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## Teens Earn Scholarships To Travel to Israel



Some of the 20 students heading to Israel this summer, thanks to the UJA-Federation of New York and Singer Scholarship Awards.

Twenty Westchester teens were recently awarded Singer Scholarship Awards for summer programs in Israel by UJA-Federation of New York. The merit awards, funded by Fran and Saul Singer of White Plains, help offset the cost of Israel programs for high school teens.

The teens were nominated for these merit awards by their synagogues or a UJA-Federation network agency (such as a local Jewish community center) and were required to develop community service projects.

Local scholarship recipients include: Joseph Block, Ayelet Marder and Alyssa Schwartz of White Plains; Joshua Bloom, Doreen Blum, Sara Butman, Hadas Krasner and Sophia Peister of New Rochelle; Emily Goldberg of Amawalk; Sydney Goodman and David Rosenberg of Rye Brook; Jake Klaristenfeld of Scarsdale;

Also, Alexandra Lefkowitz of Mohegan Lake; Sydney Penn of Chappaqua; Maya Pickar and Emma Weiner of Tarrytown; Jacob Roth and Zohra Shaukat of Croton-on-Hudson; Joseph Tenner of Rye; and Max Wattenmaker of Bedford.

## Happy 104th Birthday, Teresa!



Happy 104th birthday to Teresa Tautone-Tortora, pictured with her family.

By Tiziano Thomas Dossena

Although delayed by the weather and other reasons, the 104th birthday of Teresa Tautone-Tortora has finally been celebrated!

Teresa was born Jan. 25, 1912 in Yonkers to Eugene and Grace Mautone, who were both born in Italy. She has been a lifelong resident

of Yonkers – besides a four-year stint spent in Brooklyn – and Teresa said she remembers Yonkers as a very friendly town, where everyone greeted you and it was safe to walk even at night.

She remembers how the the Cross County Shopping Center used to be a swamp upon

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## Look Out, Westchester – Project Veritas is Here



Yonkers Federation of Teachers President Pat Puleo, on video footage at union offices captured by ProjectVeritas.

By Dan Murphy

Project Veritas, a website aimed at investigating and exposing corruption across the country, has recently relocated to Westchester, and has two exposes coming out about the doings – or wrongdoings – in the county.

Two weeks ago Project Veritas founder James O'Keefe released an undercover video that was taped at the headquarters of the Yonkers Federation of Teachers where he posed as a Yonkers teacher who was involved in a physical confrontation with a student. (That article story

is printed at the end of this story and has been widely reported on by News 12.)

O'Keefe now has another undercover video that he is about to release featuring another Westchester teachers union. The second tape underscores O'Keefe's early interest in improper activities in the county.

O'Keefe recently appeared on the blog radio show for the Yonkers Tribune and explained he was surprised that Yonkers officials responded so forcefully against the video of the YFT's com-

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## 'This is Why Good People Don't Run for Office'



Political tracker Yougourthen Ayouni

By Dan Murphy

The race for Congress in northern Westchester, pitting incumbent Democratic U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney against first-time Republican candidate Phil Oliva, is a tough race for the GOP to compete in and win. The 18th District, which runs from northern Westchester into Putnam, Dutchess and Orange counties, has been held by Maloney and Democrats for eight of the last 10 years.

Add to the race the fact that Maloney has \$1.4 million in his campaign warchest, compared to \$35,000 for Oliva, and the fact that Oliva is a little-know Republican, and it makes it even tougher for the Republicans. Finally, Donald Trump at the top of the GOP ticket may work in other areas of the country, but it's a tough sell in New York – and Westchester.

Despite all of these advantages, someone

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## Aid in Dying Bill Fails to Pass in Albany Assemblywoman Paulin: 'We New Yorkers deserve that choice'

By Dan Murphy

As another state legislative session comes to a close in Albany, one of the many bills, and issues, that never made it to either the Assembly or Senate floor for a vote was the "Patient Self-Determination Act," also known as the Aid in Dying Bill.

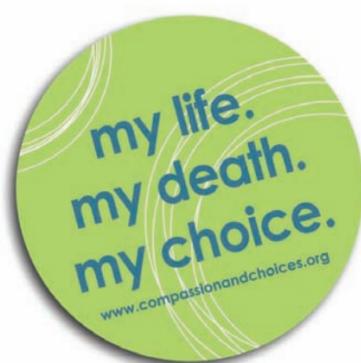
The co-sponsor in the Assembly was Westchester Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, and the issue is a controversial one with many religious and conservative groups opposing the concept.

Most of us have had to make a family decision involving an end-of-life matter that must be made for a member of our family. And while the vast majority of residents want to live until their last breath, others would like to make the decision themselves, or have their family make a decision to end their lives – for a variety of reasons.

Paulin has attempted, with success, to have that conversation with the public in Westchester, and on a broader level with residents of New York State.

She authored A.5261-B/S.5814, a bill that allows a terminally ill, mentally competent adult to request life-ending medication should he choose to end his own life in a dignified manner. A recent poll by EaglePoint Strategies reported that three out of

end-of-life choice: six words



four New York voters support access to aid in dying for terminally ill adults.

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## Overdeveloped Westchester?



A rendering of RDRXR's proposed downtown New Rochelle development plan.

By Dan Murphy

As interested investors and developers continue to line up with proposed development projects throughout Westchester, the question raised by a few that we hear is: "Is Westchester overdeveloped?"

While Westchester's big cities (Yonkers, Mt. Vernon and New Rochelle) get the most attention, interest and development proposals, ideas and projects that have broken from crowd have

popped up in Dobbs Ferry, Yorktown and all over the county.

Most of these projects are a combination of retail and residential development. The one question that pops up is: In the day of Amazon and the Internet consumer that seems to be cutting deeply into the profits of brick-and-mortar retailers, how many more anchor stores are out there to go along with the development projects that need

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## Davis School's Donation to Help Garden Grow in Rye



Davis Elementary School fifth-graders present their donation to the Jay Center.

About 150 fifth-graders from the George M. Davis Elementary School in New Rochelle visited the childhood home of John Jay in Rye on June 3 with a big surprise in hand.

Their trip was part of a longstanding tradition of visits launched by educator Carol Kelly and fellow teachers in 2005 to give students the opportunity to explore a national historic landmark just a short bus ride from their school. Each spring the children have come to the Jay Heritage Center where they see the ongoing transformation of the buildings and grounds to better tell the stories of all the American families who lived at the Jay Estate – free and enslaved.

Like the 11 classes before them, these well-prepared fifth-graders saw the Jay Center's interactive educational play "Striving for Freedom," which presents the nuances and contradictions of John Jay's ownership of slaves and simultaneous founding of the New York Manumission Society and abolition of slavery in his native state. Children are invited on to the stage to recreate true events – the separation, emancipation and final reunion of two enslaved sisters, Mary and Clarinda, who were likely born in Rye on the Jay Estate.

But this year, following the performance,

the students caught JHC and the actresses off guard with their own rehearsed postscript and dramatic recitation.

To celebrate their 12th anniversary trip and directly inspired by a scene in the play in which the two central characters describe the sweet taste of candied violets made in the Jay's family kitchen, the teachers and students of the Davis School surprised JHC with a donation of \$400 toward replanting violets in a dedicated space called "Mary's Garden." The stone-walled area next to the Jay Mansion is one of three garden rooms currently undergoing restoration; the first garden is a tribute to the many Marys who cultivated the land from the 18th to 20th century.

The children and their parents raised the monies at a school fundraiser as a way to say "thank you for all you (JHC) do to educate and preserve history."

The public is invited to learn about Mary and Clarinda and the story of the violets at a free performance of "Striving for Freedom" on Saturday, June 18 at 11 a.m. The play is one of many events scheduled for New York State's "Path Through History Weekend."

For more information, email [jayheritage-center@gmail.com](mailto:jayheritage-center@gmail.com) or call 914-698-9275

## Art, Theater, Film & More At Hudson River Museum



Jimmy Kuehnle and his super punch bubbles.



See a new take on "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival will be presented on Saturday, June 18 at 8 p.m. at the Hudson River Museum amphitheater. Photo by Ashley Garrett.

The Hudson River Museum will host a number of exhibitions, programs, events, planetarium shows and more this month.

From noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday through Sept. 8, "Tongue in Cheek: The Inflation Art of Jimmy Kuehnle" will be presented.

It's not marble, it's not bronze, but it is sculpture — bright and bouncing! This is Kuehnle's first large-scale solo installation in New York. Perfect for summer, these inflatable sculptures are an exciting art form that invades the galleries with new site-specific installations that activate the space around them.

Some pieces also act as costumes, which, as the artist says, "When you're inside an inflatable, the lack of 90-degree angles makes for a surreal experience." Massively scaled, these sculptures are put in the way; as you move past them, you ask: "Is this space mine, or does it belong to this extremely large creature blocking me?"

Kuehnle's message of "Stop and connect with me — talk and touch me," is evident in the large mushrooming pieces.

Also from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday, through Sept. 18, "Juan Bernal: Pure and Simple" will be presented.

Bernal finds sublimity in nature's designs, the hidden bounty in nature's smallest gifts — a single leaf, a drop of water, the morning's first shaft of light. A dozen paintings from several series by this artist, who originally hails from Colombia, are complimented by new work based on the Hudson River School painters, and inspired by the landscape of the Hudson River. An artist and architect, Bernal looks deeply into nature's elemental forms and sees broader life and a larger landscape.

In his works Bernal perfectly balances the genres of landscape and still-life, urging viewers to step closer, pause, and enjoy the shimmering lushness of nature in the every day.

Dance and music workshops featuring break dance moves and music technology will be featured Saturday June 25 from 4 to 5 p.m.

This program is for age 14 and older.

Learn four fundamental breaking moves with Kid Glyde, or join the band Trilogy to develop electronic music with John Yannelli, director of electronic music and music technology at Sarah Lawrence College. Use Ableton Live, Digital Performer and ProTools software. Then, visitors can stay for an evening performance in the amphitheater at 8 p.m.

