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Cashing In on Millionaire

Somers resident Karen Onofrio appeared on the February 23 episode of Who Wants to be a Millionaire? with host Chris Harrison and took home \$5,000 after missing on a question asking for the translation of Justin Bieber's hit song "Despacito."

Immigration Protection Act Resolution Rejected by Yorktown TB Dems

By Rick Pezzullo

An 11th hour resolution introduced by Yorktown councilmen Tom Diana and Ed Lachterman that some residents contended would make the town a so-called sanctuary municipality if it was not adopted was soundly rejected by the three Democrats on the town board last week.

"I'm not in the business of passing resolutions that serve no purpose," said Supervisor Ilan Gilbert. "I believe this speculative resolution to be a political statement. There's nothing in the document that changes the way our town is safeguarded. There's nothing in this

resolution that makes us any safer. Law enforcement would not be hampered in any way."

Since the resolution proposed by Diana and Lachterman was not submitted to Town Clerk Diana Quast until a day before the meeting, Gilbert suggested it be tabled, but Diana and Lachterman insisted a vote be taken since the Westchester County Board of Legislators would be considering an act on February 26 that, in part, "would prohibit local law enforcement and in particular the Westchester County Police from cooperating with immigration (ICE) authorities with

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Lakeland Superintendent Feels Security at Schools is Sound

By Rick Pezzullo

In the wake of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida where 17 students and staff members were killed by a former student who has been expelled for behavioral issues, administrators in schools throughout the country have been reexamining the safety and security procedures in their districts.

In the Lakeland School District, the largest suburban district in Westchester County with approximately 5,900 students in eight school buildings, Superintendent of Schools Dr. George Stone told parents although "there simply is no way to create an environment that can...guarantee" a tragic incident won't occur, the

district is well-prepared.

"I know that parents would like us to say with certainty "this could never happen here," or "we have secured our facilities 100%," but the fact is no one can," Stone stated in an online message. "Unfortunately, some districts may wait for an incident to happen before taking significant steps to enhance and increase their ability to prevent and manage critical incidents. Lakeland takes a very proactive approach to safety and security and fulfilling our promise to place the safety of students, staff, and visitors as our top priority. These steps include mental health services, emergency planning, ongoing training, collaboration

with community partners, technology additions, and building infrastructure improvements."

With much attention centered on the mental health of individuals that carry out the seemingly senseless shootings, Stone maintained Lakeland has been an "industry leader" in providing mental health services to students, families and staff and support services to families and the community.

"Those who commit violent acts are often deeply troubled and in need of mental health services," Stone stated. "We have mental health clinics in our schools, numerous special programs for

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Dr. George Stone

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special needs, guidance counselors, social workers, psychologists, substance abuse counselors and a truly dedicated extended staff that cares deeply about each and every one of our students. In addition, our entire staff has access to a wide range of social services through our Employee Assistance program, at no cost to employees."

In 2016, Lakeland partnered with a safety and security emergency preparedness firm founded by former Yorktown Police Lieutenant John LaPlaca that meets regularly with emergency teams at the district and school levels to provide emergency planning, training, drill evaluations and numerous other interventions.

"All of our buildings are assessed on annual basis to identify any safety risks or

gaps in planning," Stone stated. "Thanks to our very supportive community, we approved major funding for safety and security measures in all of our schools. Security aides, school resource officers, background checking, better secured entries, cameras and monitors throughout our entire campus, new state-of-the-art communications and continual contact and coordination with all of our local,

county and state law enforcement and first responder agencies."

"Our hearts and our thoughts go out to the families and victims in Florida, and from their loss, we will promise to them to work even harder to make sure our children, our staff, and our families in the Lakeland community will never have to experience what they have had to endure," Stone said.

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respect to detained unnaturalized and/or illegal aliens."

"This has nothing to do with immigrants. It's based on a lack of communication in law enforcement," Lachterman said. "This is about safety. This is about law and order."

"This is a resolution so that our police department is not stifled," said Diana, a retired police officer. "It's to give our law enforcement the tools they need to get the job done."

Some residents, such as Yorktown Athletic Club President John Campobasso, shared Diana and Lachterman's views, and encouraged the board to unanimously pass the resolution.

"I don't think this is a party line thing.

This is a safety issue," Campobasso said. "It's about taking away the power from the police from doing their job and that's a mistake."

"If we become a sanctuary city we let illegal people and illegal aliens here that could possibly hurt our children," said 17-year resident Jim Pugliese. "Do you want that on your hands?"

Others, such as Paul Moskowitz, questioned the purpose of the resolution and the rush to judgement.

"I do not understand the consequences of passing or not passing the resolution," he said. "I haven't had any reason to fear immigrants in this town."

Councilwoman Alice Roker said the resolution should not have been on the agenda and whipped out some politi-

cal mailings from last year's election in which the Republican Committee accused her, Gilbert and Councilman Vishnu Patel of supporting making Yorktown a sanctuary town.

"It's a lie. I am a single mother. I would never do anything to this community that would cause harm to anyone," she asserted. "I think what we're doing is fear mongering. I'm amazed by people who are persuaded so easily that voting on a resolution like this will make us safer. It doesn't."

After the resolution was defeated, the board voted unanimously to schedule a town hall meeting on Wednesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. to hear resident's views on the controversial issue.

Meanwhile, the board also voted

unanimously on proposals from Gilbert to establish a Substance Abuse Prevention and Mental Health Committee and an Economic and Business Revitalization Committee.



Taking Care of Shoulder Pain

What you should know about symptoms and treatment options...

Ask the Doctor

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Co-Chief, Orthopedic Surgery
Co-Director, Orthopedic & Spine Institute
Northern Westchester Hospital

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Q: I've been experiencing discomfort when I lift my arm over my head, most often brushing my hair and putting dishes in the cupboard. What could be wrong?

A: Shoulder pain is often because of tendon inflammation or tear, dislocation, arthritis or a broken bone. If you feel pain when you put on your coat or reach into the back seat of the car from the front, you may have a rotator cuff injury. The rotator cuff is a cradle of muscles and tendons that lets you rotate your arm in a full arc. This intricate structure makes it possible for you to do everyday activities like reaching and lifting; you also rely on your rotator cuff while swinging a tennis racquet or golf club or throwing a ball. Injury can result from a fall or lifting something heavy – or it might just be overuse. I often see rotator cuff problems in patients older than 35, as tendons lose elasticity with age.

Q: What should I do?

A: If you're experiencing pain, it's important to see a doctor. A thorough examination is needed to determine the cause of your pain. An orthopedist will check for symptoms such as swelling, weakness, tenderness and any deformities. Additionally, imaging with MRI and X-ray will assist in a diagnosis. Treatment options will

vary. Most often rest, modified activities, and physical therapy will be needed. To reduce inflammation and pain, medication or injections, such as cortisone shots, may be used. Surgery will be required to resolve some shoulder problems.

Q: What can I expect if I need surgery?

A: If there is a tear, I'll recommend surgery to repair it. Using a minimally invasive arthroscopic technique, I'm able to repair a rotator cuff as an outpatient procedure and patients can expect to be home within a few hours. For more serious problems such as severe arthritis, degenerative joint disease, or chronic rotator cuff deficiency, shoulder replacement surgery is often necessary. Patients can expect to leave the hospital after one or two days. Arm movement is limited for about six weeks while the tissue around the new joint heals. Most patients return to normal activities after three months, and shoulder replacements typically last a lifetime.

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Protestors Outside Cuomo's House Demand Pipeline Study

By Anna Young

Environmental activists gathered outside Governor Andrew Cuomo's Mount Kisco home Sunday afternoon to urge him to release a risk assessment study he ordered on the Enbridge/Spectra AIM pipeline project near Indian Point two years ago.

The group of activists, Healing and Protecting Our Land Together: A Call to Prayer, led an interfaith vigil on Bittersweet Lane where more than 100 attendees continued their statewide "Walk the Talk" campaign, calling on Cuomo to stop the buildout of fracked-gas infrastructure.

"We are here for the millions of people whose lives are at risk by a pipeline running by their homes or their children's schools and who have to live in constant fear of a possible accident," said Croton-on-Hudson resident Paola DalleCarbonare, co-founder of Healing and Protecting. "We are here to pray and support the governor in finding the strength and the courage to show leadership today as his father...did when he shut down the Shoreham nuclear plant as it was a danger to his constituents."

With Indian Point projected to close by 2021, activists stressed the importance of understanding the potential risks the high-pressure transmission gas pipeline poses with nearly 2,700 tons of radioactive spent fuel rods stored indefinitely on-site. In the event of an explosion, they fear the release of radioactivity could threaten more than 20 million people who live within the plant's 50-mile radius.

