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## Putnam Senior Citizens Honored for Longtime Service

By Anna Young

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) held their 44th annual Volunteer Recognition Celebration on Friday, where several members were honored for their contributions throughout Putnam County.

RSVP, a nationwide volunteer program that enables adults 55 and older to contribute meaningful service in a wide variety of community agencies and non-profits, awarded Edward Hallisey and Katherine Castaldo as Putnam County's Senior Citizens of the Year.

"Both of the honorees have done so many wonderful things for our community in very diverse ways and it just shows you that this county is a county

that not only cares about each other, but we care about making sure that things happen," County Executive MaryEllen Odell said during the May 19 banquet.

Hallisey was also the recipient of the New York State Senior Citizen of the Year award, an honor that hasn't been bestowed in Putnam by the New York State Assembly in over 20 years.

Odell added that Hallisey is known as a man who never says no, stating that he's a true representation of what the county is all about.

As a longtime member of the community, Hallisey considers volunteering his second career, giving his time to numerous programs including

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ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Edward Hallisey with Assemblywoman Sandy Galef.

## Late Police Community Icon Honored



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A special dedication by the Fraternal Order of Police at Spain Cornerstone Park to honor the late James (Jimmy) O'Neill took place during Police Memorial Week last Tuesday. Jimmy was an icon in the police community and founding president of the Stephen P. Driscoll Memorial Lodge, a chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police. The Fraternal Order of Police dedicated a bench at Spain Cornerstone Park in memory of Jimmy O'Neill. The granite bench was installed, including an in memoriam plaque and the Irish Prayer, across from the 9/11 Monument located at the site. "Jimmy's legacy

as a police officer, advocate for law enforcement professionals, and highly valued contributor to the community is deservedly recognized through this dedication," said Steve Conner, board member, Stephen P. Driscoll Memorial Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police. "We are honored to have a lasting tribute in Jimmy's name located at a place very near and dear to his heart." Pictured from left: Kathy O'Neill and Jimmy O'Neill, wife and son, respectively, of James J. O'Neill, with the new bench to their side.

## Ailes, National and Local Firebrand, Dead at 77

By David Propper

Garrison resident and media powerhouse Roger Ailes died last Thursday, ending the life of a man who built Fox News to the top cable news station in the country, but was beleaguered with several allegations of sexual harassment the last several months and was a controversial figure in Putnam County.

Ailes fell at his home in Palm Beach, Florida earlier this month, suffered complications and slipped into a coma, according to a family friend, a CNN report stated. He was 77, celebrating his birthday earlier last week.

Ailes was a Republican operative

before he got into the media business, who assisted in the campaigns of Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush. In 1996, he led a new cable news station, Fox News, that went on to achieve astronomical ratings and rake in billions of dollars.

He and his wife Elizabeth owned two local newspapers, the Putnam County News and Recorder and the Putnam County Courier, but sold off the newspapers late last year to the editor-in-chief Douglass Cunningham. Ailes owned a compound in Garrison on the west side of the county.

"I am profoundly sad and heartbroken

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# Putnam Senior Citizens Honored for Longtime Service

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the Putnam County fire police response team, the RSVP Volunteer Medical Transportation Program and the Lake Carmel fire department.

He is also a member of the Friends of the Senior Citizens of Putnam County board, where he participates in fundraising events to help supplement funds for the Office of Senior Resources, while also serving as a baker supplying desserts for the over 400 members.

“When you spend that much time helping others, as so many have done,

it’s an honor to be able to honor you,” said Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, who added that the New York State Assembly passed a resolution on May 15 in honor of Hallisey and his many contributions.

Castaldo, a 48-year resident, has made an impact on the community providing her services to the Medical Reserve Corp, the Office of Senior Resources Medical Transportation Program, the Chamber of Commerce, the SEE Program for Carmel with the Lions Club, the Carmel Civic Association’s tree lighting, the 4H club, the Mahopac firehouse, and the Salvation Army.

Additionally, Castaldo crochets hats and scarves for the Community Action Program.

“I want everybody to know, just because you’re slightly handicapped you can still volunteer,” Castaldo said.

Pauline Bruno, Muriel Keating, Marge Schultz, Judy and Cliff Fitzgerald, and William Wilkins were also honored with the organizations first ever Humanitarian Award.

In conjunction with the Golden Mile Annual fundraiser, Anita Mooney was the recipient of the March of Dimes Award, an award given to the person who collects the most money for the organization.

Mooney raised \$414 during the Golden Mile event where funds went toward helping reduce birth defects and premature babies.

“The reason these awards are so special is because everybody in this room is a hero in Putnam County,” Sheriff Donald Smith said. “Everybody in this room makes Putnam County a better and safer place,”



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Katherine Castaldo with Carmel Supervisor Kenny Schmitt.

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## Do You Have Carpal Tunnel?

What you should know about this peripheral nerve injury and other conditions....

### Q: Do I have a peripheral nerve injury?

**A:** Peripheral nerves travel outward from the spine into the face, neck, trunk, legs and arms, bringing signals from the brain to the muscles, and signals from the skin to the brain that let you feel sensations. Injuries include sudden trauma, like a knife wound; a tumor on a nerve; or damage from certain chronic diseases. Most common are a leg or arm “falling asleep” caused by nerve compression from pressure. The most common injuries I see are carpal tunnel and ulnar (elbow) nerve entrapment.

### Q: What causes carpal tunnel and ulnar nerve entrapment?

**A:** Both injuries involve compression and inflammation of a nerve as it passes through a narrow channel. Carpal tunnel affects the median nerve that goes through the wrist; ulnar nerve entrapment involves the ulnar nerve that goes past the elbow. Any slight inflammation of the nerve or thickening of tunnel walls can put pressure on the nerve that can result in nerve dysfunction. Symptoms typically involve pain, numbness and weakness. People with diabetes are five to ten times more likely to develop symptomatic nerve entrapment. In some people, repetitive movements over time can trigger these conditions.

### Q: What are my treatment options for a peripheral nerve injury?

**A:** A nerve that’s cleanly cut should be repaired immediately. Rest, anti-inflammatory medication and physical therapy are recommended for patients with mild symptoms of nerve entrapment such as a little pain, tingling and weakness. If symptoms don’t improve, or if you have longer-standing symptoms, surgery is often best. Surgery is typically outpatient, and involves releasing the nerve and removing whatever is compressing it, thus expanding the nerve’s pathway.

### Q: Can I do anything to prevent peripheral nerve injuries?

**A:** Be healthy – eat healthily, exercise regularly, and be at your proper weight. If you don’t exercise, you are more susceptible. Also, be physically prepared for whatever activity you do, especially if you don’t do it regularly, such as playing sports on occasional weekends or going on a physically demanding vacation.

# County Begins Shared Service Plan Initiative

By David Propper

At the behest of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, Putnam County government and town and village governments are reviewing ways it can streamline services and potentially save taxpayer money.

Last Thursday, County Executive MaryEllen Odell convened a meeting with elected officials from every municipality, school district officials, county department heads and union representatives to discuss streamlining services. Cuomo included the countywide shared service initiative in the state budget that requires officials to develop a plan to get rid of duplicative services and coordinate services to enhance purchasing power.

Odell said the panel would meet about potential shared services with the hope of implementing actions that could reduce property taxes. She noted the county and towns have already shared several services in past years that saved money and put the Commission for Fiscal Vision and Accountability back to work in 2014 to brainstorm more service sharing ideas.

Because schools districts carry such a high percentage of the property tax bill for owners, Odell said school systems need to be part of conversation. She said the Commission for Fiscal Vision and Accountability looked at having one

school superintendent oversee the every school system within Putnam's borders.

"The real money is in the school districts," Odell said, citing the schools have to deal with many unfunded mandates.

One idea Odell elaborated on was video conferencing with court appearances for defendants responding to a lowly criminal offense. By having jailed defendants appear electronically, it could save the county money (vehicle usage, personnel use) and enhance public safety, Odell said. The state Legislature needs to pass a law that would make it a stronger possibility, she added. It's been done on a limited basis in Putnam, Odell added.

Odell said defendants appearing over video is not denying anyone their civil rights and some defendants would prefer to not appear in person in front of the public.

"We're shovel ready for electronic court appearances," Odell noted.

The initial shared service plan needs to be developed and submitted by the county Legislature by Aug 1. Then the plan needs to finalize before Sep. 15 and then have public hearings held. The panel will vote on the plan and if approved, it would go up to New York State. If the panel doesn't vote on anything or votes against it, Odell will need to give residents the proposals that were put forth and the vote of each

panel member and the reason for their vote.