Live music and professional dancers will perform Saturday, June 25 at 8 p.m. in the amphitheater (use the entrance on JFK Memorial Boulevard). From breaking to modern to lots of dances in between, see choreographed routines by Kid Glyde and Sarah Lawrence College, and "Body Stories" by Teresa Fellion. This program is organized by LeAnn Yannelli, dance chairperson at Kent Place School, with music by John Yannelli, director of electronic music and music technology at SLC.

Doors at 7:30 p.m. for this free program, which is sponsored by Mercy College.

Family Day is scheduled for Sunday, June 26 from noon to 5 p.m. Programs for families will be available all day long to celebrate the latest exhibition — an inflatable extravaganza! There will be a performance by Folklore Urbana, artist Jimmy Kuehnle will decorate a room, and art projects, star shows and local balloon artist Brenda Hernandez creating amazing shapes will also be offered. Food will be for sale.

Enjoy family studio projects with museum admission from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays in June. Participate in creative activities inspired by the museum's collections and exhibitions, led by junior docents and arts and science professionals. Activities for those 7 and older can be adapted for younger children. On Saturdays, use geometric shapes to assemble a community inflatable. On Saturday and Sunday, make and race cars powered by an inflatable engine.

Planetarium shows take place every Saturday and Sunday in June.

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# BOL Disagrees Over Spreckman Special Election

At the regular meeting of the Westchester County Board of Legislators on Monday night, Democratic Majority Leader Catherine Borgia blocked a vote on legislation that would set the date for a special election to fill the District 14 seat of retired Legislator Bernice Spreckman, who retired effective June 7.

When a legislator vacates her position during a term, the County Charter requires the BOL to select a date for a special election to take place within 90 days. The legislation that was to be voted on set the date for Aug. 2. Now the BOL will have to convene a special meeting in the coming days to take up the pending legislation again.

Legislator Catherine Borgia suggested the special election to be held Sept. 13, Primary Day, which would be well beyond the 90-day period allowed by law. BOL Chairman Mike Kaplowitz and the majority of legislators said they to set the special election date within the 90-day time period, which would give the Board of Elections sufficient time to prepare and to give both political parties time to identify and announce candidates.

Minority Leader John Testa of Peekskill co-chairs the Rules Committee, along with Borgia.

"I'm shocked that Legislator Borgia would act in such a puerile manner simply because she couldn't get the votes she needed to set the special election for the date she wanted," said Testa. "We spent a lot of time listening to Legislator Borgia's arguments in the Rules Committee. After much discussion it was clear that the will of the Legislature was to follow the law and set the election within the 90-day period, as required."

Minority Whip Gordon Burrows reacted with disgust to Borgia's vote blocking.

"I am shocked, frankly, that Legislator Borgia would act unilaterally to prevent a vote because she knew she was on the losing end of an argument," he said. "I've heard names from both parties bandied about for this seat, yet no one has announced or begun campaigning, so this is a completely fair contest. I would encourage Legislator Borgia to help her party by supporting a candidate and discussing the issues that we are facing in Westchester County."

Borgia said that Spreckman incorrectly submitted her resignation letter and therefore her effective date of resignation has not yet occurred, according to New York State Public Officers Law Section 31 subd.1(f), which requires county officials to address their resignation letter to the county clerk. Since the earliest effective date of her resignation was June 20, this allows the County Board to set a special election for Primary Day, Sept. 13 – when there is already

an election occurring in the Mt. Vernon section of the district.

"This is a perfect opportunity for the County Board to make a good governance decision to save taxpayers upwards of \$100,000 and to increase voter participation by combining the special election with the already-scheduled September primary," said Borgia. "We all agree that at a time when the county executive's budget cannot find the needed money to fund basic police and public safety services, cuts contracts to not-for-profits that provide essential services, and borrows to cover basic operating expenses, the choice to hold an additional election is not fiscally prudent."

"With four elections already being held in 2016 (the presidential primary, congressional primary, state and local primary in September and the November general election), and a city-wide primary in the Mt. Vernon part of Legislature District 14 already set for Sept. 13, a special election on the same date will not only save taxpayer money, but will also increase access to the ballot for the residents of the district," she continued. "Setting the date in August is just a mechanism to waste taxpayer money and suppress voter turnout to the polls."

New York State Public Officers Law requires county officials to tender their resignation to the county clerk; in a letter dated June 17, County Clerk Timothy Itoni stated that his office had yet to receive a letter of resignation from Spreckman.

### Levy Out for County Board

Recently, Yonkers Rising reported that Deputy Mayor Steve Levy was a candidate to replace County Legislator Bernice Spreckman, who resigned last week after 20 years on the County Board. Based on our deadline, we did not know that Levy had informed the Yonkers Democratic Committee that after considering a run, he would not be a candidate.

Three other Democrats have expressed an interest in running, including George Kevgas, who has run for office on the local and county level before; Peter Spano (no relation to Mayor Mike Spano); and Christine Peters, also a former Democratic candidate for County Board.

Rocky Richard, another former Democratic candidate for County Board, is also said to be considering this race. Yonkers Democrats will have to nominate a candidate for the special election to fill this seat over the summer.

Levy would have been the strongest Democratic candidate to replace Spreckman. Republicans will select David Tubiolo, legislative aide to Spreckman. With Levy out, Tubiolo now becomes the favorite to replace Bernice.

# Albany to Peekskill: 'This One's for Brew'



The Captain Lawrence Brewing Company wants to expand into Peekskill and the Charles Point Marina.

State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins announced last week that both the State Senate and Assembly passed legislation she sponsored that will allow for the redevelopment project at the Charles Point Marina in Peekskill to move forward. Upon the governor's signature, the proprietors – Diamond Properties and Captain Lawrence – will be exempt from the regulations dating back to prohibition under the state's Alcoholic Beverage and Control Law that restricts ownership interests between alcohol manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers.

"Passing this legislation was an important effort to cut the century-old red tape and spur common-sense economic development in Westchester," said Stewart-Cousins. "I look forward to the successful redevelopment at the Charles Point Marina and the revitalization it will help bring to the community."

The restrictions are referred to as the "tied house" laws. However, the law has been amended on occasion to create specific exemptions from these general prohibitions for specific parcels of land. The legislation will provide a carve-out from the tied house laws for Diamond Properties and Captain Lawrence.

Diamond Properties, which operates bowling alleys and amusement centers throughout Westchester, purchased the marina in 2014.

"We are grateful for the support of Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins and her work navigating this legislation through the State Senate," said Scott Vaccaro, owner of the Captain Lawrence Brewery. "This effort will allow us to continue to work toward our goal of building another successful and vibrant business in our community."

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, who sponsored the legislation in the Assembly, added: "This legislation opens the door for an excit-

ing economic development project in the City of Peekskill on the banks of the Hudson River. Combining several buildings on the property to provide restaurants and entertainment for residents and families to enjoy is a win for all of us."

The measure was also co-sponsored by State Sen. Terrence Murphy.

"Peekskill is already undergoing a renaissance thanks to sound leadership by people like Mayor Frank Catalina and Legislator John Testa," said Murphy. "This bill will lead to the redevelopment of this moribund site. The foolish prohibition-era law, which restricted this project, has been set aside and allowed common sense to prevail, and we will now see the revitalization of this beautiful waterfront property."

The project, spearheaded by Murphy, Diamond Properties co-owner William Diamond, Peekskill and New York City restaurateur Louis Lanza, Captain Lawrence Brewery founder Scott Vaccaro and Peekskill restaurant owner John Sharp, would create a \$6.5 million center that would include a seafood restaurant, a Captain Lawrence satellite brewery and an entertainment complex at the site.

"Sen. Murphy has consistently responded to the call of Peekskill and his support on this important legislation is no exception," said Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina. "When government works, everyone wins – and the passage of this legislation by the Legislature will ensure the continued revitalization of our incredible waterfront."

Because Captain Lawrence is headquartered in Elmsford, Stewart-Cousins, who represents Greenburgh, was permitted to carry the legislation in the Senate. As co-authored, it could not have passed the Senate without Murphy's intervention and support.



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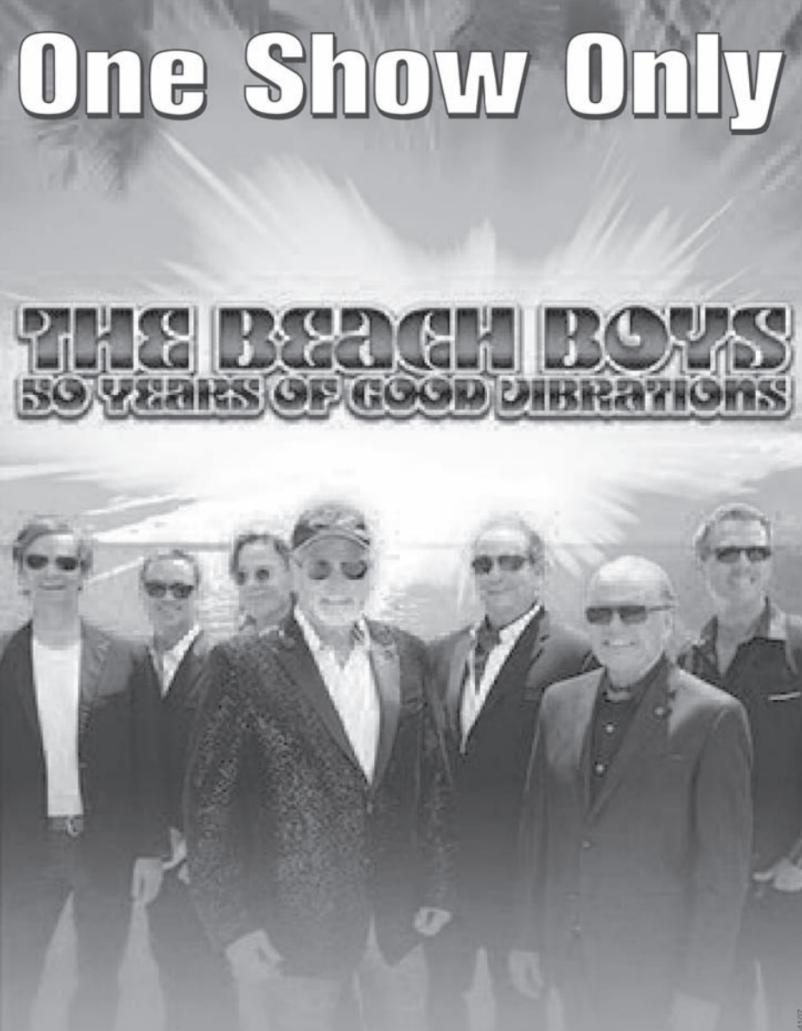
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## Manhattanville's Holocaust Remembrance Day Program

An overflow of students, faculty, administrators and business professionals recently gathered at Reid Hall at Manhattanville College in commemoration of Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance Day. Dr. Anthony Davidson, dean of the School of Business, recounted his mother's story, "From Munkatch to Manchester through the Gates of Auschwitz: A Personal Story of Courage, Heroism, and Survival During the Holocaust."