Dr. Courtney Williams, a Peekskill resident and cancer researcher who has battled Spectra Energy for several years, explained that officials need to address the safety risks of the pipeline before they complete decommissioning plans or a reuse study for the Indian Point property in Buchanan. She added that it's "ludicrous" to have three gas pipelines running under 40 years of radiated spent fuel.

"He's (Cuomo) touting himself as an environmentalist to the press but he's building fracked gas pipelines, fracked gas power plants, all kinds of fossil fuel infrastructure that he's allowing to be

built in New York State, and that's where this "Walk the Talk" comes from because on TV he sounds awesome, but I live here 400 feet from a massive gas pipeline he could have stopped," Williams said. "I do want him to walk the talk and I'm sick of raising my family in the blast radius of the gas pipeline."

Sister Bette Ann Jaster, a Dominican Sister of Hope, led the vigil. She requested those who gathered to breathe the air and appreciate the water, sky, trees and ground below them before leading them in prayer for a safe and healthy future.

"We're not the only county that's experiencing the ravages of pipelines, but we have Indian Point and its nuclear reactors and its spent fuel rods that have been here for a very long time," Jaster said during the vigil held despite persistent rain. "We have no risk assessment here. We're calling on the governor to give it us because we're tired of waiting. If it's bad news we need to know what it is to protect ourselves and our children."

"It is of ethical urgency that this report be released so we can move forward working together to protect our neigh-

borhood, our Westchester County, our New York State and our surrounding lands," said Karen Killeen, a member of The Thomas Berry Forum.

Protestors also requested Cuomo halt all fossil fuel infrastructure projects throughout the state, including the Competitive Power Ventures gas power plant, the Atlantic Bridge project, the Cricket Valley gas power plant, The Valley Lateral pipeline, Williams Rockaway pipeline, among others. They also want the entire state shifted to renewable energy by 2030.

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Lowey Calls on Students, Police to Talk School Safety

By Anna Young

Westchester high school students and local law enforcement joined Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) for a gun violence and prevention forum Friday in the wake of the Florida high school massacre that killed 17 people.

Lowey invited students to discuss the controversial issue after Blind Brook High School students Kevin O'Neill and Ryan Bachmann reached out to her expressing their fears and frustration about gun violence in schools and communities across the nation.

The issue has once again been pushed to the forefront after the Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

"This is the headline in every newspaper, in every news program, and I know from my perspective I am tired of standing in Congress for a moment of silence to remember victims," Lowey said. "It's time for us to do something about it."

Throughout the hour-long discussion held at the White Plains Public Library, students discussed the need for practical gun safety reform, gun violence prevention, increased school security and whether teachers should carry firearms.

Joseph Kennedy, a sophomore at Iona Preparatory School, said every student and faculty member must wear an iden-



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

More than a dozen high school students from around Westchester County and officers from local police departments joined Rep. Nita Lowey in White Plains Feb. 23 for a roundtable discussion on gun violence and how schools can be made safer.

tification card daily and all doors remain locked. He said the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Conn. in December 2012 forced his school to bolster safety protocols.

Frank Williams, director of the White Plains Youth Bureau, added that the White Plains School District constantly reviews and strengthens its safety measures.

Horace Greeley High School Junior Ari Silver said recent events has ignited a slight change in the Chappaqua School District. He said he wants more transparency between the student body and administration to address increased security concerns throughout the district, adding that it is too easy for anyone to walk into several entrances at the high school.

"I think there should be change because if we keep it this way I think something could happen," Silver said. "I think we need more security, I think we need IDs and I think we need more checkpoints and I just think we need to be more open and students need to talk to the administration about this."

O'Neill echoed a similar sentiment,

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Police Blotter

Peekskill Police

February 19

Three men, Charles Pritchett, 65, of the Bronx, John Brown, 58, and Mark Mair, 58, both of Peekskill, with lengthy arrest records, are facing several charges related to the possession and sale of heroin following the execution of several search warrants at 118 Old Bay Street in Peekskill and on a vehicle belonging to Pritchett, which was stopped in the Village of Croton.



John Brown



Mark Mair



Charles Pritchett

Peekskill Police and members of the Westchester County Heroin and Opiate Task Force recovered more than 200 bags of heroin and seized Pritchett's 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe which was being used to transport heroin from the Bronx to Peekskill where the drugs were being sold by Brown and Mair. The heroin being

sold was linked to multiple overdoses in the area.

Westchester County Police

On February 21, Westchester County Police arrested Thomas Corrigan, 53, of Cortlandt, and seized 17 pounds of marijuana and four illegal handguns after

executing a search warrant at his Richmond Place home.



Thomas Corrigan

An investigation by detectives came after county police received a tip about illegal activity at a residence in the Lake Allendale section of town. Detectives from the General Investigations Unit entered the home and discovered a marijuana grow operation in the basement. In addition, four handguns were seized.

Corrigan was charged with Criminal Possession of Marijuana 1st Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd Degree, felonies, as well as Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a misdemeanor. He was being held at Westchester County Jail in Valhalla in lieu of bail.

State Police

February 17

State Police from SP Hawthorne arrested Sergio P. Sosa Guerrero, 40, of Ossining, for DWI. He was traveling on the Sprain Brook Parkway in the City of Yonkers when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from SP East Fishkill arrested Kevin F. Lang, 31, of Mahopac, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 121 in the Town of Southeast when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from SP Mohegan Lake arrested Omar E. Rubio, 25, of Peekskill, for DWI. He was traveling on Route 9

in the Town of Cortlandt when he was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that he was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

February 18

State Police from SP Hawthorne arrested Margolyn L. Rattray, 20, of Ossining, for DWI. She was traveling on the Sprain Brook Parkway in the City of Yonkers when she was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that she was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

February 19

State Police from the Wappinger barracks charged Elisha Henry, 23, of Peekskill, with sexual abuse in the first degree, a Class D felony, after receiving a complaint of sexual conduct with a victim under the age of 11 years old. An investigation revealed Henry had allegedly engaged in sexual contact with the victim in the Town of Wappinger. He was remanded to Dutchess County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 cash bail or \$20,000 bond. On February 23, Henry was arrested for two additional felonies after investigation determined he also sexually abused the child victim in the City of Peekskill.

State Police from SP Cortlandt arrested Nicaumy Gonzalez, 30, of Peekskill, for DWI. She was traveling on Route 9 in the Town of Cortlandt when she was stopped for a vehicle and traffic law violation. Investigation revealed that she was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

State Police from SP Cortlandt arrested Meredith A. Donahue, 36, of Croton-on-Hudson, for DWI. She was traveling in the Town of Cortlandt when she was involved in a motor vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that she was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

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Yorktown Police

February 14

11:25 p.m. – Two Carmel residents were arrested following a traffic stop on Lexington Avenue. David Gonzalez, 44, was charged with criminal possession of a gravity knife, violating an order of protection and unlawful possession of marijuana, while Jessica Taylor, 21, was charged with criminal possession of a burning marijuana cigarette. They were both remanded to Westchester County Jail without bail.

February 15

7:15 p.m. – Nestor Veintimilla, 40, of Ossining, was charged with assault in the third degree regarding a February 4 incident at a soccer game in an adult soccer league where he allegedly struck a victim in the face, causing physical injury to his mouth.

February 19

4:10 p.m. – Aaron Sabater, 27, of Yorktown, was charged with assault in the third degree following a February 15 incident where he allegedly grabbed and struck a victim multiple times and threw the victim against the wall, causing pain and injury.

February 21

2:40 a.m. – Phillip Dehayes, 30, of Peekskill, and Joseph Oyola, 37, of Mohegan Lake, were arrested after police observed a vehicle driving in the Shell gas station on East Main Street with the passenger side open and the passenger hanging out of the vehicle. Dehayes was charged with unlawfully possessing an hypodermic instrument, while Oyola was charged with driving with a suspended registration and without insurance.

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stating how an intruder can enter Blind Brook High School if they look like a teenager.

"The thing that scares me the most is that not much has changed at all," Bachmann said. "The change needs to start with the people buying guns and the school should make changes but there's not much they can do when someone like that who's so scary and so determined is walking in with such a scary weapon."

Few students felt teachers should be armed as a majority agreed they would feel safer with an increased police presence. Several said that police officers are trained to handle a firearm and face an active shooter; meanwhile, educators should focus on teaching.

"As law enforcement we know what we sign up for and I know I signed up to protect you guys," New Castle Police Officer Michelle Mazzacchi said. "We are trained yearly, multiple times a year and we signed up to protect, and a teacher signed up to help you guys further your education."

Students felt strongly that there should be stricter background checks and guns laws and reinstatement of the assault rifle ban.

"That (AR-15) has been a popular choice of gun by most shooters in mass shootings that we've seen recently, and the same gun has been used in our military and is almost identical to the M-16 rifle and that is the most popular gun in our military right now," Pleasantville High School sophomore Ryan Burton

said. "How are we letting these weapons of war get into the hands of our civilians and why are we? It's not right. Something has to be done against this."

