUREN BERGER A/K/A LAUREN IRMA, YETERIAN BERGER A/K/A IRMA YETERIAN,  
et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated June 30, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, NY on September 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the City of New Rochelle, County of Westchester and State of New York, known and designated as Lot Numbers 16, 27 and the westerly portion of Lot 102 including all that part of the lane lying between the Northerly line of Lot Number 27 and the southerly line of Lot Number 16, as shown and designated on a certain map entitled, more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Southerly side of Sea View Avenue, where the division line between Lots 15 and 16 on said map; RUNNING THENCE along the said division between Lots 15 and 16 on said map, 1225.55 feet to land formerly of Stephenson Estate; THENCE along land formerly of the Stephenson Estate and through the center of a stone wall, the following courses and distances: 1. South East 34 feet; 2. South East 25.22 feet; 3. South East 52.75 feet; 4. South East 38.07 feet; 5. South East 29.3 feet; 6. South East 33.64 feet; 7. South East 87.73 feet; 8. South East 109.86 feet; THENCE along the shore of Echo Bay and along the face of a retaining wall, North East 19.34 feet; THENCE still along the same, North East 53.3 feet to a cross on said wall; THENCE North West 155.02 feet; THENCE North West 117.74 feet; THENCE crossing said lane, the followings courses and distances: 1. North West 1.55 feet; 2. North East 6.6 feet to the southerly line of Sea View Avenue the running Westerly along the Southerly line of Sea View Avenue, on a curve having a radius of 223.0 feet, a distance of 50 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

ALSO ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the South side of Seaview Avenue at the dividing line between Lot Numbers 15 and 16 as laid down on said map; RUNNING THENCE South West 122.55 feet; THENCE North West 50 feet; THENCE Northerly through Lot No. 15 to a point in the southerly boundary line of Sea View Avenue; THENCE Easterly the curved Southerly line of Seaview Avenue, 25 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.  
Said premises known as 49 SEAVIEW AVENUE, NEW ROCHELLE, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$ 1,472,614.98 plus interest & costs.  
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney.  
Index Number 69065/2013.  
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## Forgotten Medals Presented To Local WWII Veteran



County Executive Robert Astorino and Veterans Service Agency Director Ron Tocci join with friends and family of John Politi, who received his combat medals from WWII – 70 years late.

Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino and Veterans Service Agency Director Ron Tocci recently presented three combat service medals to John Politi, 70 years after he earned them for his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. The medals were secured for Politi through efforts by his family and Westchester County.

“Mr. Politi never asked for this recognition but the responsibility is ours to see to it that all that is owed to our veterans is paid to them the best we can,” said Astorino. “The courageous service and selfless sacrifice of men like Mr. Politi serves as an example for all of us, and it also serves as a beacon for the next generation.”

Politi earned the WWII Victory Medal, American Theatre Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal for his service in the Pacific Theatre, during which fought in the second Battle of Guam – the battle that recaptured the strategic island from Japanese control. His children learned of the medals when they were going through some of his papers. Once contacted by the family, Tocci and his staff worked diligently to secure the three medals from the Department of Defense.

“These medals are not to honor me as an individual,” said Politi. “They are to honor all of the men and women, able or disabled, which overtime have defended our country, the greatest county in the world.”

Politi, 91, became a master machinist and tool and die maker following his military service. He is a lifelong resident of Mount Vernon and still resides in the first home he ever purchased, with his daughter Patricia. His wife, Elizabeth, passed away 20 years ago, and he lost his daughter Catherine three years ago to cancer. He also has a son, John Jr., another daughter Elizabeth, and three grandchildren.

## Back-to-School Blessing of Backpacks



Young parishioners of White Plains Presbyterian Church will have their backpacks blessed again this year.

Start the new school year with a “Blessing of the Backpacks” at White Plains Presbyterian Church, 39 N. Broadway at Barker Ave. Children from pre-kindergarten through high school are invited to bring a backpack to church at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11 for a blessing during worship. This is also the first week of the new program year, with Sunday morning church school classes for pre-K through grade eight beginning.

White Plains Presbyterian Church offers

Christian education programs for all ages. Its Sunday morning child-friendly program focuses on building a community of learners and engaging children through active exploration of faith questions. There is a parent and child class for babies and children younger than 3, and classes for pre-K through grade eight that focus on developing children’s spirituality using the renowned Godly Play program.