**Dr. Anthony Davidson, dean of the School of Business, addresses attendees at Reid Castle at Manhattanville College during Holocaust Remembrance Day.**

Special guests included president and Mrs. Jon Strauss; members of the college leadership; Dr. Marsha Gordon, president/CEO of the Business Council of Westchester; and Dee Delbello, CEO/publisher of Westfair Communications.

Davidson's mother's memoirs and story are held in the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

in Washington, D.C. The presentation was recorded and is available in the Manhattanville Library and downloadable at [www.mville.edu/sites/default/files/Dept-School%20of%20Business/Holocaust%20Remembrance%20Day%20Event%20Vid.\\_0.mp4](http://www.mville.edu/sites/default/files/Dept-School%20of%20Business/Holocaust%20Remembrance%20Day%20Event%20Vid._0.mp4).

"Sharing my mother's story is important to this and future generations," said Davidson. "Her strength and courage in risking her own life to save the lives of strangers is something from which we can all learn both as individuals and as a nation."

The event was arranged by Father Wil Tyrrell, chaplain at Manhattanville College, and supported by Duchesne Center for Religious and Social Justice, college chaplains, Catholic and Hillel student associations, international studies, genocide and holocaust studies, and the School of Business.

## Celebrate African-American Heritage At Kensico Dam

The public is invited to experience the richness of African-American culture at the 32nd annual African-American Heritage Festival on Sunday, June 26 from noon to 7 p.m. at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

"Enjoy African American culture through live entertainment, traditional foods, and great customary activities for people of all ages right here at one of our favorite Westchester parks," said County Executive Robert Astorino.

The theme for this year's event is "Honoring African-Americans in Media," and the day's events include entertainment by musical groups and dancers, along with drama and poetry readings, health and educational exhibits, and activities for children. Visitors will also be able to browse the many vendors who will be selling traditional arts and crafts and countless types of

ethnic foods.

Bring a folding chair or blanket and enjoy the June weather; admission and parking are free. The event is sponsored by Westchester County Parks and the Coalition of African-American Organizations.

Kensico Dam Plaza is located at the north end of the Bronx River Parkway in Valhalla. Be advised that the Bronx River Parkway will be closed for Bicycle Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. between Scarsdale Road in Yonkers and the Westchester County Center in White Plains. However, the park can be accessed via Route 22, from the north or south.

Interested vendors for this event should call 914-378-3283 and leave a message. For more information, go to [www.parks.westchestergov.com](http://www.parks.westchestergov.com) or call 914-864-PARK.

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them in order to be successful?

What is the retail critical mass in Westchester, and have we reached it? When you combine that question with the NIMBY-ism that we see in many communities where development projects are proposed, you have communities and residents that may have reached their limit on the next set of retail stores dotted with Dunkin' Donuts and Subways.

In New Rochelle, developers RDRXR has proposed a massive downtown redevelopment project. WVOX Radio Chairman Bill O'Shaughnessy recently penned one of his classic editorials against the way in which the developer, and New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson, are proceeding with the project.

It is not like O'Shaughnessy to speak so bluntly about a politician and a business group, so it's worth your read:

"Ladies and gentlemen, we'd like to beg a moment to share a few thoughts with you about downtown development.

"We've remained silent on the issue for six months... all the while our press colleague and weekly star talk show host Phil Reisman, the highly admired feature columnist of The Journal News, has been reminding us of his 'unease' about the way master developer RDRXR is going about communicating with you and your neighbors in our city.

"Phil Reisman has made his concerns very clear about RDRXR's relentless and bewildering use of 'buzzwords' and social media to try to grease the skids for Scott Rechler and Donald Monti and the big money players from Long Island and Manhattan who are behind the ungainly and awkwardly named RDRXR.

"An easy target for the brilliant Mr. Reisman has been the blizzard of cyber-speak buzzwords being thrown around by the slick developer, like 'crowd-sourced placemaking.' That's a real beauty. Nobody but nobody knows what the hell 'crowd-sourced placemaking' means except as business-speak jargon of shrewd, really ambitious developers.

"Like I've said, we've stayed out of this because anything that's good for New Rochelle enjoys our favor. And it's been thus for the 50-plus years of our stewardship. But RDRXR is clearly running a 'stealth' campaign with the eager acquiescence and encouragement of Mayor Bramson. And as a result, RDRXR and their representatives have refused to engage in a real back-and-forth dialogue with the community. We've offered them access to our microphones and thus to you and your neighbors on countless occasions.

"But City Hall, it seems, prefers to do this whole thing on the QT and 'close to the vest.' Fortunately, some civic activists like James O'Toole, who garnered surprising support during his shoestring run for mayor last year, and fearless activist Denise Pagano Ward, are sounding the alarm.

"We're also concerned. Among the questions not answered by the mayor - who will be known forevermore as 'Brilliant Bramson' - is the exact role of Greg Merchant, the self-important commercial realtor who 'thinks who he is' and represents himself as exclusive spokesman for Scott Rechler and Donald Monti. And in that appellation he is dutifully backed up by Mayor 'Brilliant' Bramson who says anyone interested in downtown development has got to go through Mr. Merchant.

"And it was apparently this Greg Merchant who hired a well-intentioned young woman named Ashley Aldrich to front for RDRXR under the banner of something called 'New Rochelle Future.' Miss Aldrich says they want a conversation that constructively supports the future of downtown New Rochelle. However, in the same breath, poor Miss Aldrich says they will remove posts that create an 'unpleasant' or 'hostile' environment and ban 'uninvited' and 'negative' verbal conduct (or some such non-sequitur sounding nonsense.) This in the city that reveres Thomas Paine.

"Ah-huh! ... Maybe that's why they're avoiding you and our listeners where they can't control the dialogue... and they can't control what you say on our 'Open Line' programs. I think we're starting to figure this out... And we thank Mr. Reisman for sounding the alarm in yet another brilliant column, which ran (recently) about RDRXR and their deputies who are discouraging anyone who would disagree with them.

"Indeed there are lots of questions floating around the community: Exactly what is Greg Merchant's deal in all this? Is he getting paid by Scott Rechler and Donald Monti as their front man? Or is he merely running their stealth cam-

paign to gain the inside track on big commissions and a leg up on future development?

"That's a fair question, and we ask it now on your behalf - and we're not alone in this. Bob Marrone tells me several of our listeners and activists are keenly interested, as well. Lorraine Carl... Anthony Galletta... Vince Malfatano and our good callers Dave from Mamaroneck, Chris from Yonkers and Jim Killoran and others - we're not the only ones!

"And while we're on this subject, the citizens of New Rochelle deserve to know if there is anything behind those stories coming up from Long Island about Renaissance Downtown's nonsense chief Donald Monti being pretty adept at playing hardball with some elected officials who may disagree with him in towns where they've been doing business in Long Island.

"We've had one of Rechler's corporate paid guns Seth Pinsky on the air and he did a good job of dancing around the issues. But many questions remain and we're not getting them from 'Brilliant Bramson,' who remains very protective and very defensive about Greg Merchant and this whole scheme to take over downtown New Rochelle.

"The mayor, being brilliant, is very comfortable with their buzzwords and cyber-world, social media initiatives that they can control and edit. Meanwhile, they're not reaching our listeners or the people in the neighborhoods.

"Sorry to run on so long, ladies and gentlemen, but we've been saving this up for a good, long time." (End of O'Shaughnessy columns.)

Public opposition in New Rochelle to the project also continues to fester and grow, as written by Peggy Godfrey, below.

### New Rochelle Development Shuts Out Criticism

New Rochelle, the city of the Huguenots, was always a place where religious and political tolerance was championed. Now a new wrinkle to this distinguishing identity has occurred as a developer, RDRXR, has decided to remove any negative comments made by residents on its "New Rochelle future" website.

William O'Shaughnessy, president of the radio station WVOX, shared a few thoughts about the proposed downtown development in New Rochelle, on June 17 on WVOX. He cited a column by Phil Reisman of The Journal News, which spelled out the never-ending use of social media of the RDRXR development proposal for New Rochelle. Although O'Shaughnessy has offered air time to the developer, they, along with Mayor Noam Bramson, have refused to discuss the matter.

Further, O'Shaughnessy credits James O'Toole and Denise Ward for telling the people about the developer's underhanded activities. The use of Greg Merchant as an "exclusive spokesman" for Schott Rechler and Don Monti of RDRXR is questioned - especially in relation to "Brilliant Bramson." It was Merchant who hired Ashley Aldrich, who now has control of the Facebook page for New Rochelle Future Supporters.

Although everyone's opinion on this website is supposed to be welcome, a new statement about the website has become known, according to Reisman. Aldrich has stated on this Facebook page that the site was for people who "support the revitalization and want to ask questions." But Aldrich has revised her directions by saying posts that are creating "an unpleasant or hostile environment" will be removed. Unanswered is how both of these two communications arose.

A few days previous to these statements, Commissioner of Development Luis Aragon replied to Denise Ward's inquiries that had been placed on this Facebook page, saying there are only five or six people in New Rochelle who did not support the RDRXR development plan. However, at the City Council meeting June 14, Maxine Golob took exception to Aragon's remarks.