Lowey said the National Rifle Association (NRA) must collaborate with government officials to help devise sensible gun legislation or face the public's wrath.

White Plains High School junior Nathaniel Garcia agreed that assault rifles should be removed from society. He acknowledged that most gun owners use AR-15 rifles for recreational use and suggested that shooting ranges make them available for rental so patrons can use them in a controlled environment without owning them.

Pleasantville Police Detective Morgan Cole-Hatchard added that gun owners

should have to renew their gun permits. She said after an individual obtains a permit there's no follow up, but circumstances could change during a person's life that should require a renewal process.

Lowey encouraged students to bring their concerns to school officials in their districts to press for change so their focus can remain on their education instead of safety. She said she would bring their suggestions to Washington in an effort to end the nation's gun crisis.

"I am hoping that at least the background checks issue, the assault weapon rifle issue can be dealt with in this Congress and that members will have a backbone and stand up to the NRA because unfortunately money is too powerful a weapon," Lowey said.

Murphy, Panel Tackle Sober Home Reform at Pace Forum

By Anna Young

State Senator Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) hosted a public forum last week with members of a Senate task force, health care experts and residents to gather information that can be used to regulate sober living homes.

With the homes currently not licensed or funded by state or local government and no requirement to offer formal treatment services, Murphy has charged that the residences are more focused on profit than recovery.

Sober home residents typically pay their own rent and are self-reliant but are monitored around the clock. It is designed to help recovering addicts who have completed inpatient or outpatient programs transition back into society.

"The function of a sober home is to act as a safe setting for someone with the need to avoid drugs and alcohol," Murphy said at the February 15 forum at Pace University in Pleasantville. "There are currently no rules on how to run a sober



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Pictured, left to right, are Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, state Sen. George Amedore, Sen. Terrence Murphy and Senator Fred Akshar at last week's forum on imposing state regulation and oversight on sober living homes for recovering addicts and alcoholics around the state.

home. We want to bring light and share information that can ultimately lead to a set of standards for these facilities."

James and Catherine McWilliam, whose 18-year-old son Hank overdosed and died in 2015 at Constellations Re-

covery in on Underhill Avenue in Yorktown, stressed that sober living homes aren't properly caring for residents and must be regulated.

Catherine McWilliam said sober living is an unnecessary business and the system is "garbage."

"The fact that we have to sit here and actually ask – no beg – for somebody to regulate these places is insane. Why would this not be regulated?" McWilliam said. "Hank is not the first person to have died in sober living in the State of New York and he probably won't be the last one, but this is about saving the next life and doing the right thing. It's not about politics, it's about common sense and there needs to be regulation and rules and real ones – real certifications, real education, all that needs to be real, not just talked about."

Yorktown resident Pia Rivero said there's an urgent need for uniform legislation covering the classification, operation, oversight and review of sober living residences. She added the concerns Yorktown residents had when Constellations opened after they fought for stronger regulations and certifications were dismissed.

Stephanie Marquesano, who heads The Harris Project, said the model failed her 19-year-old son Harris. He died of an accidental overdose 36 hours after being

discharged from a sober home in 2013.

Sen. Frank Akshar (R-Binghamton), a member of the Senate Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Addiction, shared his regrets that the state hadn't exercised adequate due diligence to put forth legislation to prevent both deaths. He told Marquesano and McWilliam that their sons didn't die in vain.

"This is why we have asked the community, drug and alcohol treatment providers and the people on the front lines running these houses, to come here this evening," said Sen. George Amedore, Jr. (R-Rotterdam). "We want grassroots information that is pertinent so we can fix the system before another family has to suffer."

Maureen McKenna, assistant director for Rockaway Houses, said that sober houses are necessary for recovery. She said her facility is funded on the belief that every individual needs to be willing to change.

"We are not in this for the money, and many of our house managers and staff are former clients," she said. "We have the experience and we know how to run safe sober homes, and more than willing to work with legislators to establish standards that would improve clients' chances for recovery."

County Executive George Latimer said Westchester is currently working to provide support to treatment and recovery programs, advising the task force to improve enforcement, insurance and education. He added that the county will cooperate with the task force, adding that the topic is the "most bipartisan issue within the state."

Judge James Reitz, who has overseen the Putnam County Judicial Diversion/Treatment Court since 2007, emphasized the importance of allocating funds to help people receive treatment and successfully transition back into society.

"If we all work together and pool our resources and have a common interest in working together and solving this problem, there is no issue, whether it's drugs, alcohol, heroin, whatever it is, we can and will solve this," Reitz said.

Sharp Shooter

Arturo Macchia of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Shrub Oak will be competing in the National Elks Free Throw Contest held in Chicago on April 2. Macchia has already won at his school, Yorktown district, and the southern and northern regions of Westchester and Rockland. He is heading to Syracuse on Saturday, March 3 to compete for the state championship.



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Obituaries

William "Buster" Brown, III

William H. Brown III "Buster," a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, formerly of Ossining, died suddenly on February 16. He was 70.



William H. Brown
III

Mr. Brown worked as an area manager for AT & T Service Inc. He had an extensive career in the telephone and computer network industry. He was born March 27, 1947 in Ossining to William H. Brown Jr and Erma Wilkins Davis. He graduated

from Ossining High School in 1965 and attended Dominican College and Westchester Community College. Mr. Brown served in the Army from 1966 to 1968. He was a member of the VFW in Yorktown.

On June 21, 1969, he married Cynthia DeRocco in Ossining. Mr. Brown lived in Croton-on-Hudson for the past 43 years coming from Ossining. He was a 50+ year active member of the Ossining Fire Department, Steamer Co. #1. He served as Captain, President, Commissioner as well as many other leadership roles. He was a recipient of the New York State firefight-

er of the year award in 2001. Buster also volunteered for the Croton Fire Department. He was also a member of the Road Knights, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), and the Mahopac Golf Club.

He will be remembered for his love and devotion for his family and time spent with his grandchildren. He will also be remembered for his witty sense of humor, strong friendships, love of classic cars and motorcycles and his days spent on the golf course. He will be remembered by many for his leadership and devotion to the Ossining Fire Department. He is survived by his wife Cynthia, daughters Jennifer Laemmel (Bruce), Susan O'Connell (James), grandchildren Cooper, Bryce, Avery, Sophie and Gavin, sister Patti Anfiteatro (Peter) and brother Michael Brown (Kelly). Family members who died earlier include his mother and father.

Robert Longobardi

Robert Francis Longobardi, a resident of Jefferson Valley, died peacefully in his home on February 18. He was 86.

He was born in Yonkers on January 29, 1932, the son of Luigi and Alphonsina (Sammarco) Longobardi. He graduated from Manhattan College with a bach-

elor's degree and worked in finance for General Foods, Beechnut-Lifesavers, and Nestle Co. He was also Comptroller of ATI Oil Company before co-owning Catskill Fuel based in Liberty, NY.

He was a proud veteran and officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and earned the rank of 1st Lieutenant. He loved boating in the Long Island Sound as well as fishing and swimming in Naples, FL where he has resided as a snow bird for many years.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Patricia; three children, Jeane Coletti (Wayne), Mark Longobardi, DMD, and Diane Baker (Richard); nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Catherine Travis

Catherine B. Travis, a resident of Cortlandt, formerly of Croton-on-Hudson, died February 19. She was 93.

She was born on September 21, 1924 in Peekskill. She is survived by her beloved children, Joyce Bollmann, Barbara Salvatore and David Travis; caring sister, Emma Luposello; cherished grandchildren, Dawn, John and Daniel; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and many loving nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her granddaughter Alisa.

Kelli Hoover

Kelli Claudette Hoover, a lifelong Peekskill resident, died February 19. She was 47.

She graduated from PHS in 1989 and worked for almost 20 years as an operator for Verizon in Peekskill. She is survived by her mother, Jennifer Hoover, daughter, Kylea Mulligan, her aunt, Michele Grier, and a host of cousins.

Nicola Saladino

Nicola "Nick" Saladino, a resident of Verplanck, died February 17. He was 79.

He was born in Rome, Italy to Domenico and Rosa Saladino. He was a self-employed painting contractor. He loved his family, spending time in Florida, movies, animals and the Yankees. He was a member of Our Lady Mt. Carmel in Verplanck.

He is survived by his wife Marge, his children, Laurie (Steve) Fonseca, Dominick, Michael (Jenn), Thomas (Elissa), grandchildren, Alex, Mikayla, Ryan, Nicholas and Gianna, sisters, Graziella "Grace" Vasta, Domenica "Mimi" Settembre and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Rosario.