Sheriff Don Smith said during the meeting local law enforcement agencies have worked together, including a joint tactical team and having the sheriff's office pick up a sector in the Town of Carmel, working with their local department.

He said video conferencing would not violate the rights of any defendant and has been tested by the county in the past.

State Senator Terrence Murphy said there is "absolutely no penalty" if municipalities don't implement any shared services. He said the localities and the county have already been putting in place shared services and encouraged local officials to send the state what their town or village has done prior to Cuomo's push.

"Show him that you've already been saving money," Murphy said. "Which in turn could get you money dollar-for-dollar back."

During the question and answer portion of the meeting, several town and school officials spoke, offering their willingness to go forward with a plan. Union officials also said they were ready to discuss cost savings.

Southeast Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt asked how much the electronic conferencing would save, with Odell responding an estimate between



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

County Executive MaryEllen Odell at last week's meeting.

\$100,000-\$200,000 each year. Eckardt then asked if the county would ever explore the elimination of county or town government, referring to the board of supervisors before the 1980s.

"Are we ever going to look at a bigger picture," Eckardt said.

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# Ailes, National and Local Firebrand, Dead at 77

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to report that my husband, Roger Ailes, passed away this morning," Elizabeth Ailes said in a statement. "Roger was a loving husband to me, to his son Zachary, and loyal friend to many. He was also a patriot, profoundly grateful to live in a country that gave him so much opportunity to work hard, to rise—and to give back."

Ailes was forced to resign from his chairman position at Fox News last summer after former Fox News anchor

Gretchen Carlson sued the company for sexual harassment by Ailes. From there, an avalanche of allegations hit Ailes and Fox News of mistreatment of female employees. Ailes claimed he was innocent of all charges, though Fox News has settled with some female employees that leveled the accusations against him, including Carlson.

Ailes was supposed to donate \$500,000 toward a new senior center on the Butterfield redevelopment campus in Cold Spring, but later pulled that money back when the county Legislature

delayed a vote that would enter into a charitable agreement with Ailes that included putting his name on the facility. Lawmakers faced the wrath of more than one hundred Philipstown residents that didn't want his name on the senior center. They called him an alleged serial sexual harasser and a bully that divided their small town.

The previous year, prior to the accusations leveled against him, a ribbon cutting was held at the Butterfield campus that celebrated Ailes having his name on the facility. He even had a hard hat on



Roger Ailes

and took part in a customary shovel of dirt along with Butterfield developer Paul Guillaro and other local officials.

Ailes was a controversial figure in Philipstown, with several Democratic elected officials sparring with the two newspapers his family owned, claiming their coverage was slanted or inaccurate. Ailes at one point even threaten to sue former Cold Spring trustees Stephanie Hawkins and Matt Francisco over a Facebook post.

For all the contention in his own town, Ailes was appreciated by many Putnam GOP figures, including County Executive MaryEllen Odell.

Odell, in a statement, called Ailes a "man of genuine compassion, who cared about the community; especially seniors, veterans and active military personnel." She said Elizabeth and Zach would be in her thoughts and prayers.

"He and his family donated their resources to many local causes that benefit our residents," Odell went on to state. "On a national level, Roger reminded me of Winton Churchill. He was a man of courage and wisdom... so many owe him so much. He was a loyal and fierce friend who will be truly missed."

A funeral service was held for Ailes in Philipstown at St. Edward. Guests included Fox News hosts Sean Hannity and Kimberly Guilfoyle, Ethel Kennedy and Douglass Kennedy (wife and son of the late Robert Kennedy), and former congressman Dennis Kucinich, according to the Putnam County News and Recorder.

According to a news and opinion website, LifeZette, Ailes' son Zachary pledged to clear his father's name against the multiple accusations he faced.

"I want all the people who betrayed my father to know that I'm coming after them," Zachary Ailes said during a speech at the lunch following the ceremony, according to The Washington Post "and hell is coming with me."

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# PV Media Coordinator 'Very Hopeful' After Switching Genders

By David Propper

For more than a decade, Tony Arrien has worked as the videographer for the Town of Putnam Valley, taping hundreds of municipal meetings and other public events during that tenure.

Usually behind the camera, he came out in front of the camera last month during a Putnam Valley town board meeting to introduce himself to the town for the first time as Anthony Arrien, after he transitioned from female to male earlier this year. Formerly MaryAnn, Tony Arrien said he feels the best he's ever felt since switching genders even as the issue of transgender rights continues to result in political contention across the country.

Arrien said from an early age he knew he was the wrong gender. When Arrien put on little dresses, it just didn't feel comfortable. But growing up through the 1950s in Queens and as part of a Roman Catholic family, it was out of the question to bring up the transgender issue.

"It's something I thought I would take to my grave," he said.

And through adulthood, Arrien continued to live as a female but finally reached a point where it was time for a change. He read every book at the LOFT Center, an LGBT organization in White Plains, and then went on Amazon and bought about 50 books to read.

It took time for Arrien, a Putnam



Tony Arrien

Valley resident, to turn his thoughts about transitioning into action.

First, Arrien had to mentally overcome her own transphobia and accept who he is. It took nearly two years.

"Nobody wants to be transgender," he said. "Trust me. It's a lot to face."

Then, Arrien needed to socially reach out to friends and associates he knows. He told his closest friends with the hope they wouldn't reject him and branched out from there. He informed Putnam Valley town board members privately.

(He noted the town board and employees at town hall have been accepting.)

And finally there is the medical transition, which Arrien started Jan. 5. It took about three months to get facial hair and to maintain a manlier look he'll need to inject himself with testosterone for the rest of his life once every two weeks.

When Arrien went in front of the camera at the April 19 meeting, he was admittedly nervous. But he was also at ease because he finally felt comfortable in his own skin. Since he's undergone his transition, he doesn't feel as anxious.

Scott Havelka, Director of Programs and Services at the LOFT Center said the organization is seeing more and more people decide to transition.

Havelka, a Brewster native, said one of the misconceptions about transgender people is that the desire to be the opposite gender is just a phase. He also scoffed at the misconception that transgender people could be predators. A lot of fear about transgender people is the "fear of unknown," Havelka said.

Arrien stressed being transgender isn't a lifestyle choice, but who he is.

Arrien now facilitates a transgender peer support group at the LOFT Center twice a month where participants can range from four to 18 individuals. He's been going for two years and for the

first six months was one of those people attending meetings to discuss what he was going through with others. Now he wants to lead the discussion, particularly for younger adults dealing with issues stemming from being transgender.

"We encourage people to really be your best advocate for yourself," Havelka said. "And Tony has done an amazing job of educating himself and educating others."

Arrien began working for the Town of Putnam Valley in 2001, videotaping and producing videos of board meetings and other community events and was responsible for running the two channels in town.

"I basically run it as a one man band," Arrien, who primarily works from home, said.

Arrien has been involved in several community groups and activities. He was chair of the Putnam Valley community arts group for ten years and filmed many events. He is also a landscape painter and will even travel to Arizona to paint the desert. He is an amateur astronomer too.

When Arrien looks back at old photos as a female, he can't believe it. He describes the gender transition like "waking up from a bad dream."

"I feel like I'm only starting to live now," Arrien said. "It's a very happy and very hopeful time for me."

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# School Budgets Pass Muster with Putnam Voters

By David Proper

Budgets for Putnam County school districts sailed through voter approval last week, with spending plans for all six districts set for the following school year.

The Carmel school system's budget passed in one of the closer margins of victory with 942 in support and 648 against it. School board member John Curzio even wrote to local papers encouraging residents to vote against the budget because of its high spending.

The four-person race for school board ended with an incumbent and former school board member earning seats. Former member James Reese got 1,078 votes and incumbent Tara DeTurriss earned 728 votes. Challengers Mary Smith garnered 509 votes and Tara Eacobacci received 267 votes.

The Mahopac school district saw its no-increase budget approved overwhelmingly 1,251-584. Voters also signed off on a proposition to purchase new buses 1,261-73 and approved another proposition 1,252-573 that will fix facilities and implement an energy contract meant to save money over time.

The crowded race for school board in Mahopac ended with two incumbents losing their spots. Newcomers Michael Simone, the Town of Carmel highway supervisor, and Mark O'Connor won seats with 1,174 and 1,164 votes, respectively,

A flier handed out by the trio of Michael Simone, Mark O' Connor and Leslie Mancuso in the Mahopac Board of Education Race.

along with incumbent member Leslie Mancuso, who picked up 1,102 votes. The trio ran as a team. Getting knocked off the board was Michael Sclafani and

Carolann Lacoparra. Sclafani was actually board president for a couple of years and a two-term member. Also falling short was first time candidate Peter Maccio.