Citing a meeting at Bethesda Baptist Church sponsored by Councilman Jared Rice, which had an audience of more than 300 people, Golob claimed that no one in that audience supported the greater density in the RDRXR plan. She empathized that people are opposed to the gentrification of downtown and supported Ward's views, saying the city could have done a better job with this plan.

Later at the meeting, Laraine Karl said residents are being exposed to corporate tricks and asserted that residents will not go away until "democracy" is brought back to the city. Marjorie Brandon also criticized this proposed development for the south end of the city. She was especially critical of the wind problem, which has been created downtown by high-rise buildings and emphasized that this was not properly addressed in the environmental impact study.

Will these shocking revelations cause any re-evaluation of the RDRXR proposal by the City Council? Residents will be watching and listening.

## Long Island Sound Gets \$10M To Increase Water Quality

Reps. Nita Lowey, Steve Israel and Rosa DeLauro have announced that \$10 million in funding for Long Island Sound was included in the fiscal year 2017 Department of Interior, Environment and Related Agencies' appropriations bill earlier this week. The nearly \$6.1 million increase in funding for will be used for projects to improve water quality, habitat restoration, and water-quality monitoring to improve the health of Long Island Sound.

"When I was first elected I promised to do all I could to restore the Long Island Sound," said Lowey, ranking member of the House Appropriations Committee. "Our success in sustaining this funding year after year and in substantially increasing it in the House bill this year supports our local economy and preserves the environment. I will continue fighting to save this essential resource for generations to come."

Federal funding for the Environmental Protection Agency's Long Island Sound Geographic Program is vital to our regional economy, our environment and the communities that rely on it. Since its formation 11,000 years ago,

Long Island Sound has sustained a diversity of birds, wildlife and marine organisms, while also serving as a recreational magnet for tens of thousands of Americans. Today, more than 23 million people live within 50 miles of its shores.

According to the Long Island Sound Study, the Sound alone directly contributes \$9.4 billion to the regional economy each year and provides between \$17 billion and \$37 billion in economic value each year.

Federal investments in the Long Island Sound help leverage additional funding from other federal, state, local and private partners. Since 2006, for every \$1 in funding provided by the Environmental Protection Agency, \$84 was leveraged from other entities. This has contributed to \$3.8 billion in direct environmental project support to restore and protect the sound between 2006 and 2015.

The funding bill passed the Appropriations Committee and must now be passed by the full House and Senate and signed by the president before becoming law.

## Katonah Man Appointed by Maloney to West Point

At a reception hosted by U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, the congressman announced that 12 students from the Hudson Valley accepted offers of appointment to one of the nation's four service academies - including Daniel Neuburger of Katonah who will be attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Maloney has the ability to nominate students to West Point, the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point. To assist with the nomination process, He established an esteemed committee of military and civic leaders from the Hudson Valley that interviewed potential nominees, reviewed their applications and made recommendations.

The academies make the final decision on who receives an appointment of admission.

"I am enormously proud of these young people from the Hudson Valley, and their offers of appointment to our nation's service academies," said Maloney, a member of the West Point Board of Visitors and the son of a navy veteran. "These courageous young men and women have chosen to serve our country. Their dedication is inspiring, and I look forward to following their careers as they step into key leadership positions in our armed services. Representing the staff and cadets of the United States Military Academy in Congress is a distinct honor and privilege, and I enjoy having the opportunity to participate in the nomination process."

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## Langston Hughes 'In His Own Words'



Karen Mackey Witherspoon and Sharon Mackey McGee.

Art and literature lovers alike will converge Saturday, June 25 on the Mackey Twins Art Gallery in Mount Vernon. Attendees will gather at 4 p.m. sharp for an appearance by Evelyn Louise Crawford and Dr. MaryLouise Patterson, co-editors of the powerful book "Letters from Langston: From the Harlem Renaissance to the Red Scare and Beyond," a compilation of personal letters by Langston Hughes written to their families. The event will feature a performance by actor Eric Coleman reading the letters of Hughes.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to view rarely-seen film clips of Hughes.

The book offers a little-known personal and vulnerable side of the American literary giant and Harlem Renaissance figure as he corresponded over four decades with four of his closest black friends – couples Louise Thompson and William Patterson, and Matt N. and Evelyn Graves Crawford. Three of the four were important leftist political figures and active members of the Communist Party who found themselves targets of the FBI.

Patterson's father, William, even became a political prisoner. The treasure trove of letters includes news of the couples' political activism and family life and Hughes' challenges in his writing career during a tumultuous era as they each worked to create a more equitable world.

In addition to being co-editor of the book, Patterson is an avid collector of art from the gallery. "The Mackey Twins Art Gallery presents a high level of social consciousness and dedication to the preservation and promotion of our culture," he said.

It's a mission identical twin sisters Karen Mackey Witherspoon and Sharon Mackey McGee take seriously. Since 2002, the duo has been showing the love to black artists and other artists of color by helping develop collectors of color.

The Mackey Twins Art Gallery is now the largest collection of exclusive works of artists of color in the tristate area, including works by acclaimed artists Xenobia Bailey, Betty Blayton, Stacey Brown, Wayne Bowen, Leroy Campbell, James Denmark, Essud Fungcap, Magno Laracuente, Ruth Miller, Charly Palmer and TWIN, which will be on display. Their clients and supporters include Lonette McKee, Khalil Kain, Danny Simmons, Byron and Sylvia Lewis, Lloyd Williams and Voza Rivers, as well as many buyers for which they have helped open the door to the world of art.

"This event is different from our usual art exhibitions; however, we realize that our culture also includes literature," said the twins, who are also both executives at City College. "We could not pass up such a rare opportunity to present Dr. Patterson's book – it is a gift that we wanted to share with our audience. We will continue to have special events that promote our tremendously rich culture."

The Mackey Twins Art Gallery is located at 457 E. Sidney Ave., Mount Vernon (off N. Columbus Avenue). To learn more about the event or gallery, visit [www.mackeytwinsart.com](http://www.mackeytwinsart.com). To RSVP for the event, email [mackeytwinsart@gmail.com](mailto:mackeytwinsart@gmail.com) or call 917-796-5895 or 914-643-8266. Follow the gallery on Twitter at @MackeyTwinsArt1 or "like" it on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MackeyTwinsArtGallery](http://www.facebook.com/MackeyTwinsArtGallery).

## Mamaroneck Residents Honored by UJA-Federation



From left are Caren Osten Gerszberg of Larchmont, Nancy and Michael Kanterman of Mamaroneck, Joy Zelin of Larchmont, and Laurie Girsky of Mamaroneck.

More than 100 people came together to honor Mamaroneck residents Nancy and Michael Kanterman and celebrate the Larchmont-Mamaroneck's philanthropic community during an event sponsored by the UJA-Federation on June 7 at the Larchmont Temple.

Upon retiring in 2008 from her career at Tiffany & Co., Nancy began her journey with UJA-Federation as an event chairwoman for Larchmont-Mamaroneck Women Philanthropy events. She has enjoyed hands-on experience at many UJA-Federation beneficiary agencies, from the Bronx Jewish Community Council (for which she's made hundreds of sandwiches for clients) to participating in Westchester relief efforts for Hurricane Sandy.

She now serves as a board member.

Both Nancy and Michael have held various leadership positions at Larchmont Temple, and this June marks the 30th anniversary of Michael's career at Credit Suisse, as well as his retirement from the firm. Going forward, he plans to further his philanthropic and volunteering pursuits.

The gathering heard first-hand stories about the clients UJA-Federation helps support from community leader Joy Zelin of Larchmont.

"The breadth of what we do always moves me, but I'm also inspired by the remarkably innovative ways we tackle very real problems," said Caren Osten Gerszberg of Larchmont, chairperson of UJA-Federation's Larchmont-Mamaroneck Women's Philanthropy. "And every day, I learn about another initiative so forward-thinking in its approach that I'm amazed."

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– either a political operative working for Maloney's campaign or the state or National Democratic Committee – hired a "political stalker" who peeped into Oliva's home and scared his wife.

That story made the front page of the New York Post last week, and points to a political system gone to Hell. The political name for the creepy politico, a "tracker," is state Democratic operative Yougourthen Ayouni who was fired after the Post Story – which had Ayouni looking in the window at Jessica Oliva and their young child.

"He was hunched over looking inside," Jessica Oliva told the Post. "I'm always breast-feeding. It's scary. Do we have to have a police officer stationed outside our house?"

The Oliva family filed a harassment incident report with the Somers Police Department against Ayouni, who also contacted Mrs. Oliva on her Facebook business page.

A political tracker usually delves into the public comments of an opposition candidate, or follows that candidate on the campaign trail. (In another congressional race in New York, GOP challenger Sen. Jack Martins said that a tracker had friended his teenage daughter on Facebook.)

Ayouni's obsession with Oliva's home and wife is not only strange, but scary. When Ayouni showed up in White Plains to question Oliva about Trump, Oliva fought back and questioned Ayouni.

"I'm working for the Democratic Party," Ayouni said in a video. "The Democratic Party hired me... I'm not stalking your spouse... I drove by the road you live in. I'm not going after your wife. I wanted to see if you were out walking, so I can ask you a couple of questions."

There has been no public comment from Maloney or his campaign, and all questions were referred to the New York State Democratic Party, who said that Ayouni's conduct was inappropriate and that he was fired.

Oliva's first challenge in his quest for Congress is a Republican primary against Ken Del Vecchio on June 28. Oliva was endorsed by the four Republican parties in the district and is expected to win the GOP primary, setting up what is now a strange campaign against Maloney.

The Post – and others including Brieghbart.com, which also picked up the story – cannot fathom how Maloney could not have known about the tracker, and Oliva wants an apology from Maloney to his wife.

"My wife is scared," he said. "She has a 4-year-old, 2-year-old and 4-month-old at home. It becomes a very vulnerable situation. Look, my wife is breastfeeding and sometimes she walks around the house breastfeeding... I can't imagine anybody would think the family of the candidate would be fair game, especially when they're not

doing anything. My wife is not financing my campaign. She is not attacking Maloney."