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Letters to the Editor

Clearing the Air on Controversial Resolution in Yorktown

To the Editor:

There have been many questions regarding the Resolution that we, as councilmen, put forward and voted on. We would like to make sure that all understand the process and the intention of this resolution. First and foremost, a Resolution is not a law nor is it open for public hearings. It is a communication from the board, in this case to the County Board of Legislators (CBL), letting the recipient know how the Town Board feels about an issue. Sometimes it is accolades and sometimes it is communicating what our opinions on a matter are.

We are questioning the County's Immigration Protection Act. This Act, which is on the CBL agenda for discussion this Monday, concerns the County's cooperation with Federal Law Enforcement

regarding detained unnaturalized and/or illegal aliens. We are simply stating that we feel that Yorktown should not be asked to be uncooperative with Federal Law Enforcement as it will hamper the effectiveness of our police. We also ask that the CBL should speak with local law enforcement on this issue before moving ahead with it and consider the ramifications to this act in respect to safety of our citizens and eligibility of federal grants. We are also calling into question the Constitutionality of this Act under the rights of Equal Protection under the Law. That is all we are asking of the CBL, not only as councilmen but in our responsibility as commissioners of the Yorktown Police.

There has been criticism by Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Patel and Ms. Roker on the amount of time given for this resolution. A draft was

sent to them 24 hours before the meeting. There was a corrected version that was not finished until 2 p.m. on Tuesday and not sent out until 4 p.m., which is regrettable. Our intention to move this was simply a desire for the CBL to receive this in time for their discussion on the 26th. It is an issue that has been before the Town Board before and that Ms. Roker and Mr. Gilbert have spoken about. It is an issue that was central to the campaign that all three of them ran on. It is also an issue that we would assume that any Town Board Member that is also a Commissioner of Police would have a strong opinion on. It is very disingenuous to say, as Ms. Roker and Mr. Gilbert said, that there was not enough time to discuss this. Mr. Gilbert said that there were parts he agreed with, which he read aloud, but also stated that there

were parts that he did not and remained silent on. What is there to disagree with? It talks of protecting our citizens and law enforcement and asks for the County not to disregard the input from all groups. At least that was better than Mr. Patel's excuse that he voted no because he did not read the Resolution. Bottom line is that we have been elected to make decisions for the safety and security of the Town of Yorktown and its citizens. When it comes to laws, there are public hearings. When it comes to OUR Resolutions, decisions are based on OUR beliefs that we were elected on. We would assume that these are not moving targets, but rooted beliefs.

ED LACHTERMAN
Yorktown Councilman
THOMAS DIANA
Councilman

The Sanctuary Set-Up in Yorktown

To the Editor:

The two Republican Councilmen placed a last-minute resolution on Yorktown Town Board's agenda on Feb. 20.

Their resolution said "don't make Yorktown a Sanctuary town." But Yorktown is NOT a Sanctuary town, and there is no effort to make it one. The county legislature may again take up the Immigrant Protection Act in the coming weeks -- but even if it passes, it will not make Yorktown a Sanctuary town.

But the Councilmen's meaningless resolution is not my point.

My point is that a usually empty meeting room was crowded with pro-resolution people, fully prepared, with typed remarks, ready to speak in favor of this

last-minute measure. Maybe it was the 'heads up' on the Yorktown Republican Facebook page at 7:47AM, long before the 4PM agenda was available.

It was added well after the deadline to put items on the agenda, because the two Councilmen claimed it was an "emergency." Does this sound like an emergency to you?

Somehow the Councilmen managed to alert their supporters to come prepared and told them about the resolution long before any other Yorktown residents knew about it.

Supervisor Gilbert called for a public hearing before voting on this measure, which some of the board members had not even had a chance to properly review.

The two Councilmen rejected that, which reveals that they have no interest in actually debating the core issue. If they did, they would support Supervisor Gilbert's proposal to give all Yorktown residents an opportunity to speak on this subject. Then, with input and compromise from both sides, the whole board could rewrite the resolution together. Especially since Supervisor Gilbert stated there were many items in the resolution he could support.

But the two Councilmen aren't interested in our input, or in input from their colleagues. They're only interested in capitalizing on a wedge issue -- and in wasting time with a meaningless and divisive vote on their meaningless and divisive resolution.

So Gilbert's olive branch was snapped by the two Republican Councilmen, who demanded a vote knowing it would be 3-2 against. No politician in their right mind calls for a vote they will lose unless their motive is not to win, but only to get their opponents on the record -- purely a political motive. Maybe on behalf of future candidates for election.

Get ready for their false outrage! There will be editorials and letters claiming Yorktown is now a Sanctuary town. They know it's not true, and they're just trying to drum up fury over a toothless resolution that has absolutely no impact on the town either way.

Kind Regards,

MARK A. LIEBERMAN

Lachterman and Diana are Trying to Use Partisan Tactics

To the Editor:

The opinion piece submitted by Yorktown

Councilman Ed Lachterman (in the February 21 issue) confirms that there is indeed

an air of hypocrisy emanating from Town Hall and the source is Mr. Lachterman and Mr. Diana. They can't seem to accept their Party's defeat in November and are now involved in partisan tactics designed to undermine progress and change.

First, to be completely transparent, I want to acknowledge that I am a registered Democrat, however I am not a Party "Regular." During my time here in Yorktown, I have voted twice for Republican candidates whose views and policies corresponded with my own. Like many Yorktowners I believe that the quality of the candidate supersedes their party affiliation. Secondly, I was a frequent critic of the prior Supervisor and his Administration because I had a fundamental disagreement about the appropriate role of Government in our Town.

Let me get to the substance (or lack thereof) of the criticisms. First, nowhere in the

commentary is the experience and competency of the Oxman Law Group questioned. Mr. Oxman served as a Town Justice from 1976-1984. The Firm has extensive experience in Municipal, Tax, Employment, Real Estate, Land Use and Zoning, and Civil Rights Law. Most recently, Mr. Oxman has consulted with George Latimer's Transition team regarding the County's Department of Law. Should being a Democrat disqualify an expert competent law firm? As Supervisor Gilbert has stated, the temporary appointment of a multi-specialty firm will best protect the interests of the Town until a permanent Attorney can be appropriately vetted. Let's not forget that Mr. McDermott was not discharged, he resigned giving little notice. Would Mr. Lachterman suggest that the Town should be unrepresented until a candidate that passes his political litmus

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Letters to the Editor

Citizen's Safety Should Come Before NRA Donations

To the Editor:

Here we go again, another mass shooting in America and innocent lives lost with automatic/semi-automatic weapons in the hands of a deranged young person. A line in the song from the 60s "When will it ever end?" As long as we have a Congress and President that appear to be bought off by the millions of dollars that the gun lobby hands out to influence them, the carnage in America will never end. After 500 people were shot by semi-automatic weapons which were converted into automatically weapons (an AR 15 assault weapon converted to an automatic weapon by device which even after 500 people were shot in Las Vegas they didn't bring up to vote to

ban the device that converts semi-automatic weapon into a weapon of mass war or mass killing in seconds.

The gun people say it's not the weapon but the mental person behind it. Well I say any weapon that killed hundreds of people in minutes facilitates killing. The Second Amendment says Americans have a right to protect themselves with a gun. When the Second Amendment was passed in the 1770s there were single shot rifles and muskets. Our children are our most valuable answer and they are being mowed down (combine Newtown and now the latest mass shooting.)

Our people are living in terror, shootings in malls, entertainment centers

(Aurora Colorado) and restaurants. But certain politicians are set on collecting millions from gun lobbyists while carnage is going on. The congressmen were lucky in Virginia at the softball game security guard stopped possibly 20 or 30 being wiped out by a shooter outside Washington. I wonder if we would have lost 20 congressman to that shooter if they were passed legislation to protect the people who elect them or would they just continue to sit on their fat wallets that the NRA and gun lobbyist fill up?

In every state where your congressman don't protect you but condone mass killings of innocent Americans they should be voted out of office, whether they are

Republican or Democrat. The safety of American citizens should come before donations by the NRA. Let's hope our president and Congress wake up and save the free American way of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Also, a pistol held by a teacher or security guard is no match against a deranged mass killer hell-bent on killing a large number of people in a short period of time. "Where have all the flowers gone? Where have all the children gone? Come to the graveyards..." Thanks to congressmen and presidents who band to the whims of the gun lobbyists.

Sincerely Yours,

GEORGE ONDEK
Peekskill

Sen. Murphy: Support Stronger Gun Laws

To the Editor:

After yet another horrific school shooting, it's time to once again examine legislation -- real laws, not empty words -- about keeping our kids and communities safer.

Sen. Murphy is on the record opposing the SAFE Act. He's on the wrong side of every debate about this issue, and as a mother and a constituent, I call on him

to support these two pieces of legislation currently in the state Senate:

- The Extreme Risk Protection Order ("ERPO", S5447). This measure is essentially a gun restraining order that prohibits people from having guns if a court deems them a danger to themselves or others. Similar measures have been proven to reduce suicide rates in states that have

adopted them over the past five years.