For more information, “like” the program on Facebook.

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local contest in the county. Latimer won election in 2012 and 2014 against two Republican well-funded opponents, and continues to win in a district that was redrawn to help Republican candidates in the hopes of picking up a Senate seat for the GOP.

Killian has been campaigning throughout the district, in an attempt to get her name recognized outside of Rye. Both Killian and Latimer have been working the district from North Castle down to Yonkers.

This race will pick up in intensity and interest, like most elections, after Labor Day. But over the summer, two unpopular proposals were discussed by Latimer and Killian.

Both oppose a recent proposed U.S. Department of Education regulation to strip funding from school districts that have more than 5 percent of students opting out of the Common Core exams, saying it would unfairly hurt Westchester schools, which have higher opt out rates. Any school labeled “In Need of Improvement,” in which 5 percent or more parents and students opt out, could have their federal funding and Title I funding cut.

“Our schools are among our greatest assets in Westchester and this proposal could single-handedly damage all that our students, teachers and families have worked for,” said Killian. “We need to sound the alarm on an awful proposal that is intended to break the will of parents who have legitimate concerns with Common Core and will do untold damage to Westchester schools. We were told that we have a legal right to withhold children from the Common Core tests and we are now learning that we will be punished for exercising that right. But it’s not too late: Whether you support Common Core or not, we can push back and call our federal representatives to stop this punitive and manipulative action.”

Latimer wrote a letter to U.S. Education Secretary John King, who he tangled with while King was New York State education commissioner, stating: “Less than six months into your tenure as secretary of education we are facing a huge challenge relative to the proposed ESSA Regulation §200.15, which could penalize school districts by withholding federal funding when parents opt their children out, as is their right and role in determining what is best for their children’s education.

“Seeking to allow the federal government to, at minimum, reduce or eliminate federal Title I funding for those school districts, runs completely contrary to the original intent of Title I. It is intended specifically to assist disadvantaged children throughout our country.”

Latimer, whose district is among the most diverse in the state, noted that only three of the 15 school districts in the 37th Senate District would not lose funding.

“Using opt-out rates from 2015, the Yonkers, New Rochelle and White Plains school districts would potentially face the greatest loss of aid,” he said. “The total 2015 Title I funding for my senate district was \$16.7 million. The three school districts having opt-out rates at or below 5 percent total \$1.4 million: The total loss of Title I education funding in my district could therefore exceed \$15.3 million per year. Of that, Yonkers faces a hit of \$9.6 million, New Rochelle stands to lose almost \$2.4 million, and White Plains could lose \$1.5 million.”

He further explained in the letter: “Parents opting their children out of high-stakes testing is not government policy. It is parents exercising rights on behalf of the best interests of their children. As you are aware, under your tenure in New York, parents raised real and serious concerns about the high-stakes testing plans foisted upon our children. It is morally wrong to punish school districts with loss of funding for some-

thing they cannot control.”

In other topics, Killian and Latimer differ over a plan to give state legislators a whopping 47 percent salary hike, from \$79,500 per year to \$116,900 a year.

“Any salary increase in Albany should be contingent on a term limit vote in the Senate and Assembly,” said Killian. “New York needs to clean house in the state capital, not make it more lucrative for career incumbents to hang on year, after year, after year. New York has the most corrupt state government in the nation; it’s time to break it up, not thicken the walls.”

Killian, a mother of a five and a longtime community advocate and volunteer, also said that she disagrees with making the job of a state legislator a full-time position.

“It was 19th Century Surrogate Court Justice Gideon Tucker who first noted that ‘No man’s life, liberty or property are safe while the (New York State) Legislature is in session.’ As part-timers, the ‘old boys network’ in Albany has made New York the highest taxed, least free, and the most over-regulated and business-unfriendly state in America. The last thing New Yorkers can afford is having them in Albany any longer than they need to be.”

Latimer has always called for meaningful Ethics Reform in exchange for a pay raise for Assembly members and senators, including himself. “Without real ethics reform, not one single elected state legislator deserves a raise,” he said. “If there’s a salary increase, I’m not going to accept anything more than I get now.”