The stupidity in hiring a tracker to watch Oliva, and in stalking his family, leaves the door open for questions about Maloney's involvement and could evoke sympathy for the young Republican and his family.

"Are we sure this guy is not coming back? Is there going to be a next tracker?" asked Oliva. "This is a little more than your standard dirty tricks, dirty politics. This is downright scary stuff, especially for someone who never signed up for this – namely my wife and young children."

Another national website, the Daily Caller, picked up the story and interviewed Mrs. Oliva, who said that the very first visit from Ayouni terrified her. She said she was simply making coffee when she heard a car idling outside, and when she looked out she saw a man hunched over looking through the family's kitchen window.

Oliva's campaign also pushed Maloney for answers.

"Rep. Maloney ducked a reporter's phone calls Thursday when he called to inquire about the tracker-turned-stalker, and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee also hid from questions, referring all calls to the New York State Democratic Party, which said the tracker-turned-stalker has been fired," his campaign stated in a release.

"We're not idiots: This was Sean Patrick Maloney's tracker and he needs to fess up to it," said Oliva spokeswoman Jessica Proud. "This guy was stalking a young mom outside her house while she was in her bathrobe breastfeeding for God's sake; it is totally unacceptable that Congressman Maloney won't take responsibility for this and answer questions on why he thinks this is appropriate."

Local and state police officers have been instructed to arrest the man if he turns up outside the Oliva household again.

New York State GOP Chairman Ed Cox called the "aggressive and completely inappropriate intimidation tactics" employed by the Democratic Party against Oliva and his family inexcusable.

"Campaign 'trackers' have no business contacting family members, spying into a candidate's home or harassing them at their place of work," he said. "Simply firing this individual is not enough. Did Mr. Ayouni receive training or instructions on how to conduct his job duties? Was he instructed to go to his home and peer into his windows? Who actually hired Mr. Ayouni? And if he was indeed an employee with the State Democratic Party, did the DCCC provide the funds for federal activity? These questions must be answered and the Oliva family is owed an immediate apology."

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#6776 06/10 - 07/15

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#6780 06/17 - 07/22

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# Seniors and Health Care

## ‘The Grove’ Nurse Named Professional of the Year



Angela Tucker

Angela Tucker, a CNA at the Grove at Valhalla Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Valhalla, has been named the 2016 Professional of the Year by CareRite Centers, a dynamic and unprecedented health care company. Held in observance of National Nursing Home Week (May 8 to 14) to recognize the hard work and dedication of outstanding staff throughout CareRite Centers’ network, nominations for its Professional of the Year program began in 2015 and concluded in May 2016, in which 100 health care professionals were selected from a pool of 6,000 employees throughout all 18 CareRite Centers across the country.

Initially chosen from a large number of candidates before being selected CareRite Centers’ Employee of the Quarter finalist, Tucker, a resident of Mount Vernon, was recently designated Professional of the Year for the unwavering devotion and high caliber level of care she provides to not only the residents she looks after, but also her support for her fellow employees as well as the extreme dedication and sacrifices she has made for her own family.

Not long ago when her sister passed away, Tucker was the first to lend a helping hand in taking in her sister’s children, who she continues to raise today along with her own children. Her exceptional work ethic and determination that goes above and beyond what is expected stems from her childhood in Jamaica, along with her long-term innate desire to help those in need.

As Professional of the Year’s grand prize, CareRite Centers offered its winner the choice of either a two-year, fully-loaded Ford Fusion car lease, or a \$5,000 cash payout. While Tucker

er said she would have liked choosing the car lease, she opted instead for the cash payout – to use the funds for the betterment and welfare of her family.

CareRite Centers was so moved by Tucker’s selflessness that it decided to award her both the \$5,000 cash payout and the car lease, in honor of her steadfast noble efforts and commitment to others.

“I love taking care of people and love what I am doing,” said Tucker, who has been a part of The Grove family since June 2000. “I always put my best foot out because this is not only where I earn my living, but this is also my place. You have to treat this like your own home. I always do what I think is best for the residents I serve and am never not above doing anything.”

Tucker’s administrator, Jake Hartstein, explained that team members like Tucker are the vital link and the core of excellence in the care and compassion that CareRite Centers is committed to.

“Our staff members do their utmost to make the experiences for our patients and their families as remarkable as possible,” he said. “When it comes to raising the bar of genuine care and customer service in the nation, the CareRite Centers’ mission is to foster and provide unparalleled experiences for their guests. You’ll never hear Angela say ‘That’s not my job.’ Angela embodies the spirit of CareRite Centers and having staff members like her on our team allow our network to continue fulfilling its mission.”

For more information, visit [www.thegrove rehab.com](http://www.thegrove rehab.com) or [www.careritecenters.com](http://www.careritecenters.com).

## Alzheimer’s Home Care Agency Gives Spiritual Help

For individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, and their family caregivers, isolation, anxiety and existential questions often accompany this terminal brain disorder. Now, a New York-area home care agency is collaborating with HealthCare Chaplaincy Network to offer its clients a direct connection to professional health care chaplains who can help with the emotional and spiritual distress surrounding this disease and other illnesses.

ACS Home Care LLC (Alzheimer’s Care Specialists), based in Northport and serving Nassau, Queens, Suffolk and Westchester counties, is introducing “virtual” professional chaplaincy as a value-added service to new and existing clients. The service, “Chat with a Chaplain,” enables patients and family members to confidentially speak to a professional multi-faith chaplain via phone, email or video chat.

The announcement coincides with Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month in June. ACS specializes in Alzheimer’s disease, and also serves clients with other illnesses and needs. This is the first home care agency HCCN is collaborating with to provide the unique service, which is staffed by HCCN’s professional multi-faith chaplains, which are the spiritual care specialists on health care teams; they listen without judgment and provide comfort and meaning.

“Chat with a Chaplain” is available to anyone, regardless of religion or beliefs, or no religion or beliefs. Clients can obtain emotional

and spiritual support as well as submit prayer requests. In the face of illness, common questions include “Why me?” or “Has God abandoned me?”

Robert Macedonio, RN, president and director of patient care services at ACS Home Care, said he expects people facing Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias to especially benefit from this service.

“Emotional turmoil and social abandonment commonly accompany this diagnosis and the ‘long good-bye’ that follows,” he said. “With this service, we are extending beyond meeting our clients’ physical and mental needs to address their emotional and spiritual needs during very challenging times.”

The Rev. Eric Hall, HCCN’s president and CEO, said HCCN created “Chat with a Chaplain” to “fill a gap” for people who are being cared for outside of a hospital setting where chaplains traditionally make their rounds. “Chat with a Chaplain” brings spiritual care into the comfort of one’s home,” he said. “It’s a key aspect of whole-person care.”

Hall, founder and former president and CEO of the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America, and a managing partner at ACS Home Care, concurred that this type of service can be especially important for family caregivers. “It’s an aspect of self-care that’s often overlooked,” he said. “But it’s a connection that can help improve quality of life.”

## Astorino Promotes Men’s Health for Father’s Day



County Executive Robert Astorino with, from left, Joseph Kenner, deputy commissioner of the Department of Social Services; Dr. Thomas Weber, president of the Colon Cancer Challenge Foundation; Dr. Sherilita Amier, commissioner of the Department of Health; Gayle Williams, senior market manager for the American Cancer Association; and Dr. Mitchell Benson, head of urologic oncology at NewYork-Presbyterian/Lawrence Hospital.

If a routine procedure could save your life, wouldn’t you want to have it done?

Each year about 1,065 men are diagnosed with prostate and colorectal cancer in Westchester County. After lung cancer, prostate and colorectal cancers are the deadliest forms of cancers for men, killing an average of 70 residents each year. Yet colorectal cancer is highly preventable and detectable – if you know the risks and get screened.

Joined by leading professionals from the medical community, County Executive Robert Astorino last week delivered a heartfelt plea based on his own family history with cancer, calling on men to take the conversation with their doctors and take control of their health.

“This past December I lost a dear cousin of mine to colon cancer,” he said. “Her painful passing reminded me that I have a history of cancer in my family. In addition to my cousin, we lost our grandfather to the same cancer and my own dad has battled prostate cancer. These are some of the most preventable and detectable cancers. But had I been screened? No.”

Astorino went for his first colonoscopy in February, receiving a clean bill of health. Now with Father’s Day approaching, he used it as an opportunity to issue a call for all men to take control of their health as part of his ongoing #DadBeThere fatherhood initiative.

As a show of his commitment, he also signed a pledge with the American Cancer Society, uniting in a shared goal of reaching 80 percent of adults age 50 and older to be screened for colorectal cancer by 2018. In Westchester, 72.1 percent of residents age 50 and older are up to date with recommended screenings; that’s compared to 69.3 percent statewide and 65 nationally, according to the American Cancer Society.

“Guys have a tendency to live by the adage ‘No news is good news,’” said Astorino. “But in order for a dad to ‘be there,’ he has to ‘be there’ – alive and healthy.”

The “80 by 2018” pledge is a National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable initiative that hundreds of organizations have signed onto nationwide. If the goal is achieved, 277,000 cases and 203,000 colorectal cancer deaths could be prevented by 2030, according ACS.



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## Look Out

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ments.

“The appropriate response is to demand to know what happened and to serve the interests of children,” he said. “We are trying to expose it – I’m not used to seeing everyone on the same page in regard to having her step down. They usually try to whitewash it and turn the tables on me. It’s the mentality and the greed, it hurts the great teachers just as much as the children and the leadership of the union has lost its sense of common sense.”

Yonkers City Council President Liam McLaughlin has called for the resignation of YFT President Pat Puleo and Vice President Paul Diamond, and the Yonkers inspector general has begun an investigation into possible improper or illegal activity.

The reporting on Project Veritas at [www.projectveritas.com](http://www.projectveritas.com) has both its supporters and critics; supporters appreciate O’Keefe’s uncovering fraud and the waste of taxpayer dollars, while critics claim he is an out-of-control journalist with a shady past.