In the Brewster school district, voters consented to the budget by a 762-365 margin and also to a proposition to purchase buses by a 776-342 margin. Glenn Niles and Kerry Cunningham, both newcomers to the school board, officially earned their spots after running unopposed. Current board members Scott Dakin and Alberta Kozma opted not to run again. Kozma had been on the board for more than a decade.

In Putnam Valley, the school district got approvals for the budget by a conformable margin of 513-163 and a proposition for an energy performance

contract that will result in a windfall of state aid. Current school board member Joseph Ferraro ran unopposed to retain his seat.

The Haldane school system passed its budget with ease 518-180 and incumbent board member Margaret Clements kept her seat, fending off a write-in challenge. The voters in the Garrison school system approved the budget 117-33 and a proposition to establish a capital reserve fund 124-33. Incumbent Diana Swinburne and newcomer Courtney McCarthy ran unopposed to clinch school board positions.

The budget in the Lakeland school district based in Westchester County, which spans over six towns, including Cortlandt, Somers, Mahopac and Yorktown, easily passed the muster with voters, 915-255. Lakeland voters also approved a capital reserve fund of no more than \$20 million for building and facilities improvements and vehicle purchases (888-242) and a \$1.4 million proposition to buy vehicles and equipment (876-255).

In the Board of Education race for three seats, incumbents Rachelle Nardelli (904), Denise Kness (874) and Glen Malia (850) earned new three-year terms, defeating Michelle Browne (309) and Gnesia Feliu (174).

Rick Pezzullo contributed to this report.

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**Business of the Week**

# Gino's Grab-n-Go Deli Kent

By David Propper

When Amit Patel opened his first business in Kent, it was May 1, 2003. When he opened his second location earlier this month, it was the same exact date, only 14 years later.

Along Route 52 in Kent, residents and visitors in the area have a new spot to pick up some food or groceries and quickly be on their way. Gino's Grab-n-Go Deli opened on May 1 to much pomp and circumstance with a ribbon cutting and celebration. The new shop has a bit of everything, including everyday



DAVID PROPPER PHOTO

Amit Patel in front of the smoke section of his new store along Route 52.

groceries, hot and cold food ready to eat, snacks and drinks. There are also more than 200 different cigars to choose from in the smoke section of the shop. Inside the refurbished spot, two large televisions hang on the walls. It took eight months to get the grab n' go ready for customers, but the inside and outside look pristine and worth the wait.

Patel, the owner, is also in charge of Gino's Deli and Pizza up the road.

After owning the other Gino's for 14 years, Patel decided it was finally time to open a second location. From customer feedback, Patel said he was always told that the town needed a business where people could come and go quickly. They also told him a smoke shop would be nice to have nearby.

"We just decided to go for it," Patel, who lives in Kent, said.

He said he doesn't know of any store

similar in a 30-mile radius, especially with the extensive smoke shop. He said customers are happy they no longer have to go to Connecticut for a quality cigar.

Patel originally came to Kent in 2003 when family members in the area convinced him to move from Massachusetts to New York. They mentioned a business opportunity for Patel and he agreed to give it a try in a new state

He bought Gino's Deli and kept the name, adding on from there by making it a mini supermarket with groceries and also starting food delivery.

All Patel's life, he's been in food service, including as a butcher.

"I love food," Patel said. "I like to eat and I like to cook."

As more customers come in, he hopes to make more improvements as time goes by.

Right now, Patel is spending most of his time at this location rather than the established Gino's in the heart of Kent. He knows it's important for customers to see a familiar face.

"Then they feel comfortable," he said. "Because anybody that comes in doesn't want to see a stranger in town."

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The Putnam County Young Republican Club hosted its sixth annual Teddy Roosevelt dinner on May 13 at the Brewster Italian American Club, where they recognized this year's honoree Elections Commissioner of the Putnam County Board of Elections and Chairman of the Putnam County GOP Anthony 'Tony' Scannapieco.

The Teddy Roosevelt Dinner recognizes an individual whose integrity, work-ethic and passion strengthen the community and the Republican Party in Putnam County. Tony Scannapieco embodies those values and has been a dedicated civil servant throughout his life. Tony

served our country in the U.S Air Force and New York Air National Guard, was a lieutenant in the Yonkers Fire Department and has played an essential role getting the best candidates to represent the people of Putnam. His unwavering commitment and devotion is inspiring and Putnam is truly blessed to have him.

The Putnam County Young Republican Club is open to registered Republicans who are 18 to 40 years old. If anyone interested in learning more about becoming a member, you can visit [www.putnamyr.com](http://www.putnamyr.com), or check out the club Facebook page for information about upcoming meetings.



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From Left to Right: Tara Keegan, Marykate Acquisto, Anthony 'Tony' Scannapieco, Nick Fannin and Sarah Greene.

## Get Ready, with Hot Weather Comes Mosquito Season

The water pools formed after the heavy rainfall of last weekend may soon be teaming with mosquito larva. Already this season, the Putnam County Department of Health (PCDOH) has found and identified *Aedes Japonicus* mosquitoes, the type that carries West Nile Virus, chikungunya, dengue, and other viruses.

"We have not had a case of West Nile Virus in the county since 2011," says interim Health Commissioner Michael Nesheiwat, MD, but that could change. Taking measures to reduce mosquito populations is very important. Putnam residents are strongly advised to remove all standing water from their property." To date only three cases of chikungunya have been reported in Putnam, all since

2014. Four cases of dengue fever have been reported as well, the most recent in 2012. However, these seven cases were all travel related and not instances of locally acquired infections.

Mosquitoes can breed in anything that collects water in the yard, if left for more than four days. Some mosquitoes, including the *Aedes Albopictus*, prefer small items like a bottle cap, full of water, in which to breed. Only one lone specimen of *A. Albopictus* has ever been found in Putnam. While this mosquito has shown to be capable of carrying the Zika virus in a lab, it has not proven itself as a reliable carrier in the real world.

"Checking your yard now and after every rainfall is crucial," says Robert Morris, PE,

MPH, Director of Environmental Health at the Putnam County Department of Health. "Items that trap

water—old tires, rain gutters, cups or cans, even leaves and tree holes—may provide a breeding spot. Drill holes in tires or dispose of them properly; clean gutters, and overturn all containers, however small." Contrary to popular belief, smaller pools of water are more productive for mosquito breeding than larger bodies of water, which have natural mosquito predators such as fish or aquatic insects, such as dragonflies. The PCDOH continues to apply larvicide to targeted road catch basins around the county to reduce breeding locales. This season, like last year, mosquito tracking

by the PCDOH and the New York State Department of Health will be increased as well.

Preventing bites of all kinds also should be a top priority. Personal protection measures are advised for any outdoor activities. Shoes, socks, long pants and long-sleeved shirts are reliable methods. Clothing that is factory-treated with the insecticide permethrin has also been proven effective. Insect repellent containing DEET should also be used as well, paying close attention to the directions provided by the manufacturer. Children should not apply this product themselves — it should be applied for them.

## Obituaries

### Ann Tassone

Ann Tassone, 90, of Mahopac, died on May 12. Mrs. Tassone was born on October 19, 1926 to Jacob and Mary Cassara in New Rochelle. She married the love of her life, Joseph and together they were blessed with four children; Katherine, Joseph, Charles and Ann Marie. Ann was a homemaker and dedicated her entire life to her family. She truly enjoyed life and it was always fun filled with activities such as, family gatherings, snowmobiling, antiquing and flea markets with her friend Dolores. Both she and Joe enjoyed going to the Catskills and she was an avid fan of the Yankees. In her later years her faith and love of the Lord gave her peace. She is survived by her four loving children; Katherine Lombardo, Joseph Tassone, Charles Signorile and Ann Marie DiFrancesco, her brother Jake and seven adoring grandchildren; Nicole Lombardo, Frankie Ciafardini, Laura Signorile, Gina Signorile, Lisa Signorile, Ray DiFrancesco, Jr. and Brianna DiFrancesco, all of whom she adored and each child held a special place in her heart. She is predeceased by her husband Joseph who had passed in 2007.

### Jerry Marfe'

Jerry Marfe', loving husband and father of Mahopac, formally of Mt. Kisco died on May 13, at the age of 83. He was born in the Bronx, the son of Gennaro and Rose (Avello) Marfe'. On May 24, 1957 he married his sweetheart Rosemarie Manupelli, they were married one week shy of 60 years. After HS and proudly serving in the US Army Jerry began working in 1955 for Joe Charla who owned a Structural Steel Company in New Rochelle. In 1972 Jerry's expertise in mechanical drawing & structural steel brought him to Mark & Son Metal Products in Bedford Hills. He became part owner in 1984 until his retirement in 1995. Jerry loved his work, enjoyed playing golf, watching sports, vacationing at the Jersey Shore, traveling to Atlantic City, barbecuing in the backyard for his friends & family. But most of all he loved and supported his family in everything he did. Jerry is survived by his wife, Rosemarie, his daughter Dee Marfe', his son, Henry Marfe' and his wife Michele, his son, Jerry Marfe', Jr., two brothers, and his grandchildren Brianna, Nicholas, Michael, Danielle, and Mary. He was predeceased by two sisters.