- Firearm Research Institute (S4363), which would allocate money for research on gun violence.

Sen. Murphy, it's not too late to get on the right side of this issue. We'll remember in November.

GWEN GLAZER
Yorktown Heights

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Business of the Week

Augie's Prime Cut Mohegan Lake

By Neal Rentz

There is a particular reason that Augie's Prime Cut received its name.

Cortlandt resident Audrey Hochroth said last week Augie is the name of the establishment because when she was a youngster her sister, Jennifer, could not pronounce her name and the nickname Augie stuck with her. Prime cut refers to the steaks offered at the eatery.

Hochroth co-owns the restaurant with her husband, Sal Barone. She said the specialties at her restaurant include steaks and seafood. "We also sell a lot of prime rib," she said. "We slow roast them. And not a lot of restaurants these days seem to sell prime rib."

Augie's cuts its own meat. "It's all prime and really doesn't need too many seasonings," Hochroth said. "Skirt steak is also a big seller here. We probably have the best skirt steak in the county."

Unlike typical steakhouses, the cost of a steak at Augie's includes a salad and choice of a starch, Hochroth said. Another unique feature from a typical steakhouse, Augie's offers hamburgers. The restaurant also offers a lunch special that provides a free entrée with the purchase of an entrée at the same or



PHOTO BY NEAL RENTZ

Cortlandt resident Audrey Hochroth co-owns Augie's Prime Cut with her husband Sal Barone. She is shown above with the restaurant's bartender Manny Lopez of Mohegan Lake near Augie's new raw seafood bar.

higher price.

Augie's Prime Cut has been in operation in Mohegan Lake for the past nine years. The couple chose Mohegan Lake as the site of their new restaurant because "there were no places like this to go" in the local area, Hochroth recalled. Prior to Augie's opening, the couple would go to New York City, lower

Westchester County or Connecticut for a steak dinner, Hochroth said.

Two years ago, the couple opened Rooster's Wings and Grill, across the Cortlandt Town Center, about a mile down the road from Augie's on Route 6.

Augie's has an upstairs seating area for parties and group events and a patio is open seasonally in the warmer weather

months.

Though Augie's has been successful, the owners of the eatery are not resting on their laurels. The restaurant was renovated three months ago to create a new redecorated and expanded drink bar and a new raw seafood bar, which offers fresh oysters, clams, crab legs, lobster and shrimp.

A key to the success of Augie's is the couple's willingness to change, Hochroth said. "People just love change," she said. "Things get stale otherwise."

"Making all our guests happy" has also been an important component in Augie's success, Hochroth noted.

Hochroth and her husband have been giving back to the community. "A very big cause close to our hearts is Autism Speaks," she said. "I have a severely Autistic child who is now an adult." Niki Barone is now 26 and lives in a group home in Yorktown.

Proceeds from the sale of Fat Sal's Steak Sauce are donated to Autism Speaks, Hochroth said.

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Four students won Gold Key Awards: Charlotte Martabano for her novel *The Hidden Demon*, Gabriella Parisi for her poem "Kit-Kat", Amelia Sheridan for her poem "The Mountain and Me", and Sophia Slezak for her art portfolio "Fantastical Fiction".

Gold Key winners are automatically entered for adjudication in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards at the national level. Those results will be announced in March.

All winners are invited to attend the Regional Awards Ceremony held on Sunday, March 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY to recognize their outstanding work.

Award Winners

GOLD KEY AWARDS

Amelia Sheridan for her poem "The Mountain and Me"
 Gabriella Parisi for her poem "Kit-Kat"
 Charlotte Martabano for her novel *The Hidden Demon*
 Sophia Slezak for her art portfolio "Fantastical Fiction"

SILVER KEY AWARDS

Lily Mandel-Muller for her poem "Deterring Dementia"
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 Nicholas Cirillo for his novel *Cyber War*
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Taylor Faust - 2 honorable mentions for poems "The Monster of Anxiety" and "The Lava from Within"
 Juliet LaBella for her poem "Watching Anxiety"
 Bennett Leitner for his poem "Hurricane Baller"

Robert Moore for his poem "America's Super Glue"

Hudson Schantz for his flash fiction "The Ashes of My Heart"

Archit Shankar for his novel *The Good and the Bad*

Jack Silverman for his novel *A Little Boy from Texas*

Charlie Stone for his poem "An Anxious Song"

Lindsey Wagner for her poem "Black Night"

Jaewon Yeo - 2 honorable mentions for poems "Purple Waves of Silk"

and her short story "The Fight for Gold"

Gabriella Parisi for her novel *Heartbeat*

Ray Mandel-Mueller for his novel *The Jaguar King*

Sean Moran for his novel *The Dictator's Room*

Emma Kaseta for her poem "Our Love Was a Sandcastle"

Avery Piken for her poem "Trapped"

Kyra Durham for her poem "Shoah"

Danielle Grillo for her poem "Path to Success"

Samara Miller for her poems "The Allegory of the Jungle" and "Swans Reflecting Elephants"

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Elizabeth "Liz" Finnegan

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Parkinson's Sufferers Find Improved Health, Life with Table Tennis

By Anna Young

The Westchester Table Tennis Center held its first-ever tournament featuring competitors who have been battling Parkinson's disease Saturday afternoon.

Seven players from throughout the region, and one from Denmark arrived in Pleasantville for the inaugural Winter Championship for Players With Parkinson's, which allowed their skill level to shine.

The tournament was organized by Croton-on-Hudson resident Nenad Bach, a member of the table tennis center who founded the club's Ping Pong Parkinson's Night last year. The weekly program helps players by raising awareness for the disease and improving the physical and emotional health of those diagnosed.

Bach, who has had Parkinson's for six years, said playing table tennis has significantly reduced his symptoms and has helped him live life more fully. He said that the sport develops or modifies new



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

The players who competed in last Saturday afternoon's Winter Championship for Players With Parkinson's at the Westchester Table Tennis Center in Pleasantville. Also pictured is the table tennis center's owner Will Shortz, far left.

neurons in the brain. Now, Bach is motivated to bring his findings to an international level to benefit the more than 10 million people who suffer from Parkinson's.

"I love it. For me it's boring to walk or lift weights but playing ping-pong is exciting," said Bach, who finished sec-

ond in last Saturday's competition. "It's extending my life and I'm living my life."

Bach added that table tennis helps players remain agile, focused, coordinated and happy.

"People are here smiling like babies," he said. "We are creating or recreating some new neurons and it's exciting to say

the least."

Yorktown resident Helena Rodriguez said playing table tennis for one hour eases her symptoms for two or three days. Rodriguez, who was diagnosed nine years ago, said she feels a sense of "euphoria" after a session.

World Parkinson Congress ambassador Elisabeth Ildal trekked from Copenhagen, Denmark to participate in the competition. Ildal travels around the world raising awareness for Parkinson's in hopes of accelerating the discovery of a cure and cultivate best treatment practices. She said table tennis increases the dopamine functions in the brain and improves the physical symptoms associated with the disease.

"We're going to play ping-pong all over the world," she said. "We're going to make this something big."

The tournament championship was captured by Margie Alley. The other players who participated were Arlon Bennett, Jose Ortiz and Bruce Ballard.

Lachterman and Diana are Trying to Use Partisan Tactics

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test is found? That would be a dereliction of his responsibility to act in the Town's best interests. In addition, contrary to the claim, The Oxman Law Group was not appointed by Supervisor Gilbert, the majority voted in favor. Sorry Ed but this is democracy, your majority lost.

The commentary seems to imply that the Oxman Law Group should not have been considered because of their involvement in a law suit against the Town. Mr. Lachterman's

characterization of this lawsuit as "frivolous and politically motivated" is totally unfounded. In fact, I don't believe the plaintiff is a registered Democrat and has been a critic of Administrations, both Democratic and Republican. Does Mr. Lachterman not believe in a citizen's right to pursue the legal process? He seems to have a very short memory about the previous Supervisor suing the Town to reduce his property tax assessment while he served as Supervisor, and his private representation of a Town Contractor.

Finally, the complaint regarding lack of transparency rings hollow. The Supervisor and his majority passed a Resolution that was not on the proposed agenda in 2017 and which Council members were not given the opportunity to review. Despite being in the minority Mr. Diana and Mr. Lachterman tried to engineer a similar action at the Board Meeting on February 20th. The item was not placed on the agenda until earlier the same day and interestingly there seemed to be an organ-

ized group of proponents attempting to bully the majority of the Board to vote in favor. It did not work.