Union representatives both in Yonkers and Westchester are calling O’Keefe’s YFT “an ambush” with a slanted view, and the American Federation of Teachers has hired Thomas “Toby” Thacher of K2 Thacher Associates to investigate two YFT leaders who were recorded in a hidden-camera video giving advice on covering up child abuse.

“We have asked Thacher to lead a thorough investigation of all sides of the episode. The scope will include determining if there was any breach of the professional and ethical obligations that these teacher union officials have to our students, parents, educators and the broader community,” said AFT president Randi Weingarten in a statement.

O’Keefe’s warning that attempts would be made to make the story more about him, and to discredit him, has come true; Rising Newspapers has received “background” information on O’Keefe in an attempt to discredit both him and his story.

Our view is to try and focus on the video and what was said by those in it. Throughout the interview, there was neither concern nor inquiry made into whether O’Keefe was indeed a teacher, or to check his ID or to look in the YFT database to see if he was an actual employee.

Read the story from Yonkers Rising last week, below, and we will report on Veritas’ second Westchester video next week.

### YFT Video is the Talk of the City

A disturbing, undercover video shot by ProjectVeritas.com founder James O’Keefe that exposed improper and possible criminal activity by the leadership of the Yonkers Federation of Teachers has been the talk of the city – and remains so two weeks after the video was released.

O’Keefe posed as a Yonkers teacher who was concerned about his own inappropriate behavior with students that included hitting a student, using a racial epithet and then fleeing to Mexico. He walked into the YFT offices and conferred with President Pat Puleo and Vice President Paul Diamond, seeking advice on how to avoid disciplinary charges.

The “advice” given by Puleo and Diamond in the 17-minute video, to cover up the incidents and not report or disclose them to anyone, has caused a firestorm in Yonkers, with elected officials, education stakeholders and community leaders either condemning Puleo’s comments, calling for her resignation, or calling for an investigation to determine if there was criminal activity.

The video, which should be watched by every Yonkers resident, can be found at [www.ProjectVeritas.com](http://www.ProjectVeritas.com), and includes the following greatest hits:

When told by the “teacher” (O’Keefe) that he

hit a child/student, Diamond says: “I think there are three scenarios that possibly could have occurred. Everybody forgot about it, which sounds like something that happened three weeks ago and nothing is being done about it – sounds like it’s been forgotten.”

When told that harm may have been done to the child, Diamond appeared more concerned with the welfare of the teacher over the child. “You don’t have to be honest,” he says. “I mean we can talk in theory... You’re a tenured teacher and tenured means you can only be dismissed if the board convinced a stranger that they’re right.”

O’Keefe then adds to the story that he was gone for two weeks and took an unapproved trip to Mexico after the incidents took place.

Puleo makes her entrance in the video and provides a number of creative cover-ups for the Mexico trip. “Your parents could have been down there, or your cousin could have been down there, or your brother, and they were taken by drug dealers and you literally had to go bail them out and you didn’t know what to do and you lost your mind,” she says. “You know people lose their minds. It was an emergency. Look, fall on your sword... I failed in my duty to call in and say I need emergency family medical leave. I failed to do that.’ The worst they’ll do is deduct you two weeks’ pay. That’s it.”

Before leaving, O’Keefe is told by Puleo: “You don’t talk to anybody. I don’t care if it’s your best friend. I don’t care if it’s the phys ed teacher you went to high school with, you don’t (expletive) tell anybody anything... because old loose lips sink ships.”

Included in the video is an intimation that racial epithets were used in the confrontation with the student. Both union heads do not appear concerned about what was said, or not said, to the student – nor did they check the credentials of O’Keefe to ensure that he was a Yonkers teacher.

The response to the video and the YFT’s apparent interest in protecting teachers at all costs has been loud and swift. An angry Mayor Mike Spano did not call for Puleo’s resignation, but called for Inspector General Brendan McGrath to conduct an investigation to see if there is any criminal behavior in the videos.

“I found the content of this video to be disturbing and upsetting on many levels,” said Spano. “I believe it warrants an investigation into the standard operating procedures of the teachers’ union’s leadership, as it brings up questions of the improper safeguarding of our students’ well-being and potential theft of services.”

McGrath and members of the city’s corporation counsel’s office paid a visit to the Project-Veritas offices in Mamaroneck last week to obtain additional evidence. “We’re looking at this as a pattern of practice by the union, and whether this is something they do as a matter of course,” he said. “If there are people out there – teachers part of the 1,800-member union out there that have had an experience like this and have a conscience – they may want to come forward.”

Yonkers City Council President Liam McLaughlin and the three other Republican members of the council took it one step further and called for Puleo and Diamond to resign.

Referencing a New York Post editorial from June 8, the council Republicans stated in a release: “It is clear that city employees, in their capacity as president and vice president of the Yonkers Federation of Teachers, advised ‘fraud and violations of workplace rules to a man they thought was a teacher who’d hit a student’”

“There is much good that happens in our schools and many fine teachers and employees,” added McLaughlin. “We cannot let the actions of a few outshine the hard work and dedication of so many, but we also cannot allow a situation where a cover-up could be directed by city employees to hide allegations of child abuse, use of racial epithets, fraud and theft of honest services in the school system. We feel those responsible should resign immediately.”

Beyond the growing national embarrassment this situation has caused, Majority Leader

John Larkin said he worries for both the safety of the children and the integrity of the personnel and time and attendance systems and procedures in place at Yonkers Public Schools. “What kind of people would conspire to conceal child abuse and assist in covering up a teacher going AWOL for two weeks without permission?” he asked.

“Fraud is a very serious accusation that this City Council will not abide,” added Councilmember Mike Breen. “Especially in light of the city’s recent budget crises caused by misassumption of funds at the Board of Education, we owe a fiduciary duty to the people of the City of Yonkers to see corrective action taken. The inspector general must be directed to look into this right away.”

“These tapes reflects very poorly on our beloved city and its employees and they are difficult to watch,” said Councilmember Dennis Shepherd. “The two city employees depicted therein display blatant disregard for the integrity of our school system and do not appear to be overly concerned at the prospect of defrauding the city and manipulating the system for personal gain. This unethical and amoral behavior has now been rebroadcast to tens of millions of viewers throughout the nation. What a sad day for Yonkers.”

The four Republican council members said that nothing short of the YFT president’s and vice president’s resignations would suffice, and vowed not to support a new contract until those responsible step down.

“When our children’s health and safety is at stake I will not tolerate any employee compromising a single child physically or emotionally,” said Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada. “As educators, by law we are mandated reporters; it is unconscionable to think an individual may have been encouraged to ignore the law. I will continue to work with our legal department to pursue all appropriate legal remedies.”

Yonkers Board of Education President Rev Steve Lopez said he was appalled by the video. “The implication that a child’s well-being is ignored or that fraud is encouraged by leaders of one of our bargaining units mandates that we pursue every legal option available; we will be guided by the law,” he said. “We take our responsibility to protect our students, as well as Yonkers taxpayers, very seriously.”

The Yonkers Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and its Education Chairperson Denise Holden issued the following statement:

“When parents send their children to school every day, the expectation is that they will be in a safe, protective environment where they will be educated and nurtured. If a situation arises that compromises the safety and well-being of any child, it is the expectation that all persons in authority will do their utmost to insure this is accomplished.

“If and when abuse of a child is suspected on the school premises, it is the duty of the school, as a mandated reporter, to thoroughly investigate the incident. Any attempt to cover up abuse perpetrated upon one child hurts all children. Those who attempt to shield abusers are as guilty as the abusers.

“Misconduct by persons in authority is intolerable and will not be condoned by the members of the NAACP” concluded the organization in its statement. “We request that the superintendent have this matter investigated.”

Councilman Christopher Johnson said that in light of the information released regarding the allegations of the improper practices of the union leaders, he is petitioning for the launch of a full investigation.

“After viewing the videos provided, it would be an understatement to say I am disappointed by the example,” he said. “The contents of the video justify an investigation and force me to question how often these situations may occur within the Yonkers Public School system. I implore the inspector general to act swiftly, yet appropriately as the reputation of the Yonkers Public Schools and

the City of Yonkers can still afford to allow such alleged actions to continue at the expense of the safety and security of our children.”

The Yonkers Council of Parent-Teacher Associations also responded to the video: “Student safety and the general well-being/education of our children is always our main concern and takes priority over anything else,” it stated in a press release. “The recently-released YFT union leadership undercover video seemingly depicts many serious issues of concern... The actions suggested in the video place our children at risk, violates student rights and demonstrates a general disrespect for our families and district. Teachers are the ‘T’ in ‘PTA,’ and there are many incredible teachers in Yonkers – despite the union leadership’s lack of judgment. We support those union members who are willing to seek a change in leadership since even the mere appearance of impropriety can tarnish the reputation of the entire organization.

“We support the school district’s investigation and look forward to reviewing the outcome. We welcome the opportunity to meet with members of the YFT.”

Mayor Spano has also called on the Board of Education to suspend contract negotiations with YFT. “I am urging our Board of Education trustees to cease all contract negotiations with the YFT until the inspector general has fully investigated the matter, which I believe exhibits the intent to cover up a crime.”

Spano reminded teachers that they are mandated reporters, and should they witness or suspect child abuse, they need to report it immediately. “I believe this video begs the question (of) whether it’s standard operating procedure for Ms. Puleo and Mr. Diamond to cover up the abuse of a minority child or any child,” he said. “At no point in their discussion in the video do they mention contacting the authorities of this potential abuse. It illustrates a blatant disregard for the safety and well-being of our students and their sworn legal obligations as mandated reporters.”

In addition to the potential child abuse cover up, Spano is also asking the inspector general to look into past YFT sick time and family medical leave claims, and whether union leadership regularly promotes the abuse of their benefits, which are funded by Yonkers taxpayers.

“I believe 99 percent of our teachers act in good faith and work for the betterment of our students, but I wonder how many times similar actions may have led some teachers to cheat the system and cost Yonkers taxpayers millions of dollars,” said Spano.