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# Dozens of Cats Subjected to Animal Cruelty

By David Propper

More than 70 cats, some of them dead, were discovered in one Town of Kent home last week by the Putnam County

SPCA in a sickening scene of animal neglect.

According to a press release from the SPCA, officers from the animal patrol found 57 adult and young adult cats, four kittens, and nine deceased cats inside the Kent Acres Court home that was in deplorable condition. The SPCA got the tip from the Town of Kent Police Department after an ambulance removed the resident of the home for a medical emergency, according to the SPCA.

When the SPCA officers entered the home, they found cat urine soaked floors,

feces throughout, no water or food for the animals and a thick acrid ammonia in the air, according to the release. Also found in the home, disturbingly, was partially canalized bodies of dead cats in different areas of the home.

The living cats were removed from the home and sent to Westchester Animal Hospital in Mount Vernon in Westchester County where five cats died overnight while being treated and another three cats were euthanized, according to authorities. Animal cruelty charges are pending against the resident who owned

the animals, the SPCA said.

The majority of the cats are being cared for by Rescue Rights Inc., which is based out of Northwind Kennels in Bedford.

Chief Ken Ross Sr. and officer Ken Ross Jr. run the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Putnam.

Anyone who wants to donate toward the care of the animals can visit Rescue Right Inc. at [www.rescueright.org](http://www.rescueright.org) or the Putnam County SCPA at [www.scaputnam.org/donation](http://www.scaputnam.org/donation) to help support the SPCA.



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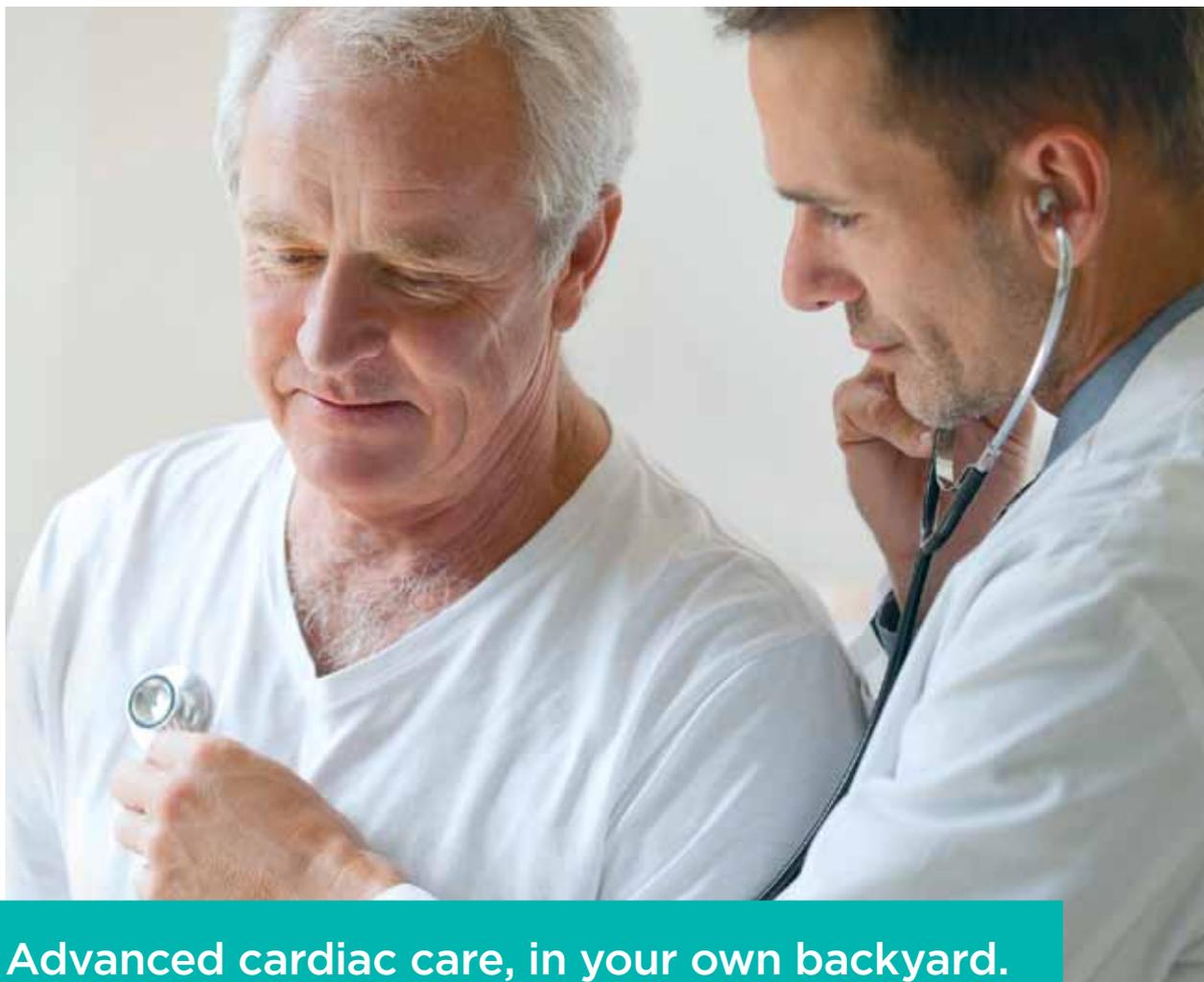
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# Memorial Day Special Section



## Putnam Korean War Vet Inducted into Senate Vets' HOF

During his 18 months in Korea, Corporal George Godfrey dodged plenty of bullets, but never shirked his duty to his country. Working as a police patrolman proved no less arduous, but he served the Village of Brewster with honor and distinction for seven years. In recognition of sterling military service and tireless community work, Senator Terrence Murphy selected Mr. Godfrey as the 40th Senate District's 2017 inductee into the New York State Veterans' Hall of Fame. Mr. Godfrey was honored at a special ceremony held at the State Capital in Albany on May 16.

"Like many men of his generation, George has lived his life admirably and served his country with dignity and honor," said Senator Murphy. "He came home and helped his community in the same way he served his country - with dedication and a selfless commitment to aiding others. His induction into the Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame is just one more way to give him a well-deserved expression of our thanks."

The New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame was created in 2005 to honor and recognize outstanding veterans from the Empire State who have distinguished



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George Godfrey with NYS Senator Terrence Murphy.

themselves both in military and civilian life. The Hall of Fame is comprised of New York veterans from each senate district throughout the state. Each honoree's photograph and biography will become part of a special on-line exhibit proclaiming the contributions of these

exemplary New York Veterans.

Mr. Godfrey was born and raised in Brewster and attended Brewster High School. He enlisted in the Army in 1951, and was trained at Fort Devens in Massachusetts and at Fort Campbell in Kentucky before being shipped to Seoul, Korea. Serving admirably in the heart of the hostilities he was awarded the Korean Service medal with three Bronze Stars, the Combat Infantry Badge and the National Service Medal. Returning to Brewster, Mr.

Godfrey joined the police department. He also drove a school bus, worked in heavy construction, drove for Grand Union stores and drove containers from New Jersey to Massachusetts.

Mr. Godfrey has dedicated his life to community service. He is a 57-year member of the Brewster-Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, and greets commuters every day at the Brewster train station as they embark and disembark, providing a sense of security and caring.



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# Memorial Day Events in Putnam

## Friday, Saturday, and Sunday May 26-28

**Putnam County Joint Veterans Council** - John Morris Memorial Watchfire Vigil, each night 6 p.m.-6 a.m. May 26,27,28 Opening Ceremony Friday at 7 p.m. Flag Retirement through out the Vigil.