This election will be determined by what Killian, the State Republican Senate Campaign Committee, and outside political groups decide to raise and spend. Four years ago, Latimer defeated Republican Bob Cohen, who spent \$5 million. Two years ago, Joe Dillon received some support, but less than Cohen. So far, Killian’s campaign and the State GOP have not committed serious resources, but New York Republicans are also trying to analyze the impact that Donald Trump will have on their local Senate and Assembly races.

The Latimer-Killian contest could also be impacted by which candidate the voter believes will be the agent for change, and can work in a bipartisan manner.

“When I was on the Rye City Council, we all worked together to get things done for the people of Rye,” said Latimer. “Later, as the first Democratic chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, I worked across the aisle to bring the people of Westchester the best possible government. In Albany, I’ve established a record as one of the most bipartisan elected officials in either house and as a strong advocate in Albany for ethics reform. However, our weak ethics laws and the partisan, polarized State Legislature, keeps real reform beyond our reach.”

“What we need in Albany today is exactly what I have done my entire career,” continued Latimer. “We need to look past partisan labels, refrain from the name calling and personal attacks, and work together to solve the many problems our state faces... We need to fix our ethics laws, to get money and corruption out of government. We need to fully fund our schools, in all of our communities. We need to fix our roads, our bridges and our public transportation. And we need real mandate relief so that our local governments can do their work better while saving property taxpayers millions of dollars.”

Killian, who is also running on the Conservative, Reform, and Independence Party lines, said: “Albany politicians need to wake up. Voters are demanding action and the best way to fix the system is to prevent people from staying in it too long. We need fresh leaders who are just as mad as the taxpayers and willing to shake up the status quo. I am running for State Senate because I am tired of the corruption, special interests and ‘old boys network’ in Albany and I am tired of politicians who make a lot of promises with no results.”

## Yorktown Grange Fair to Launch 92nd Annual Event



The mission of the Yorktown Grange is to celebrate agriculture while building family

and community traditions, and the organization is in final arrangements for its 92nd annual Grange Fair, which will take place from Thursday, Sept. 8 to Sunday, Sept. 11, at 99 Moseman Road, Yorktown.

Highlights of the livestock show include draft horses and oxen from Rock Hill Farm performing in the horse ring on Saturday. Also on Saturday, don’t miss the antique tractor parade at noon. The tractors will remain on exhibit with antique engines throughout the fair.

Young kids can even drive a mini-tractor near the livestock tent.

On Sunday, Leona Duchin and her Red Horse Troupe of Morgan horses will perform with a synchronized riding demonstration. The public is encouraged to watch goat, horse, and cow showmanship judging in the horse ring or the smaller upper ring.

Attendees can also be delighted at the dog agility challenges and rabbit costume contest. Watch wool-spinning demonstrations in the livestock tent and have fun trying it yourself.

Produce and flower shows, craft displays, photography, Lego creations, fancy stitchery and baked goods are all a part of the traditional exhibits and competitions. Fair-goers can enjoy the rides and fun of the midway, with a delicious variety of food.

On the blacktop there are competitions for all family members, including pie and watermelon eating, a rubber-chicken-throwing contest, and more.

Some of the musical entertainment includes performances by C.B. Smith and the Lucky Devils, Unfunded Mandate, Amanda Ayala (NBC’s “The Voice” season nine contestant), Justin Veatch and Molly Adele Brown.

This year, the fair will also be introducing non-stage entertainment including jugglers, magicians, puppeteers and even chainsaw carving.

For more information, go to [www.yorktowngrangefair.org](http://www.yorktowngrangefair.org).

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## Riverfest is Largest Free Family Festival in West.



Riverfest 2016 is almost here! Now in its 24th year, Riverfest has grown to be the largest free festival in Westchester County.

On Sept. 10 from noon to 7 p.m., downtown Yonkers will host more than 25,000 visitors who will enjoy an array of performers, exhibitions and tours, cuisines and so more – all in one beautiful and historic waterfront location.

This year there will be three headline bands each bringing something special. There's Scott Helman, who was voted number one on Teen Vogue's list of "14 singers who are going to dominate 2016." Then there's Brand Nubian, one of the "top 20 hip hop bands of all time." And there's legendary Tito Puente Jr., who will light up the stage with Afro-Caribbean rhythms, Latin jazz and club-style music. These artists will join 23 other groups on five separate stages.