Yes, there is the stench of hypocrisy emanating from Town Hall and the majority of voting and informed Yorktown residents are aware of the source. They took action to eradicate some of it in November, and will have the opportunity to clear the air again.

MELVYN R. TANZMAN
Mohegan Lake

Why It's Harder to Buy Your Dream Home Today

Both by personal experience and anecdotally, I have been observing for some months that buyers are encountering challenges in finding and buying their dream home. Now a poll conducted last month by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) underscores that observation and reveals the reasons behind the challenge.

The NAHB regularly conducts national polls of American adults and home buyers so that new trends and preferences in the housing market can be better understood. The following findings of the organization's most recent poll were presented at the 2018 International Builders' Show in Orlando, FL.

That poll revealed that most prospective home buyers actively involved in the search for a home have been looking for a significant amount of time. In fact, 61% have been trying to find a home to buy for three months or more.

Why is it that prospective home buyers have been unable to find a home after searching for three months or longer?

According to the findings of the poll, 42% say they can't find a home at a price they can afford, 36% can't find a home with the features they want, 34% can't find a home in the neighborhood they want, and 27% were able to overcome all these obsta-

cles but continue to get outbid whenever they make an offer.

At the same time, especially in our area, home prices are overheating because of a limited inventory of homes for sale. Home prices have been rising at a rapid pace in the past year – faster than income growth and inflation.

Two-thirds of buyers are shopping for more than three months before signing a deal, according to the NAHB survey.

Home prices increased in 92 percent of the nation's measured housing markets at the end of last year, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Homes today are selling in about 40 days on average, almost two weeks faster than a year ago. But it is taking a lot longer for shoppers to find a home to buy.

"It's the inventory problem that we're having out there that is causing these long delays in pulling the trigger," said Rose Quint, assistant vice president for survey research at the NAHB. "It's lack of affordability, although the other problems are serious as well."

About a third of those surveyed said they couldn't find a home with features they wanted or in a neighborhood they wanted. Twenty-seven percent said they

kept getting outbid on their offers. Bidding wars are now the rule, not the exception, in most major U.S. markets.

Home prices rose in 92 percent of the nation's measured housing markets at the end of last year, according to the National Association of Realtors. Twenty-six markets (15 percent) saw double-digit increases in prices. That was more than in the third quarter.

"These consistent, multiyear price gains have certainly been great news for homeowners, and especially for those who were at one time in a negative equity situation," said Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the NAR. "However, the shortage of new homes being built over the past decade is really burdening local markets and making home buying less affordable."

The lack of supply should benefit the homebuilders, and it may be already. Mortgage applications to purchase a newly built home jumped 18 percent in January compared with a year ago, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association.

"This complements other positive news on U.S. job growth suggesting that economic fundamentals are strong," said Lynn Fisher, MBA vice president of research and economics, in a release. "Based on applications, we estimate that new home sales were running at a pace of 700,000 on a seasonally adjusted annual basis – the highest such estimate in our survey which began

in 2013."

The jump in demand is sizable, but the number of new homes for sale is still below historical averages and far below the number needed to satisfy both new and pent-up demand. The largest generation, millennials, are now moving into their homebuying years in force, but clearly not finding what they can afford.

"The whole industry has been clamoring for builders to increase their production, but they're trying," said Quint. "The prices of lumber and labor and land are increasing so fast, they're constrained at the bottom, at how low a price they can really achieve."

The NAHB is predicting a five percent increase in new home construction in 2018 compared with 2017. The market could absorb far more, not just in major metropolitan areas, but across the nation.

The good news for sellers is that the current market favors listing their homes now, more so than at any time in the past half dozen years.

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Tuesday, Feb. 27

Free Medicare Counseling: Get help understanding your Medicare benefits and coverage on Tuesdays year-round (except holidays) at the John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Field Library in Peekskill. No appointments are necessary for the free service. Meet with a trained counselor for information about Medicare Parts A, B and D, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Savings Plans, Extra Help and EPIC. You can also call the Senior Benefits Information Center Helpline with your questions at 914-231-3260 and a counselor will return your call within two business days. For a listing of all eight SBIC centers in Westchester libraries, go to <http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/senior-benefits-information-centers/>.

Senior Benefits Information: Trained volunteer counselors help older adults and their caregivers find information about government benefits to help them stretch their budgets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E. Main St., Shrub Oak. Get information on Medicare health and prescription plans, nutrition assistance, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), tax relief programs, and much more. Info: 914-245-5262 Ext.227 or <http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/sbic>.

Healthy Happy Hour: Healthy Happy Hours are held on Tuesday nights in Mahopac and another location may be added. Take a 10-day vacation from processed foods. Are sugary, fatty, easy-to-prepare, addictive junk foods making you feel sick and tired? Then reset your metabolism and break your addictions to unhealthy foods. For more information contact Diane at 914-843-8745.

Hygeia Programs: Two ongoing programs are being held on Tuesdays at Hygeia Integrated Health LLC, 3505 Hill Blvd., Suite K, Yorktown. Community Acupuncture is being held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$30. Come experience the beneficial effects of acupuncture in a group setting. Register: hyinhealth@gmail.com. On the last Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Eating Disorder Support Group, led by a LCSW and clinical nutritionist will be held. Discuss and resolve issues around relationships with food. Info/register: hyinhealth@gmail.com or www.hyinhealth.com.

Hebrew Classes: Hebrew Classes are being held at the First Hebrew Congregation every Tuesday through March 27. First Hebrew offers two classes for adults who want to either converse or read He-

brew faster. The conversational classes run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The classes are free for members of First Hebrew or \$5 per class for others. The class to read Hebrew faster follows at 7:30 p.m. RSVP fhc@firsthebrew.org or 914-739-0500. First Hebrew is located just west of Beach Center at 1821 Main St., Route 6, Peekskill. Visit www.firsthebrew.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Senior's Fitness Classes: Free fitness classes are being offered to seniors who reside in the City of Peekskill on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. The Class name is "The Workout." For more information please contact Ray Glashoff at 914-734-4254. Classes are held at the Neighborhood Center (Field Library), 4 Nelson Ave., downstairs from the Library.

Anime Club: An Anime Club meets every Wednesday through May 30 at the Somers Library. from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. This program is for teens entering 7th grade & up. Info: 914 232 5717.

POUND Program: POUNDTM Fitness Program, a 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics isometric movements and poses, is offered at Theatre and Dance Arts 131 Bedford Rd. Katonah. Drop in or weekly discount rates are available. The program is being provided on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 11:45 a.m. Call Peggy for more information at 914 960-4097.

Community Purim Party: Chabad of Yorktown will hold a Community Purim Party at 6 p.m. at Vittoria'Z on the Lake (formerly Ceola Manor), 489 E Main St, Jefferson Valley. The event will include a full diner, a Megillah reading and a Hypnosis Show by famed artist Denny More. Kids can build a Lego gragger. Fresh popcorn and cotton candy in all colors will be served. Come in costume and win a prize. Admission is \$12 per child, \$18 per adult, and a \$60 maximum cost per family. RSVP: at www.ChabadYorktown.com, or 914-962-1111.

Dr. Seuss Purim Party: First Hebrew will celebrate Purim with a Dr. Seuss inspired telling of the victory of the Jews over an ancient enemy. Bring the family in costume for a fun and lively evening with costume parade and prizes, noise-makers and traditional holiday treats. The free event will be held at 7 p.m. at First Hebrew, 1821 Main St., Peekskill, just west of the Beach Center. Info: 914-739-0500, fhc@firsthebrew.org, or www.firsthebrew.org.

Temple Beth Am Purim: Come celebrate the wonderful holiday of Purim with Temple Beth Am. The night will be

filled with singing and dancing as well as the reading of the Megillah. And if that wasn't enough, the highlight of the evening will include our great Purimshpiel, put on by our Cantor and our congregants, based on Disney's Mulan, titled - Jewlan. Come celebrate this joyous holiday with us. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For information, please call our Rabbi at 924-962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiiw@optonline.net.

Yorktown Jewish Center Purim: Purim, including the reading of the Megillah and our cleverly humorous Purimspiel, will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. For more information please call 914-245-2324.

Jewish Learning Institute: Every Wednesday through Feb. 28 a Jewish Learning Institute course on communications will be held at Chabad of Yorktown, 2629 Old Yorktown Rd., from 7:30 to 9 p.m. We'll explore powerful insights from the Talmud and mystical teachings that shed light on just how deeply meaningful and connecting our everyday interactions with family and friends can be. For more information and to register visit: www.ChabadYorktown.com/JLI or call 914-962-1111

Bingo Wednesdays: Come to First Hebrew for \$2,000 in total guaranteed bingo prizes, plus an average of \$1,000 awarded in specialty games. Doors open 5 p.m. and games begin 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday (except holidays - check First Hebrew's website calendar). First Hebrew is just west of the Beach Shopping Center at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Info: 914 -739-0500 or www.firsthebrew.org.