## Sunday May 28

**VFW Post 1374 & Auxiliary, Carmel & American Legion Post 270**- 9:30 a.m. Ceremony at monument on Terryhill Road, Kent 11 a.m. Ceremony at Post Home 32 Gleneida Ave, Carmel Refreshments to follow 11:30 a.m. Ceremony

## Monday May 29

**VFW Post 391, Putnam Valley**- 11 a.m. Ceremony Putnam Valley Town Hall noon Ceremony Lake Peekskill Monument (Chester Place) 1 p.m. Ceremony Post Home 153 Oscawanna Lake Road Refreshments to follow 1 p.m. ceremony at Post Home 2 p.m. Start of "Round of Honor". Visiting grave sites, cemeteries, and monuments in vicinity, including Lakeland High School, Bill Mangero Park

**VFW Post 672, Brewster - Parade from Brewster Fire House to Electrozone Field** (step off 11 a.m.) Ceremony at Electrozone Field following parade. Light

Lunch to follow at post home on Peaceable Hill Road

**VFW Post 2362 and American Legion Post 275 Cold Spring** - 9 a.m. step off at 85 Main St, Cold Spring Village Hall, to Veterans Memorial on Mains St, then onto the Old Cold Spring Cemetery (Revolutionary War), then to Nelsonville Town Hall. Ceremony at each location. Refreshments to follow at American Legion/VFW Hall on Cedar Street.

**VFW Post & Ladies Auxiliary 5491 Mahopac & American Legion Post 1080** - Parade from Clarke Place to Veterans Memorial Park on East Lake Blvd. (step off 10 a.m.) Ceremony to

follow at Monument American Legion Post 1080 Ceremony at noon following VFW Ceremony at 333 Buckshollow Road Refreshments to follow at VFW Post home 154 East Lake Blvd & at the Legion Post 333 Buckshollow Rd.

**VFW Post 9257& Ladies Auxiliary & AMVET Post 1111 Putnam Lake** - Parade and Ceremony at The Monument located at the intersection of Fairfield and Haviland Dr. 10 a.m.- parade step off from The Castle Building located on Haviland Dr.

**Refreshments to be served at VFW 9257**, located at 4 Fairfield Dr, Patterson (Note: this year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the post. Our lone surging charter member, Joseph Garcia, will be recognized during the ceremony.)

**VFW Post 8013, Somers** - Annual Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony. Step off 10 a.m. from Somers Middle School to Ivandell Cemetery (Somers Post is part of the Putnam County Council VFW).

**American Legion Post 1542, Patterson** - 10 a.m. walk from Post home to monument on Rt. 311 for ceremony. Refreshments to follow at Post Home.

## Tuesday May 30

**Putnam County Joint Veterans Council** - 6 p.m. Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park

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force. To order your flag, call 845-808-1620 or visit PutnamCountyNY.gov/ROH. Checks can be made payable to the Joint Veterans Council to PC Veterans Service Agency, Donald B. Smith Government Campus, 110 Old Route 6, Bldg. 3, Carmel, N.Y. 10512. A Row of Honor pancake breakfast was held last weekend, with funds from the event going toward veteran causes. "In support of the 22 veterans who commit suicide daily and the growing population of veterans who are suffering from combat induced mental illness, we are designating funds raised by this event to support our Military Suicide Awareness programs," said Karl Rohde, Director of Putnam County Veterans Services.



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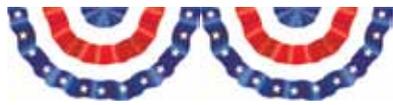
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# Memorial Day Special Section



## Cutting Veterans' Services – It's Déjà Vu All Over Again

**By Karl Rohde**  
**Director, Putnam County Veterans Service Agency**

In 1991, Governor Mario Cuomo attempted to reduce his New York State budget by cutting services to the Veterans of Putnam County. Today, the legacy continues as his son and current NYS Governor, Andrew Cuomo, attempts a similar strategy.

First, a bit of history -- Back in 1991 the New York Division of Veterans Affairs announced that they were going to close the Putnam County office for budgetary reasons. The closing of the office was going to save about \$50,000 out of a \$5 Million Budget that had to be cut by \$500,000. Fortunately, Putnam succeeded in mobilizing its Veterans and won a reprieve. As part of the new deal, the Putnam County office would remain open, but the County would foot the bill to house the NY State Division Service officer, and provide secretarial assistance for the two days the service officer was on site. In addition, the County would also provide clerical assistance on the other three days of the week to schedule appointments, as well as providing phone service and computer access at no charge to the State.

After the State's second attempt to close the Putnam Office in April 2015 was thwarted, I formally requested, as Director of the Putnam County Veterans Service Agency and provider of free office space, clerical support and amenities to the NYS Division of Veterans Affairs, that we receive notification when and if the Putnam Office would be closed. That following January of 2016, the Division closed the office. Putnam Veterans Services had to reschedule an estimated 50 Veteran client appointments to other dates at a location in Castle Point, which is about 25 miles from our office in Carmel. Again, we fought and won to reopen our office, so our Veterans, many of whom are elderly and disabled, would not have to



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Karl Rohde, Director, Putnam County Veterans Service Agency.

bear the burden of inconvenient, costly and unnecessary travel to meet with a Veterans Service Officer to apply for compensation due to military service.

The punishment continued in 2016 when the Division tried to limit Putnam to one day per week with a Veterans Service Officer. That was also stopped when we proved the need in Putnam for at least two days per week, if not more.

Now in May of 2017, just weeks before Memorial Day, and the New York State Division, at the insistence of Governor Andrew Cuomo, is keen on denying services to the Veterans of Putnam County again.

In order to save money, the Putnam Office will be closed. This is nonsense. The Division has to save \$300,000 in the current budget. Notwithstanding that the Governor wants to cut his budget on behalf of Veterans, this closing makes little sense. Our Veterans Service Officer, Brennan Mahoney, will still be employed

5 days per week by the Division. He will do all those days at Castle Point alongside another fulltime service officer at the same location. The Veterans of Putnam, Northern Westchester and Southern Dutchess will now be forced to commute

to Castle Point to see Brennan even though there is a second service officer already covering the Castle Point location – and where is the cost savings? It should also be noted that while the clerk at Castle Point is paid by the State of New York, the clerk in Putnam County still costs the State of New York nothing.

The travel expense and inconvenience to these Veterans has not been considered in the least. The age of the Veteran or the disability that makes travel difficult has not been weighed in this decision.

Why are these statewide cuts being aimed at the very group of people that the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs is mandated to serve? To put a fine point on it, why is the Division targeting its own clients? There are no suggested cut backs in management headcount or salary. No mention of trying to lower the costs in areas where they rent and or lease office buildings. Rather than a knee jerk response, why weren't the cuts more thoughtfully vetted?

Veterans and family members who wish to learn answers to these questions should contact Eric J. Hesse, director, New York State Division of Veterans Affairs at (518) 474-6114.

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# Soaring Toward 25th Birds of Prey Day

When the Ross Family purchased the 75-acre Green Chimneys Farm to open a school for very young children, every building on the property had a chimney that was painted green. Back then, no one could have known how important the color would become to the future of the organization, and to our planet. Green Chimneys has truly been green for the past 70 years, helping children to understand the importance of nature and their connection to it.

This philosophy has been key in Green Chimneys' approach to helping children with special needs. The Green Chimneys

Farm & Wildlife Center is home to over 200 domesticated farm animals and wildlife including 50 birds of prey, such as an Andean condor; Griffon vulture; numerous hawks, falcons, and owls; several crows; and permanently disabled bald and golden eagles. Through the care and rehabilitation of these animals, Green Chimneys students learn the true meaning of stewardship. They come face-to-face with the fact that animals can be needy and that they can play a role in nursing them back to health. It's an important lesson for children who have special needs of their own: it's the

opportunity to move from being a service receiver to being a service provider.

Today the Green Chimneys wildlife program provides valuable education and interactive experiences not only for students of Green Chimneys School but for the larger community, as well. Part of this is the annual Birds of Prey Day, launched 25 years ago as a fundraiser to build Green Chimneys' very first aviary. It has since grown into a full-day educational program and celebration of birds of prey and the environment, hosting thousands of visitors. On Sunday, June 4, Green Chimneys will continue its



famous tradition with a silver anniversary celebration to mark 25 years of Birds of Prey Day! The day of fun, flight and falconry will feature more than 100 birds of prey on display with falconers from across New York and Connecticut. Visitors will have a chance to get "up close and personal" with majestic eagles, hawks, owls and falcons and learn from top wildlife and environmental experts such as: Jim Fowler of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom; Jonathan Wood The Raptor Project; Bill Robinson Wildlife Lectures; Brian Bradley Skyhunters in Flight; James Eyring Pace Environmental Center; Erik Callender Reptile Adventures, and the New York State Falconry Association. Watch a video honoring the significance of this year's event: <http://www.greenchimneys.org/preyday-video>

High points of the day include free-flying raptors, live animal demonstrations, and witness the release of a rehabilitated bird with the help of a graduating student; a very significant moment for Green Chimneys' staff and student rehabilitators, as well as the numerous wildlife professionals in attendance. Other animal highlights include introductions to exotic species under the main tent, the animal residents of the Green Chimneys Farm & Wildlife Center and always, some four-footed (or no-footed) surprise guests! The event will also feature an art show displaying the work of some very talented Green Chimneys students. View details of the day: [www.greenchimneys.org/preyday-schedule](http://www.greenchimneys.org/preyday-schedule)

#### Event Schedule

Doors open: 10 a.m.; Animal & Birds of Prey Demos: 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Live Stage Show: 2:30 - 4 p.m.; Ceremonial Bird Release: 4:30 p.m.