The Yonkers Federation of Teachers union contract expired June 30, 2014. While no public action has been taken by the Board of Education to cancel contract negotiations with YFT, there appears to be no money in the recently-passed city budget to pay for a new contract.

The other result of this video, and the lack of a YFT contract, is that new teacher evaluations – also known as Annual Professional Performance Review – will not be agreed to by the school district and YFT. Performance review standards for teachers have always been negotiated as part of a new teacher’s contract in the past.

Under current state law, school districts that do not have new evaluations in place by September could have their state aid cut. State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Senate Democrats have asked for an extension, and the New York State regents has agreed to waivers for school districts that are late. So far, about 250 districts out of about 680 have submitted APPR plans to the state.

Editor’s note: We have not heard a rational explanation from YFT on what was recorded and released to the public. Simply stating that the video was recorded under false pretenses is not enough.

We also don’t agree with, nor care that the journalist may or may not have a conservative journalistic bent. The mission of ProjectVeritas is to uncover and expose corruption, a noble cause regardless of political party or who gets caught.

## Aid in Dying

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Eighty-eight percent of those polled agreed that if they are terminally ill, the decision about whether to use medication to choose the time of their death should be a decision made between the patient and their families under a physician’s care. In addition, 87 percent of those polled agreed that government has no right to make decisions about medical care if a person is dying from a terminal illness.

The clear majorities observed extend across party lines, religious affiliations, levels of education, gender, age and region.

“The thought of having to suffer through a horrific, painful, degrading death, and one that brings added stress and agony to my loves ones, is inconceivable,” said Paulin. “A majority of New Yorkers have made it clear that they do not want limits imposed on their options of what they can and can’t do when they are terminally ill. If I am terminally ill, I should be able to choose to end my life calmly, peacefully and in a dignified way, at a time and in a setting I choose where I am surrounded by those I love. That is what my bill is about.”

Paulin, whose sister died slowly from cancer in Georgia, said people in that situation should be able to choose a respectable end at their chosen time.

“When I introduced this bill, I didn’t know that a few months later I was going to live this bill,” she said. She explained that her sister had the option in Georgia “to go to hospice, to withdraw food and to withdraw meds, and she died three and a half weeks later... She chose that,” continued Paulin. “I don’t see any difference, except that this is more peaceful and it is with more dignity.”

Her bill would provide doctors and medical facilities immunity from criminal and civil liability and would include safeguards to prevent mistakes and abuse.

The legislation requires that the patient’s doctor determine whether the illness is terminable within six month and whether the patient has the mental capacity to make the decision. A written document witnessed by two persons would also be required.

For more than a century, New Yorkers have had the right to refuse life-sustaining treatment – or any treatment. Some see Paulin’s bill as an extension of that right; others disagree, including Conservative leaders in New York and the New York State Catholic Conference – both of which oppose assisted suicide and Paulin’s bill.

State Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan has also publicly opposed the bill.

Supporters of the bill include end-of-life proponents and palliative care experts who have watched the pain and suffering of New York residents and say they believe it will help people who are dying with end-of-life choices. “A lot of people are worried about the what-ifs, and this would reassure them if they got into a bad spot, they’d have some options,” said Dr. Timothy Quill, professor of medicine at the University of Rochester.

EOLCNY Executive Director David Leven added: “New Yorkers owe a debt of gratitude to Assemblywoman Paulin. Aid in dying is a fundamental human right that should be possessed by all New Yorkers.”

Evelyn Tenenbaum, a law professor at Albany Law School and bioethics professor at Albany Medical College, said the bill is intended to give patients who have no choice about dying the option to end their lives in a manner they find acceptable.

“It will also reduce the fear many have

about dying from their terminal diseases by giving them the assurance that they can choose to die peacefully if the dying process becomes too much for them,” she said. “The bill is about choice and also explicitly gives physicians, health care facilities and other health care providers the choice of refusing to participate.”

Robb Smith, executive director of Interfaith Impact of New York State, added: “Interfaith Impact believes in the inherent right of a person to determine how they shall die when facing terminal illness with intolerable suffering. We affirm the last of the human freedoms, the right to die in dignity. We believe in a religious freedom that respects the views of all, but refuses to let the views of any single religious group determine how others act on their understanding of their faith.”

On May 23, the New York State Assembly Health Committee approved the Medical Aid in Dying Act by a 14-11 vote, but the bill never made it to either the Assembly or Senate floor for a vote.

Five other states, including Oregon (the first, in 1994) and California (last year, the largest) have adopted “aid in dying” laws. “We used the Oregon bill as a model for this bill and modeled some of the provisions in this bill from the recently enacted law in California,” said Paulin.

Quill and Leven pointed to the fact that the laws in Oregon, Washington State and California have been enacted without issue. “There have been no problems that have emerged, despite all the efforts of some opponents to make you think that there are problems and concerns that need to be addressed,” said Quill.

“The bill has numerous safeguards and protections for what has proven to be a rarely used but safe practice in several other states, including Oregon, where it has been the law for nearly two decades with no problems whatsoever.” added

Leven. “However, knowing that aid in dying exists as a legal option provides peace of mind to thousands of terminally ill patients.”

Earlier this year, Paulin held a panel discussion with supporters and opponents of her bill, overflowing the Scarsdale Library to let their voice be heard.

Opposing the legislation were Edward Mechmann of the Archdiocese of New York, Patients’ Rights Action Fund President J.J. Hanson, and Anna Fay, a board member for Westchester Disabled on the Move. Hanson described being diagnosed in 2014 with terminal brain cancer and being told he had just four months to live. He has now passed the two-year mark and has been told he has no signs of cancer in his brain.

“One of the critical flaws of this issue is that doctors are not always correct,” he said. “They’re human beings. They make mistakes. That is significant, especially when you are talking about a patient that is potentially at the end of life.”

Other conservative groups, including the Chiaroscuro Group, which has called Paulin’s bill “Kill Granny legislation,” won the fight this year to keep it from becoming New York State law.

State Conservative Party Chairman Mike Long said it would be a “major, major mistake” for Paulin’s bill to pass. “I don’t think society has the right to snuff out a life of a person when in fact there’s constant research for cures for various diseases, and it’s a mistake to allow society to make the beginning and the end of life decisions,” he said.

In the end, Leven provides a Libertarian response in support of the bill: “The question is, ‘Who is going to make the decision at the end of our lives as to how we die?’” he asked. “Is it going to be you as an individual? Or is it going to be the government, which says, ‘No, you cannot end your lives this way?’”

## Principal Dhyne Receives Pro Deo Et Schola Award



The Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell of Village Lutheran Church presents an award to Chapel School Principal James Dhyne.

The 2015-16 Pro Deo Et Schola Award was recently presented to James Dhyne for his "nurturing and enhancement of Christian ministry."

Pro Deo Et Schola is Latin "for God and school," and during his 17-year tenure at Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School, Dhyne has shown both the power to lead, and the wisdom to get out of the way and let others use their gifts in building up the kingdom. His leadership and work with so many faculty, staff, parents and volunteers has resulted in great growth of The Chapel School.

His leadership has led to many advances in the Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School community. He was vital in the creation of a strategic plan for growth of the student body and The Chapel School brand to the place it is today as a premier Christian school of excellence, including a healthy preschool and two classes per grade from kindergarten through the eighth grade. He implemented several fundraising campaigns, resulting in millions of dollars for debt repayment, and program development.

Dhyne also led the creation of a golf out-

ing and gala auction that are fun and raise substantial support for church and school programs. He has supported the Trustee Board for 17 years, and created a separate, not-for-profit foundation called The Blue Ribbon Foundation that seeks to empower enhancements at The Chapel School in music, technology, science and scholarship aid for decades to come.

These are just some of the positive impacts he has made on the community.

When presenting the award, the Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell, senior pastor of Village Lutheran Church said: "I am sure I echo the feeling of many that we also thank God for having Principal Dhyne as a coworker and friend. Even with the many achievements, what many of us value most of all is the love and support that we have for you as a man of character – someone we would describe as an empathetic, jovial, caring, wise and generous leader."

The Chapel School and Village Lutheran Church are located at 172 White Plains Road, Bronxville. For more information about The Chapel School and its programs, call 914-337-3202 or visit [www.thechapelschool.org](http://www.thechapelschool.org).

## Fire & Police Depts. Win Chief's Fitness Challenge



Dr. Franklin Zimmerman, center, presents checks to Patrolman Lawrence Paniccia and Chief Daniel McMahon of the Yorktown Police Department (to his left) and Chief Chris Beyrer and firefighters Michael Bergamini and Tyler Chodkowski of Lake Mohegan Fire Department (to his right), who are winners of the 2015 Chiefs' Challenge. At the far left are Club Fit General Managers Lynne Welling of Jefferson Valley and Mark Cuatt of Briarcliff Manor; and Club Fit President Bill Beck is at the far right.

The Lake Mohegan Fire Department and the Yorktown Police Department were each awarded \$1,000 checks as the winners of the 2015 Chief's Challenge. Designed by cardiologists at Phelps Hospital, the program seeks to improve the health and fitness of active police and fire personnel by encouraging them to adopt an active and healthy lifestyle.

Working in collaboration with Club Fit in Briarcliff and Jefferson Valley, the Chief's Challenge was established and is funded by the Heart and Health Education Foundation, directed by Dr. Franklin Zimmerman, Dr. Arthur Fass and Dr. Dina Katz – all members of the Phelps Medical Associates cardiology practice in Briarcliff Manor.

In all, there were 240 participants from 20 police departments and 24 fire departments throughout Westchester, Putnam and New York City who participated. The two winning departments tallied up the highest levels of participation by their members.

The program was inspired by research conducted by Zimmerman, senior attending cardiologist at Phelps who is a nationally-recognized researcher in the field of the treatment and pre-

vention of cardiovascular disease in public safety personnel. His findings were included in the book "Dying For The Job," edited by former New York State Trooper Dr. John Violante.

"My research shows that law enforcement personnel have a high risk of heart disease and cardiovascular risk factors, including high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, obesity and metabolic syndrome," said Zimmerman. "In addition, there are occupation-specific risk factors unique to first responders, including shift work and psychological stress. Police officers, firefighters and other public safety personnel need to be particularly vigilant in controlling cardiovascular risk factors, beginning with a regular exercise program such as the one offered at Club Fit."