Thursday, March 1

Talmud Class: Talmud and the Ethics of our Sages meets on Thursdays, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Feel free to come and bring a friend, even if you cannot commit to coming to class weekly. We always welcome new participants. No knowledge of Hebrew is expected, and no particular depth of Jewish knowledge is assumed. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Somers Library Events: A series of events have been scheduled at the Somers Public Library. On March 1, the monthly TED Talk will be held. Creativity Revisited: Adam Grant - The Surprising Habits of Original Thinkers is this month's topic. TED Talks are held on the first Thursday of the month through June from 1 to 2:30 p.m. required. To register for this seminar, please call (914) 674-3612. Spring

into Art is scheduled for every Monday in March and on April 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program features experimental art using water-soluble oil pastels and watercolor pencils. Students will learn about the versatile ways each medium can create great effects. No experience is required. Suggested Supplies List: multi-media paper - 98 pounds or higher, a water cup, a soft brush, pencil, eraser, water-soluble oil pastels - Portfolio, and/or water-soluble pencil. There is a \$30 fee to be paid on the first day of class. Make checks out to Judika Lieberman. Registration is required; register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call 914-232-5717.

The Addams Family: A new musical version of "The Addams Family" is being presented by the Kennedy Catholic Players on March 1 2 and 3 at 7 p.m. ad on Marc 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Info: <https://kennedycatholic.org/> Spring-Musical/, 914- 232-5061 Ext. 121 or by e-mailing to players@kennedycatholic.org

Friends of History: Ten More Outstanding Croton Women will be presented at 7 p.m. at the Croton Free Library, 171 Cleveland Dr. To celebrate women's history month, Cornelia Cotton will return to tell the stories of 10 more Croton women, outstanding in many different fields—music, women's rights, literature, graphic arts, photography, education, politics, history, science, and the theater. Info: 914-271-6612.

Friday, March 2

Coloring for Adults: It's not just for kids, and it's the latest craze. Join our adult coloring book club at the Somers Library Meetings will be held in the conference room every Friday from 10:30 am to noon. Relax, color, and socialize for free. Materials are provided or you may bring your own color pencils and coloring books. Registration is not required. Info: 914 232 5717.

Job Hunting Help: Free drop-in, hands-on assistance with online applications, resume writing, e-mail accounts and more is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second-floor conference room at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is not a computer class. Info: Cheryl at 941-2416 Ext. 315.

Anime Nights: Join us for a chance to watch anime from Crunchyroll with your friend at the Somers Library. This program is for teens entering seventh grade and up. It meets one Friday a month from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the following dates 1/19, 2/16, 3/16, 4/13, 5/11, and 6/1.

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Temple Beth Am Shabbat: Temple Beth Am will "opens its doors to all who enter" for Shabbat on Fridays at 8 p.m. Our modern Sabbath service has a spiritually engaging and warm feeling while following traditional modes. All are welcome to our friendly sacred space. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl. Yorktown. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at rabbiiw@optonline.net. A Family Shabbat will be held at 7 p.m. At this special service, our 6th graders will lead us in prayer and song.

Jewish Center Services: At the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd., Friday night Sabbath services are held at 6:15 p.m. And Sabbath services on Saturdays will be held at 9:15 a.m. on most Saturdays. After the services Rabbi Sternstein conducts a learning session based on the Torah portion of the week. Light refreshments are served and everyone is invited to join us as we share in the warmth, knowledge and friendship within our congregation. Info: 914-245-2324 or yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Irish Enchanted Music: The Enchanted Music of Ireland Tour comes to the Paramount Hudson Valley. The ticket link is <https://paramounthudsonvalley.showare.com/ordertickets.asp?p=950> Admission: is \$35 or \$45. Info: 914-739-0039 Ext. 2 or boxoffice@paramounthudsonvalley.com.

Saturday, March 3

Torah Study: Study Torah at Temple Beth Am at 9 a.m. All are invited to study Torah with our engaging Rabbi Robbie Weiner. Bagels and coffee are provided for all wishing to explore how this week's Torah portion is a mirror into our lives. No previous knowledge is required and all backgrounds are welcome. Temple Beth Am is located at 203 Church Pl., Yorktown. For more information, please call our Rabbi at 914-962-7500 or e-mail him at RabbiW@optonline.net.

Putnam Valley Shabbat Service: Looking for a modern Shabbat service steeped in Jewish tradition? Come to

Temple Israel of Putnam Valley, a Conservative Egalitarian Synagogue situated on beautiful Lake Peekskill. Our inclusive, community-lead services start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays and are held in Hebrew and English. Enjoy a comfortable atmosphere where participation is appreciated and afterwards stay for our delicious Kiddush lunch. Services are free; Family Memberships are \$250 per year and include High Holiday Services. The synagogue is located at 140 Lake Drive in Lake Peekskill. For more information, call 845-528-2305.

Yorktown Shabbat Morning Services: Chabad of Yorktown, 2926 Old Yorktown Rd., holds services on Saturday mornings. They are easy-to-follow services with Hebrew/English prayer books, a friendly environment and no affiliation is necessary. Kiddush luncheon follows the services. Services begin at 10 a.m. For more information visit www.ChabadYorktown.com.

Ossining Farmers Market: The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is now being held outdoors on Spring and Market Streets. Customers old and new will find delicious produce, pasture-raised meat, poultry, and eggs, breads, baked goods, and much more. For a full

list of our markets and vendors, visit DowntoEarthMarkets.com.

Yoga Program: Support Connection announces a free weekly program Yoga: A Path toward Wellness will be held on Feb. 17 and 24 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Club Fit in Jefferson Valley. The program is open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. To learn more or to pre-register, which is required, call Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Sunday, March 4

Kids Purim Carnival: A free Purim Carnival for kids will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Hebrew Congregation, 1821 Main St., Peekskill, just west of the Beach Shopping Center. Everyone is welcome to come in costume to First Hebrew for fun and games, puppeteers and giveaways, costume parade and prizes in celebration of the Purim holiday. The event is being sponsored by First Hebrew, the Yorktown Jewish Center and the Hebrew Congregation of Somers. Info: 914-739-0500; fhc@firsthebrew.org, or www.firsthebrew.org.

Healing Yoga: Yoga classes for women with breast cancer are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays at Hudson Yoga, 5 Old Post

Rd. South, Croton-on-Hudson. Weekly classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion is \$15. Info: Ellisha Simpson at 914-319-4010

Monday, March 5

Somers Library Monday Programs: Two programs are being held on Mondays at the Somers Library. Drop-in Art is held on Feb. 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Do you want to create during the cold winter? Drop in; no registration is required. Bring supplies of your choice. There is a \$6 charge per class. Bridge at the Somers Library is being held on Mondays throughout 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. These classes are for beginners and players with some experience as well. Learn how to navigate your way around the game from bridge maven Walter Heitner. You will learn bidding and work on the play of the hand. By working with a group, you will all get better together. Space is limited; register online at www.somerslibrary.org or call the library at 914-232-5717.

Free Jazz Sessions: Free Jazz Jam Sessions are being held every Monday at The Winery at St. George, 1715 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake. Info: 914-455-4272.



Yorktown Supervisor Ilan Gilbert and Councilman Vishnu Patel recently presented congratulatory Certificate of Achievements to four newly minted Eagle Scouts from Troop 173 St. Patrick's Church: Ross Miller, Ian Schwartz, Jarrett Schwartz and Josiah Wiedenheft. For their projects, Miller painted classrooms at Temple Beth Am; Ian Schwartz painted curbs and sidewalks to enhance safety at Guiding Eyes for the Blind; Jarrett Schwartz painted and repaired a training course for dogs at Guiding Eyes; and Wiedenheft gardened, trimmed shrubbery and spread mulch at Community Bible Church of Northern Westchester. Also shown are Scoutmaster Carlos Cartaya and MC Fred Compton.