#### Admission

Adults \$15, Kids \$5, Seniors \$5, Family Pass \$35. Free for military with ID and scouts in uniform.

For more information, visit [www.greenchimneys.org/preyday](http://www.greenchimneys.org/preyday) or call 845-279-2995, ext.307

Birds of Prey Day is one of Green Chimneys' largest fundraising events and welcomes approximately 3,000 people to its 200-acre Brewster, NY campus each year. The 2017 celebration has been made possible through generous sponsorship from VCA Animal Hospitals; Myra Ross, NYSEG; Eastern Hay; Mitchell; M&T Bank; Regal Entertainment; Swiss Re; and The News-Times/Hearst Media Services.



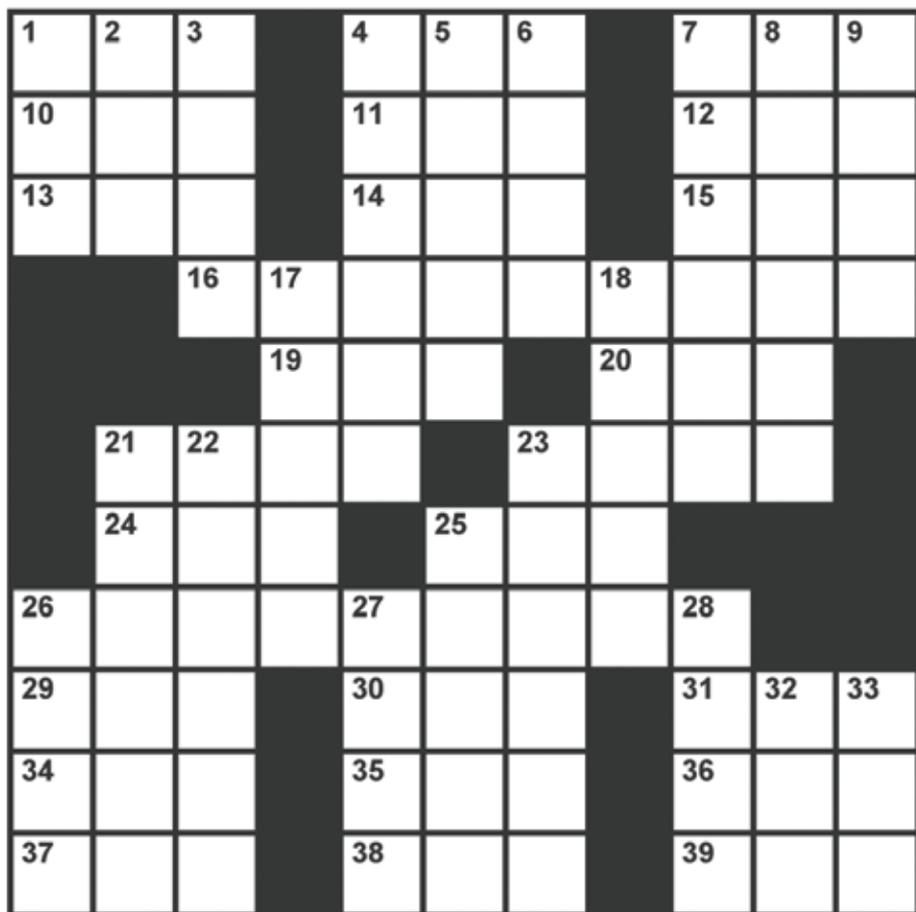
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# Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by Myles Mellor

Answers on page 23

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**Across**

1. "Yup" opposite
4. Chicago time zone
7. Good times
10. In vitro items, perhaps
11. "Mystery solved!"
12. Occasional "Wheel of Fortune" purchase
13. Uncooked
14. \_\_\_classical (Stravinsky's genre)
15. Ryan of "When Harry Met Sally"
16. Brightly colored S.A. swimmer
19. Author Fleming
20. Corporation type
21. Wilts
23. Stringed toy
24. Gov.health org.
25. Window type
26. Crompond Rd bowling center
29. Globe
30. Use the dotted line
31. Premium cable TV network
34. Mauna \_\_\_\_, Hawaii
35. Grammy nominee in 2007: Corinne Bailey \_\_\_\_
36. Hamelin critter
37. Energy unit
38. First round draft pick, perhaps
39. Tolkien cannibal

**Down**

1. Negative alternative
2. "On the Beach" actress
3. Guitar pedal effect
4. Cuban ballroom dances

5. Charlie or Martin
6. Wrench, e.g.
7. New Peekskill discount store, \_\_\_\_ Dollar
8. Org. that designates World Heritage Sites
9. Almost
17. M. \_\_\_ Shyamalan, film director
18. Rock's Pink \_\_\_
21. Night noise maker
22. Car's safety feature
23. Big Apple baseballer
25. Overdone
26. Pepsi's rival
27. Old Italian coin
28. By way of, abbr.
32. Prevent
33. One way to sell stocks, briefly

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## Flashy Hoops Comes to Brewster for Good Cause

The Brewster Big Shots took on the Harlem Wizards basketball team this month in an event that put the "fun" in fundraising. Faculty, staff, administrators, Brewster High School basketball players and even school board members from the Brewster Central School District came together as a team on Saturday, May 13, in the H.H. Wells Middle School Auditorium. The Brewster Big Shots enjoyed competition and comedy during and in between the four quarters of the game including "tricks, hoops and alley oops!" The Harlem Wizards, known for their amazing skills on the court and equally hilarious comedy, played a fun-spirited game against the Brewster Big

Shots. Hundreds of students, friends and family members came out in support of their home team to cheer, dance and contribute to the fundraising goals of the Brewster Elementary, Intermediate/Middle School PTA and the Brewster Education Foundation. "Over \$5,800 was raised at this event," says Ann Marie Kovaleski, Brewster IS/MS PTA President, "It was an amazing night and everyone - old and young - had a great time. We are grateful to the Harlem Wizards for offering us this opportunity and to all the Brewster Big Shots players for participating." The funds raised will make a great difference in the lives of many Brewster students.



# When a Couple Puts Asunder What God Hath Joined

Recently I received another one of those calls. A couple is in the process of getting a divorce and they want me to come and do a comparative market analysis on their home in preparation for its sale. Divorce, along with death, is one of the main catalysts in the sale of homes.

Depending on which statistics are to be believed, perhaps more than 50 percent of us today decide not to heed the Bible's warning in Matthew that "what God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

When I got married at a young age, I knew intuitively that it would be "til death do us part." And through years of developing into maturity, adaptation to each other's changes, enduring disappointments and problems, as well as sharing the heights of great moments, indeed, the marriage has flourished and become more cherished each year.

But for those who have a different experience with marriage, a major element of divorce is the division of



By Bill Primavera

property, which frequently involves the sale of a jointly-owned home. When a realtor is representing such a sale, in essence, she or he is working for both parties, and that can be an exercise in understanding and diplomacy, especially if the split is acrimonious.

If the former partners are no longer speaking to each other but conducting all business through their respective lawyers and their real estate agent, it can demand double duty in communications all around.

"The unfortunate thing is that you would expect that when a home is bought or sold, it would be an occasion for joy, because the people involved are either walking away with money or moving into a new house," according to one lawyer to whom I spoke who specializes in real estate.

"But with a divorce it can be emotionally and financially draining on the couple and even beyond their control if there is a court order to get the house sold," he continued, "and for the lawyers

and realtor – there can be two different matrimonial and real estate lawyers involved – it also can be a real strain. The situation is negatively charged when you're working with people who may have reached the lowest ebb they're likely ever to have in their lives."

I've experienced one situation with a different kind of ending that gives me a great deal of pleasure to report here. It involves a couple who showed up at my real estate office some years ago unannounced and asked for me. Flatteringly enough, they said they had chosen me to list their home because, as readers of this column, they got to know me and trusted my judgment. Then they dropped the bomb that the sale of their home was necessary because they decided to get divorced.