The 2016 Chief's Challenge is under way, with high hopes for an even bigger turnout of public safety personnel this year. Club Fit offers a half-off membership to active police and fire department personnel.

For more information about the 2016 Chief's Challenge, call Jodi Costino at Club Fit Jefferson Valley at 914-250-2721, or Joe DaRonco at Club Fit Briarcliff Manor at 914-250-2783.

## Tarrytown Music Hall Hosts Comic Paula Poundstone



Comedienne Paula Poundstone

The Tarrytown Music Hall will welcome comedienne Paula Poundstone on Saturday, June 25.

Thirty seven years ago, Poundstone climbed on a Greyhound bus and traveled across the country, stopping in at open mic nights in comedy clubs as she went. Today she is considered one of the country's prized comedians – legendary for her razor-sharp wit, her self-deprecating humor and a spontaneity with a crowd that is hands-down without peer.

Writes Nick Zaino with the Boston Globe: "Poundstone improvises with a crowd like a jazz musician, swinging in unexpected directions without a plan, without a net... You know she's a great comic the way you know any fine performer when you see one, there's a disarming ease in her craft, an immediate sense that she's so quick on her feet, you need never worry the possibility of something going wrong."

Poundstone's interchanges with the audience are never mean or done at a person's expense. She even manages to handle politics without provoking the pall of disapproval received by less artful comics.

"I can't shut up if my life depended on it," said Poundstone. "I'm still talking somewhere."

Her spontaneous humor made for the perfect match when in 2003 National Public Radio's screwball weekly news quiz show "Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me" came calling on her to be a guest. The show is now NPR's number-one show, and Poundstone is one of its most popular regular panelists.

She lent her distinctive voice to the character "Forgetter Paula" in Disney Pixar's "Inside Out," which won the Academy Award for best animated feature film in 2016. On June

28, HighBridge, a Grammy Award-winning publisher of spoken-word audio, will release Poundstone's first "double live" CD, "North by Northwest: Paula Poundstone Live!" It was recorded at memorable performance stops in Bayfield, Wisc., and Portland, Ore.

"It's a joyous romp through a field of cheeseheads and hipsters," she said.

Poundstone is also an author who has written two hard-cover books – the second to be published by Algonquin Books on May 9. Her commentaries have been seen on CBS Sunday Morning and heard on NPR's "All Things Considered." She is building an impressive roster of interview subjects for the Writers Bloc Presents series that includes, Sen. Barbara Boxer, Ted Koppel, Dick Cavett and Calvin Trillin.

Her long list of accomplishments and awards include: In 1992 she became the first woman, after 72 years, to share the stage with the president and host the White House Correspondents' Dinner; only four women have followed in her pioneering footsteps. The previous year she rocked the comedy establishment when her HBO special won the cable ACE award for best standup comedy special, making her the first woman to do so.

Her second special for HBO, "Paula Poundstone Goes to Harvard," marked the first time the elite university allowed their name to be used in the title of a television show.

Poundstone is a winner of an American Comedy Award for best female standup comic and was included on Comedy Central's list of 100 greatest stand-ups of all time. But she considers her greatest achievement being a mom of three children. She lives in Santa Monica where she also has two dogs, 15 cats, a bearded dragon lizard and one ant left from an ant farm.

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where she used to ice skate in the winter, and Kimball Avenue was in a golf course where she used to sleigh-ride from its hills in the winter.

Teresa lived in southwest Yonkers, on top of a hill overlooking Mount Vernon, where she walked to when she needed to shop for food; only after WWII was a bus line established for the local residents. Her original house was one of two buildings in her street. There was a well and a cesspool, but neither indoor piping nor electricity. There was no a toilet, just an outhouse.

The house in which she now lives was built by her husband during weekends in the 1930s to provide all modern "luxuries" (running water, toilet, electricity and sewage service) to the family.

Teresa worked at FARAND, a bomb-sights factory in Mount Vernon, during WWII and went back to her job during the Korean War – a "Rosy the Riveter" of her own accord.

Teresa married Vincent Tortora, who passed away in 1976, and they had two sons: Eugene and Mark, now 77 and 69 years old, respectively.

She admits that she can't think of any good reasons for her longevity, genetics apart, since she lived a normal life; unquestionably, it helped a bit not to be a drinker or a smoker, but that is all.

She has become known for saying: "People are too ambitious now and money has become too important. People forget that good times and good friends do not come with a tab, but are free."

Teresa Tautone-Tortora is a happy, smart and alert 104-year-old lady who knows what she is talking about! Happy birthday again from all of us at Yonkers Rising!

### NOTICE OF SALE

#### SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR MARM 2006-OA2  
Plaintiff.  
-Against-  
DENISE LEA, et al.,  
Defendants.

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale granted on or about April 21, 2016, I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, White Plains, New York 10601 on July 13, 2016 at 10:00 am. Premises known as:

**101 Oakland Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York 10552**  
**Section: 165.41 Block: 2126 Lot: 3**

**ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Mount Vernon, County of Westchester, State of New York, as more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Said premises will be sold subject to all terms and conditions contained within said Judgment and Terms of Sale.**

Approximate Amount of Judgment: \$ 647,501.97 plus interest and costs.

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# Eastchester Library Debuts New Courtyard



From left are Library Director Tracy Wright; Board of Trustees members Pat Murtagh, Rosetta McArdle and Joe Gresia; Highway Superintendent Hector DiLeo; Town Councilman Luigi Marcoccia; Nick Camillone; Town Supervisor Anthony S. Colavita; Joe Arcidiacono; Mike Walters; Councilmen Glenn Bellitto and Joe Dooley; Parks Department Foreman Pat Annetta; Councilwoman Theresa Nicholson; and Board of Trustees member Susan Bauman.

Eastchester Supervisor Anthony S. Colavita, the Town Board and the Eastchester Public Library Board of Trustees recently announced the opening of the new library courtyard. This newest addition to the library will now be used for programs, reading and relaxing by patrons and the public.

The courtyard was constructed on the north side of the building in an area that adjoins the parking lot. It is wheelchair accessible and can be accessed from the main parking lot on the newly installed sidewalks.

"We have been discussing an outdoor space at the library for a while and now it is finally a reality," said Colavita. "Very few libraries have a space like this one for use by patrons. It is aesthetically related to the library green in the front of the building by White Plains Road. It is also a handsome addition to the renovated Rashkoff Meeting Room, the children's library, the new roof and other improvements at the library."

According to the supervisor, this was a collaborative effort with the Town Board, Library Board, highway department, and recreation, parks

and grounds department all working together to complete the job on time and under budget.

"Special thanks to JMA Landscaping, Inc.; Nick's Electric; Globe Fence and Railing, Inc.; Paladino Concrete Creations Corp.; and A&J Sprinkler Systems, Inc., who were the contractors for the job outside of town personnel," he said. "All of the effort will be worth it once we see the first children's storytime held there or when we see library patrons enjoying a book in the shade on a beautiful day."

Library Director Tracy Wright called the

reading courtyard a lovely addition to the library. "The Library Board of Trustees and I hope the courtyard will be enjoyed by library users for many years to come."

Library Board Member Joe Gresia added: "Public libraries play such an important role in our communities. The ability to extend our library to the outside for our patrons will be a great feature."

The courtyard also contains three plum trees that will be dedicated next week to deceased members of three town families.

# Meet Westchester's 'Forty under Forty'



The Business Council of Westchester presents its Rising Star Award recipients to the Class of 2016.

The Business Council of Westchester recently honored 40 of the county's most outstanding young business professionals. The Rising Stars Awards were presented June 16 to the Class of 2016 during a celebration and cocktail reception at the Atrium at 800 Westchester Ave. News 12's Tara Rosenblum, a member of the Rising Stars Class of 2007, served as emcee.

The 2016 Rising Stars represent a diverse array of industries, including education, health care, law, finance, real estate development, public relations and marketing, among others. Maria Bronzi, director of the Altium Alliance Branch of Altium Wealth Management and chairwoman of the Rising Stars program, oversaw the selection process.

As in previous years, the competition for the 40 spots was fierce.

"These exemplary young professionals have distinguished themselves through their talent,

determination, leadership and commitment to the Westchester business community," said Marsha Gordon, president and CEO of The Business Council of Westchester. "Their initiative, innovation and drive to succeed have gone a long way toward ensuring that Westchester remains the smartest county in the United States."

The BCW's annual awards ceremony is modeled after the national business recognition program "Forty Under Forty," and the Rising Stars program is designed to recognize individuals under the age of 40 who exemplify leadership, foresight and a vision for the future of Westchester County. Winners were selected based on professional and/or entrepreneurial accomplishments, demonstrated leadership qualities and professional and/or business affiliations.

The 2016 Rising Stars include:

Ariana Aguilar, chief development officer at the Port Chester Carver Center; Christina Armentano Bowlby, director of human capital management for Paraco Gas; Tiffani Blake, dean of students at The College of New Rochelle; Dan Braude, partner at Wilson Elser; Jordan Brooks, litigation associate at Cuddy & Feder LLP; Katherine Burstein McGinn, CFA, financial advisor at Pell Wealth Partners; Melissa Cebollero, senior director for the

Office of Community Services at the Montefiore Health System; Mark Cermele, partner/owner of Cermele & Wood LLP; Robert Cordero, partner, PKF at O'Connor Davies LLP;

Lucinda Cross, president/CEO of Activate Worldwide Inc.; Jennifer D'Ambrosio, marketing director for Today Media; Joseph Delli Carpini, branch manager for Durante Rentals, LLC; Jordan Garner, associate at Leason Ellis LLP; Kelli Knox, director of information systems at Tommie Copper; Abbey Kumar, founder and CEO of Learn'ique; Raj Kumar, director of the PACT at Mercy College; Christos Kyrratsous, associate director of infectious diseases and viral vector technologies for Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Jacqueline Leahy, communications manager at HEINEKEN USA;

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