There will be a separate children's area and stage near the environmental education center, the Science Barge. The children's stage will feature Grammy-nominated singers including Billy Kelly, the Popups and Joanne Leeds and the Nightlights. There will be multiple bouncy castles, slides, games and an animal show, featuring unique exotic creatures of all kinds hosted by The Outraghiss Animal Show. All have free admittance.

Also in the children's area, there will be a puppet theatre performance by Arm of the Sea focused on the Hudson River.

For the environmentally-minded, Pete Seeger's legendary Clearwater Sloop will lay an-

chor and provide free tours at the Yonkers Pier. And there will be free kayaking at Sara Lawrence College Center for the Urban River at Beczak, 35 Alexander St., courtesy of the Yonkers Rowing and Paddling Club.

For history buffs, Philipse Manor Hall, 29 Warburton Ave. – the oldest standing building in Westchester County, built in 1682 – will open its doors from noon to 5 p.m. for free family-friendly crafts, activities and demonstrations. The manor's program will feature several living history re-enactors, including George and Martha Washington, a colonial blacksmith and Revolutionary War cavalry riders.

Philipse Manor Hall will also be unveiling its new exhibit, "Yonkers: A City of New Beginnings," that focuses on changes to Yonkers through the impact of immigration over the decades.

For those who love the arts, there will be artist exhibitions, unique craft vendors and a fashion show featuring African fashion designs.

Everyone loves food, and the variety available at Riverfest will boggle the imagination. In addition to area restaurants who will bring their amazing cuisines streetside, many vendors will complement the offering with a vast array of international foods and beverages of all kinds.

Attend for the music, the exhibitions, the shows, the classic cars and the food. Bring the kids and the whole family and experience the best Yonkers has to offer. For more information, visit [YonkersRiverfest.com](http://YonkersRiverfest.com).

## Comedy Night at Empire City is No Joke

Billed as one of Westchester's best kept secrets, Comedy Night at Empire City Casino brings some of the best comedians in the country to its local stage. Announced just last week, the latest round-up of comedians to bring their arsenal of jokes to Yonkers includes New York native and national television star Sherrod Small.

Twice a month on Wednesdays, the casino's Good Time Room hosts comedy fans at a Comedy Night featuring top-tier talent who have had their own television shows, appeared on the late night circuit, and who share their barrel of laughs across the country. Empire City Casino is usually a stop for many comedians on their way to New York City, giving the public the chance to see their favorite jokesters before they hit the Big Apple – and for a better bargain, too.

Admission is \$5 for those who show their Empire Club cards, and includes a free drink. Don't have a card? Get yours free at any promotions booth. For those who may not be club joiners, admission is \$25.

Doors for all shows open at 7 p.m., and laughs start at 8 p.m. This month, comedy night will be held Wednesday, Aug. 31, and will feature Brooklyn-born headliner Sherrod Small. A "funny" fact about Small – he is the cousin of comedian Chris Rock. You may recognize him from his new show "Black and White," a comedy/talk show on A&E that humorously explores issues of race relations in America. He frequently performs at New York City's Comedy Cellar and Comic Strip Live.

Small is also a regular on VH1's "Best Week Ever," and serves as a regular guest, occasional ombudsman, and stand-in host of Fox News's late-night satire program "Red Eye with Greg Gutfeld." He has appeared on "Tough Crowd," "Premium Blend" and "The Chris Rock Show." He can also be seen with John Mayer on the parody cover of Tay Zonday's "Chocolate Rain," and on the G4's "International Sexy Ladies." Small was a guest commentator on both VH1's



Sherrod Small

"100 Greatest One-Hit Wonders of the 80s" and "100 Most Shocking Music Moments."

"Yonkers – those are my people," said Small. "Glad to be taking a break from my show on A&E to get a chance to do some standup in front of what no doubt will be an awesome crowd. I love the room; it's been a minute since I've been there so I'm pumped to be getting back!"

"With more than 8 million visitors a year, Empire City Casino is one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the northeast," said Director of Public Affairs Taryn Duffy. "In addition to top-notch comedy, Empire City features a casino floor larger than most in Las Vegas, live entertainment, DJs and fantastic dining options for our customers to enjoy."

The full lineup of performers for the Aug. 31 event also includes comedian Mark Serritella and host Justin Decker.

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