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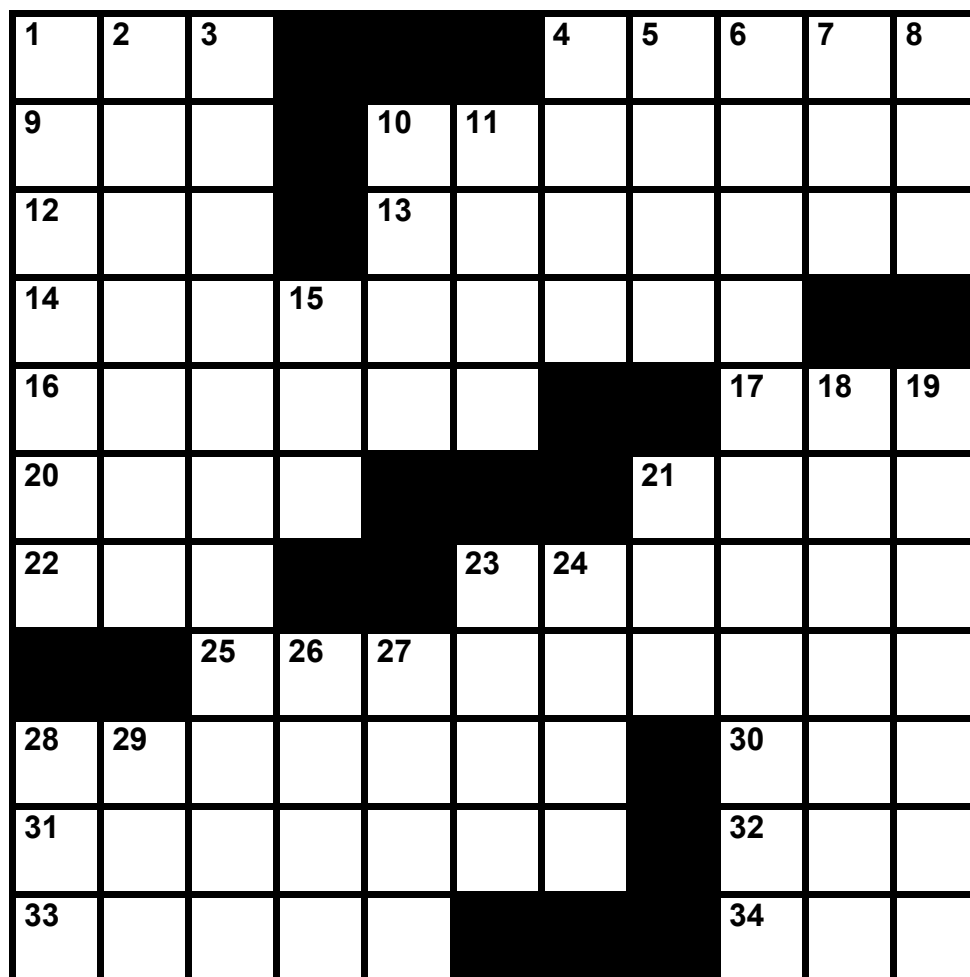
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10. Offended
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19. Cunning
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24. Thumbs-down votes
26. "Oops!"
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29. Compass direction

DOWN

1. Rest
2. Confine



Matching the Oscar-Nominated Best Picture Contenders With a Wine Theme

The 90th Academy Awards show airs this Sunday. This is my ninth year of presenting the Best Picture nominees and creating hypothetical pairings of wine with the top contenders. I've distilled my list to five of the nine nominees.

The Shape of Water: Do you believe in fairy tales come true? Perhaps the ultimate bittersweet love story, this movie depicts love transcending all material aspects of our lives. Eliza, a mute with the lowly job of cleaning labs at a research facility in the 1960s, comes upon an amphibious man-like creature locked in a tank of water. She becomes enthralled in communicating with the creature, blind to the obvious physical features, instead seeking out its inner intellect and emotions.

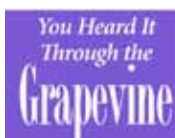
Just as water takes on many shapes and forms, so too a fine Burgundy. For some consumers it is difficult to appreciate its core essence, seeming thin and austere. But for those who accept these Pinot Noirs in their most elemental form and build their perception and appreciation of them over time, they create a love

affair that surmounts others' superficial perceptions.

Get Out. Certainly not a fairy tale, we must wait until the second half to understand the full, deep-seated meaning of the movie and the clear horror genre it portrays. Rose brings her black boyfriend Chris home to meet her white parents. Slowly, we see the movie degrading into a racially biased story, with a horrific goal.



By Nick Antonaccio



Fine-aged wines can draw us into an evolving adventure. We open the bottle and head down a path that has multiple twists and turns. I've experienced aged wines that lead me down one path then veers to a finish that I never expected – for better or worse.

Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri. Can't get the attention you believe is necessary in the investigation of the rape and death of your daughter? Especially in an insular, backwater small town where everyone knows each other – and their dark secrets? Just put it out there for public consumption. That's exactly what Mildred Hayes decides to do, with alarming effect, spouting "this time the

chick ain't losin'."

Rieslings remind me of Mildred's struggles. For decades its proponents were castigated and subjected to pressure from the establishment. Finally, in the last five years it has been recognized for what it is: a fine wine for pairing with so many foods, from sushi to Asian fusion. And the masses are starting to take notice.

Dunkirk. In an early "Darkest Hour" of World War II (another nominated movie), the Germans have pushed Allied troops to the edge of the sea in Dunkirk, France. With their backs to the sea and no relief in sight, this historic depiction is heading toward a gruesome ending. The little people, local fishermen in their boats, not the superpowers, save the day in grand style.

So, too, did small winemakers in France salvage the wine industry after the war, raising it to world acclaim. Individual acts of bravery and patriotism have paid rewards for the legacy of French fishermen and winemakers alike.

Lady Bird. Christine, who proclaims that Lady Bird is her given name ("it's given to me, by me"), has an adventurous senior year. She bickers with her mom, falls in love and joins the Drama Club, all fairly typical. But all ends (reasonably)

well in this teenage angst movie. Mother and daughter better understand each other, financial difficulties are placed in context and Lady Bird begins to see the world through a crystal-clear lens. Her future is bright.

I remember when I first sampled red blends. They were an amalgam of mostly diverse varietals, at times compatible, other times in constant conflict with each other. By immersing myself in this genre, I soon was able to discern my preferences, learning the nuances of each wine. Now I have an instinctive approach to these blends, appreciating the distinct beauty and personality of each.

Which movie will win the coveted Oscar? Sit back on Sunday night with your favorite wine in hand and enjoy the festivities.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MAYA-B, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/05/2016. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **88 Pietro DR, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF GOFF U, LLC Art. of Org. filed with Sec. of State 01/04/2018. Off. loc.in Westchester CO. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to **90 Mile Square Road, Yonkers, NY 10701 PURPOSE: Any lawful business.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF APPLE HILL CONSULTING LLC ART. OF ORG. Filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/15/17. Office of Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Dwight McLeod, 60 Labelle Road, Mount Vernon, NY

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CHET-TLE LABS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 17th, 2017. Office in Westchester Country. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **91 Grove St, Mount Kisco, NY 10549. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF OHR NEW YORK LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/21/17. Ofc. loc.: Westchester Cnty. SSNY design. agt. upon whom process may be served & shall mail copy of process against LLC to: **United Corporate Services, Inc 10 Bank St #560, White Plains, NY 10606. Purpose: any lawful act**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A&J PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/19/17. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **2 Gedney Esplanade, White Plains NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SIMPLY SPEAKING LEP, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 1/10/18. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **611D Larchmont Acres East, Larchmont, NY 10538. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF CRYPTO CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 2/2/18. Office location: Westchester County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/5/18. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **14 Kensington Rd, Ardsley, NY 10502. DE address of LLC: 919 North Market Street, Suite 950, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PETE'S MEATS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on (1/5/2018). Location: (Westchester). SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **(United States Corporation Agents INC 7014 13th Avenue suite 202 Brooklyn NY 11228). Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY OF DIVERSITY MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC), Application of Authority led with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/1/2008. LLC organized in NJ on 10/12/2006. NY office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 256 Columbia Turnpike, North Tower, Suite 108A, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Office address in jurisdiction of organization: 256 Columbia Turnpike, North Tower, Suite 108A, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Copy of Articles of Organization on file

with Secretary of State of NJ, 225 West State Street - 2nd Floor Trenton, NJ 08625-0307 Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ART BOYKOFF, LLC filed with SSNY on 1/25/2018 located in Westchester County. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. designated as agent of LLC. Process may be served against LLC to above agent located at **7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, New York 11228.** Purpose: Recreational art instructor

FORMATION OF BROOKMONT MANAGEMENT, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/9/18. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to **Penny Jackson, 45 Winchester Oval, New Rochelle, NY 10805.** Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NEW LOOK DEVELOPERS, LLC filed with SSNY on 1/17/18. Office loc: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **20 Van Buren Pl., White Plains, NY 10603.** Purpose: Buying and renovation of homes.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DENNIS J. CAMPAGNA, ARBITRATOR, LLC Art. of Org. filed with Sec. of State 01/16/18. Off. loc.in Westchester CO. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to **Dennis J Campagna, 50 Main Street, Suite 1000, White Plains, NY 10606-1900** PURPOSE: Any lawful business.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE LAW & MEDIATION OFFICES OF LORI GREENE, PLLC. Arts of Org filed with SSNY 1/5/18. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Law & Mediation Offices of Lori Greene, PLLC, 75 S. Broadway, Suite 400, White Plains, NY 10601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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