I'm certainly no psychologist or divorce counselor, but in the course of a long conversation, it became apparent to me that they had enjoyed a solid marriage for many years, and I suspected that they were simply engaged in an argument and using the potential sale of the house as a pawn to get their feelings out with the help of an objective observer, namely me.

Based on these gut feelings, all I could

say was, "Wait a minute. Are you sure you really want to do this?" Both the wife and husband looked at me blankly, probably caught off-guard that they had encountered a realtor who was killing his chances of a deal. But they responded by both smiling and taking my advice to cool down, go home and discuss the situation further.

Bottom line, the couple is still together in the same home, we even became friends and they've never again mentioned divorce to me. It gives me a good feeling that, like most realtors, I am engaged in something more than just selling houses, but am of genuine service in helping guide people through transitions and some rough spots in life.

My handling of the situation lost me a sale, but it did fill my heart with gladness.

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## Nature Decides to Display Her Power Over Man's Determination



By Nick Antonaccio

Modern man is at the top of his homo sapiens game.

Since we first stood upright, we have been subject to the constant whim and temperament of Mother Nature. Throughout our evolutionary

lifecycle, our efforts to master and control nature have come in fits and starts, with successes and failures coming in long waves of experimentation and fights for survival.

But in the last century, we have achieved more in advancing control over our destinies than in all of the 50,000 years of humankind's modern behavioral history.

Yet, just as we are feeling increasingly immortal and omnipotent, just as we feel in total control over the natural order on earth, nature comes down on us with a vengeance to remind us of who's in charge and how precarious our lives, and livelihoods, can be. The randomness of nature's forces, whether atmospheric conditions or biological mutations, keep us constantly on edge, as we take two steps forward

and one step back in our campaign for dominance over nature.

We experience this conflict on many levels, both global and local. And since this is a wine column, my focus tends to be as much wine-centric as human-centric.

The proliferation of bountiful and excellent wines has never been greater than in the early decades of the 21st century. I've come to expect continued progress, perhaps even dominance, over nature's influence in the vineyards.

Just as vineyard owners were feeling confident that they had mastered the tempestuousness of nature, along came stark reminders last month of its feckless disregard for man's attempts to conquer the vicissitudes of nature's dominance.

And not just one reminder, but two. Not just a statement, but a statement with a bold exclamation point.

Over the span of several weeks numerous wine regions were assaulted by devastating frost and/or debilitating hailstorms.

In the quiet of a late spring morning, with grapevines coming out of their winter hibernation and bursting with the

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early flowers that produce the rich, robust grapes of a successful harvest, French vineyard owners awoke to an abnormally late frost. Crops were lost all across France.

Nature has a particularly malevolent attitude toward the Burgundy region of France. Not just wielding its might by casting freezing temperatures into the midst of bucolic vineyards, but by emphasizing its omnipotence by hurling giant nuggets of hail onto nascent grapes struggling to survive. This was the second consecutive year of hailstorm devastation, dealing a particularly heavy financial burden on grape growers whose fortunes rise and fall with the weather.

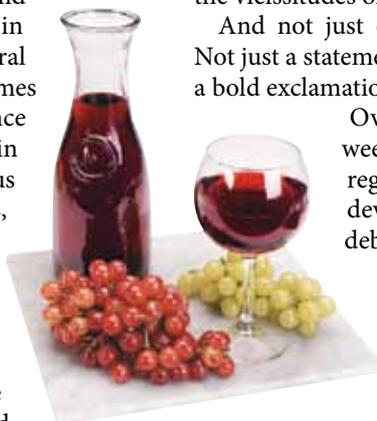
The fickle hand of nature can be excruciatingly discriminatory, not isolated to specific wine regions such as Burgundy, but singling out small swaths of vineyards across France. Just as location and weather patterns are key factors in the success of one vineyard over another, so too can they be a detriment. Valley-based grapevines tend to enjoy early morning fog, which enhances the maturity and sugar content of developing grapes – except when that fog and mist succumb to frost, which kills young buds or grapes. Grapevines grown at a higher elevation may not be as fruit forward; however, they are less susceptible to damaging frosts.

Many wine regions suffered the indignity of bruises, lacerations and destruction. In addition to Burgundy, vineyards in the French regions of Bordeaux, the Loire Valley, Champagne, Languedoc and Alsace will likely suffer crop losses of 20 to 50 percent. In neighboring Italy, similar calamities and devastation struck in low-lying vineyards in Tuscany, Piedmont, Veneto and Lombardy.

Are these meteorological phenomena a sign of a permanent decline in future wine production? Have they established a new paradigm for grape growers, winemakers and consumers? Perhaps, but let's look at the season to date across the Atlantic. My, my, what a difference longitude can make. In the United States, nature has been smiling upon vineyards. Seasonal variations have been mild, portending another exceptional crop in 2017.

Man and nature. Adversarial conflict? Peaceful coexistence? As long as our relationship continues to be two steps forward, we can cope with one step back.

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# Happenings

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## Tuesday, May 23

**Brewster Chamber Seeks Information on Businesses from the 1950's.** The Brewster Chamber of Commerce is about to celebrate their 60th Anniversary Shindig on Sunday, August 6th at Wells Park in Brewster. We need your help! Established in 1957, the Brewster Chamber of Commerce has played a crucial role in encouraging a sense of community while promoting growth and supporting partnership among our local business professionals. The Chamber is currently planning for a celebration of this 60-year milestone but we need your participation! Here's what we're searching for: Businesses that have been in Brewster for the last 40, 50, and 60 years. Businesses that have been passed down from generation to generation. Anyone who has been in the Chamber since it was established. Anyone who remembers or frequented Chamber businesses around 1957. Anyone who graduated from Brewster High School in 1957, or has family that went to school during that time. We will be holding a special meeting at Seven Star School of Performing Arts on Tuesday, May 23 at 11 a.m. Light refreshments will be served. Photos, stories, names etc. are all needed and appreciated. Please respond to the Brewster Chamber Executive Director Rose Aglieco at (845) 279-2477 [info@brewsterchamber.com](mailto:info@brewsterchamber.com). Visit the Brewster Chamber online at [www.brewsterchamber.com](http://www.brewsterchamber.com).

**Health Care Legislation** panel discussion to be held at Mahopac Library 6:30 p.m.

## Thursday, May 24

**Evaluating the News:** 1:30 p.m. This course will give you the resources and confidence to sort out what information is reliable. Mahopac Library. Registration is requested. Register online at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

## Thursday, May 25

**The Tri-State IBM Club:** 1:30 p.m. Meeting hall of the United Methodist Church, 1176 E Main St, Shrub Oak. A representative of Yorktown Ambulance Corps will present "Home Preparedness for Emergencies". Names will be collected for attendees to our June 29 summer luncheon. Anyone who has not paid dues is asked to submit their payment to keep current. Sign in and light refreshments at 1pm. More info: 914-528-5916.

**"Salvo", a film by Fabio Grassadonia and Antonio Piazza,** will be screened at Mahopac Public Library on 6:30 p.m. The film is screened in Italian with English subtitles; running time is 110 minutes. Free program; popcorn for all. Registration is requested, drop-ins welcome. A hitman for the Sicilian Mafia,

Salvo is solitary, cold and ruthless. When he sneaks into a house on an assignment, he discovers Rita, an innocent young blind girl who must stand by powerlessly while her brother is assassinated. What follows is an intense exchange fueled by adrenaline and fear between the killer and his witness, one that changes their two lives in an instant. The darkness is lifted from Rita's eyes just as Salvo decides, against his murderous instincts, to spare her life. From then on, both haunted by their brief encounter, these two damaged souls will attempt to navigate their dangerous next steps side by side. For further information, or to register, visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

**Pajama Story Time:** 6:30 p.m. Don't miss out on another fun night of pajamas and stories! Join author, Robin Cohen as she treats us to a reading of her book, *The Scary Lion!* Ms. Cohen's yoga infused book will have readers stretching and relaxing throughout! She'll even create a craft with participants as well! For ages 3-7, registration required. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

## Friday, May 26

**Opening Ceremony for the Watch Fires.** 6 p.m., at Putnam County Veterans Park "Friday through Sunday, May 26, 27 & 28 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Veteran and Fraternal Organizations will once again come together for the Annual Watch Fires at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park. We will guard the park to prevent the vandalism that perpetrated against it over a dozen years ago on the eve of Memorial Day. We also retire thousands of American Flags over the three nights. (Many from the Bob Palmer Project)

## Sunday, May 28

**Kent Historical Society Annual Benefit Bake and Tag Sale.** Rain Date May 29. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 1374 Route 52, Ludingtonville exit from Rte. 84 at Ludington Mill site. To help or donate: 845 225 4530 or 845 225 9459. [kenthistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:kenthistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

**Music:** 4 p.m. Julia Bruskin, cello and Aaron Wunsch, piano. Boulanger, Three Pieces for Cello and Piano; Debussy, Three Pieces for Piano; Franck, Sonata in A Major for Cello and Piano and Poulenc, Cello Sonata Admission is free, contributions are welcome. The Chapel Restoration, 45 Market Street, Cold Spring, NY. [www.chapelrestoration.org](http://www.chapelrestoration.org) 845- 265-5537.

## Monday, May 29

**Brewster Memorial Day Ceremony:** Please arrive by 10:30 a.m. as lineup is at 10:45 a.m. and step off is at 11 a.m. The ceremony begins once all of the

marchers have made arrived at Veterans Park (Electrazone Field). Marine Corps League to provide Rifle detail

## Tuesday, May 30

**Magic Tree House Book Club at Kent Library.** "Tonight on the Titanic" by Mary Pope Osborne. Travel through time and explore history with Jack and Annie on their many adventures. We will discuss the book, learn more about the time they travel to and enjoy making a craft. This club is open to those in 1st, 2nd & 3rd grades. Registration is required. You may register for the program by going to [www.kentlibrary.org](http://www.kentlibrary.org) or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes

**Traditional Memorial Day,** with the Putnam County Joint Veterans Council Memorial Ceremony at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park at 6 p.m.

## Wednesday, May 31

**Little Tykes Yoga:** 10:30 a.m. Relax and have fun with your little one! Join instructor, Leslie Bernstein and her son Ian to try a new yoga practice of following your child's lead. Leslie will also mix in fun animals poses to incorporate language, sound, and movement for full interaction between caregiver and child! Registration required. For more information or to register contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

## Saturday, June 3

**Backyard Farming Workshop Series:** Pond and Lake Management and Raising Backyard Chickens. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Putnam Valley Grange 128 Mill Street (at Peekskill Hollow Rd.) Putnam Valley. \$15 Registered and Paid in advance \$20 at the door (admission fee covers one person or the whole family!) Grange Members admitted Free

**Writers Reading at the library presents author Margarita Meyendorff** Join us as Margarita Meyendorff reads from her autobiographical book titled, "D.P." (Displaced Person) Q & A with reception to follow. Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library, 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring, NY 10516 Time - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Phone - (845) 265-3040. email - [jblhappenings@gmail.com](mailto:jblhappenings@gmail.com) Registration requested website - [www.butterfieldlibrary.org](http://www.butterfieldlibrary.org) contact - Luanne Morse

**Defensive Driving Course** at the Brewster Public Library on Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Receive a discount on your motor vehicle collision and liability insurance premium as well as point reduction on your driving record. Cost is \$40, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the library. The class is being offered by DigitalDefensiveDriving.com. Advance registration is required. For more information call 845-279-6421 or

visit <http://tinyurl.com/n6e8uka>.

## Saturday, June 3

**Big Truck Day at Kent Library:** 11 a.m.- 1 p.m., Kent Library's parking lot will be filled with construction trucks from the highway department, a police car, ambulance, fire engines and more! Families are invited to touch, climb on, and explore these impressive vehicles in a supervised environment. Children may even get to honk the horn! Meet the people who drive the big trucks and police cars, and learn about the important jobs they have in our community. This is an especially fun program for young children. The rain date is June 17th. No registration is needed, just stop by! The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes,

**Planting the Vegetable Garden:** 1 p.m. Join Cornell Cooperative Extension and their Master Gardeners for an afternoon of hands-on learning and planting in our vegetable garden. We will be out in the soil so dress accordingly. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click Calendar.

## Monday, June 5

**Madden Farm Visit:** Meet a naturalist from Madden Farm and get to see up close an owl, hedgehog and aquatic turtle. Registration is required. There is limited space so please register each person attending this program. For ages 4 & up! This is not a drop off program. Parents must stay with their children. Registration is required. You may register for the program by going to [www.kentlibrary.org](http://www.kentlibrary.org) or calling the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585. The library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes.

**Campers: The Patterson Recreation Center,** located at 65 Front Street Patterson, New York is now accepting registrations for summer camp. Basketball, flag football, Lego, Pre k and our ever popular multi-activity camps are being offered again. Stop by Mon.-Fri. between 9 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. or call 845-878-7200.

**Vendors Wanted: Rent-A-Space Community Tag Sale.** First Presbyterian Church located at 411 Rt. 6N (at Secor Rd) in Mahopac will host a Rent-a-Space Community Tag Sale Saturday June 17, 9 a.m. Rain or Shine. Refreshments will be available. Vendors are wanted. Double parking space \$25 in Advance (by check until June 10, cash until June 15th) \$30 Day of Sale, Cash Only. Tables are available for rent @ \$10 each, set up starts 8 a.m. For more information please call 845-628-2365 or email [presby411@verizon.net](mailto:presby411@verizon.net)

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BASILBOX LLC.** Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/10/17. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC,

26 Meadow Ln, #B, Pleasantville, NY 10570. **Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION of MDU On-Demand Services, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 21, 2017. Location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. **The address of the LLC is 50 Shore Road Pelham, NY 10803. The business helps residents in apartment buildings take care of daily chores.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PAK CREATIVE, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 30, 2017. Office location: Westchester County. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **Peter McKinley, 29 Montrose Point Rd, Montrose, NY 10548. Purpose: Any Lawful Act.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF EF HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATES, LLC.** Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/17/2017. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **20-7 Foxwood Dr., Pleasantville, NY 10570. Purpose: any lawful acts.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF FAR FROM HOME PRODUCTION, LLC.** Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/7/2017. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **42 Glen Road, Eastchester, NY, 10709. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE BLADRESS, LLC.** Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/03/17. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **8 Cedar St, Tuckahoe, NY, 10707. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION of FREEDOM CAPITAL ENTERPRISES, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New

York (SSNY) on 11/14/16, Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **405 Tarrytown Road #1437, White Plains, NY 10607. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION of 1352 COMMERCE AVENUE, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/14/16, Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **1027 Washington Avenue Pelham Manor, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF WK RISK MANAGEMENT, LLC.** Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/10/2017. Office location: Westchester County. LLC formed in CT on 7/11/2016. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to: 925 Westchester Ave., Suite 400, White Plains, NY 10604. CT address of LLC: 190 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton, CT 06897. Certificate of LLC filed with Secy. of State of CT located at: **30 Trinity St., Hartford, CT 06106. Purpose: providing assistance to insurance brokers and agents.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) NAME: Mitch's Fishes, LLC** Articles of Organization were filed With the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/09/16. Office location : Westchester County. SSNY has been designated As agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to : **The LLC, 22 Baltic Place Apt 2D , Croton On Hudson, NY 10520 (the LLC's principal business Location) Purpose : any lawful purpose**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF T.A.T.A.'S AMBROSIAL, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/27/17. Office location: Putnam Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **130 Reservoir Road, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: health and beauty product.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLTT PROPERTY LLC ART.** Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/21/17. Office in

Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **Susan Lewkowitz, 670 White Plains Rd. Ste. 110, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF VAMOS LLC,** Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State (SSNY) on February 24, 2017. Office Location: Westchester County. Service may be made to SSNY, who shall mail a copy to: C/O VAMOS LLC, **81 Pondfield Road, #200, Bronxville, NY, 10708. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RISA'S FABULOUS CREATIONS WEDDING AND EVENT PLANNING FOR ALL OCCASIONS, LLC.** Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/22/2017. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to business address: **422 South 6th Ave., Mount Vernon, NY 10550. Purpose: Event planner, coordinator and decorator.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CREATENET STUDIO LLC.** Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/29/15. Office Loc: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, **300 S. Broadway #2J Tarrytown, NY 10591. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF XL-SIR, LLC.** Filed with the SSNY on 03/01/2017. Office Loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful acts.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF GMJJ LLC** Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on April 26, 2017. Office Location: Westchester County, SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **180 Stone Hill Road, Bedford, NY 10506. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village Treasurer of**  
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**the Village of Pleasantville** has received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes for the fiscal year 2017-2018. Payments will be accepted in the Finance Department on the Third Floor of Village Hall, 80 Wheeler Avenue, in said Village from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays as follows: Taxes and other assessments, if any, become due and payable June 1, 2017, but may be paid in two installments without penalty. The first installment may be paid without penalty from June 1, 2017 to and including July 1, 2017. The second installment may be paid without penalty from June 1, 2017 to and including December 31, 2017. To all first installment taxes remaining unpaid after July 1, 2017, five

percent (5%) will be added for the month of July, and an additional one percent (1%) for each month or fraction thereof until paid. To all second installment taxes remaining unpaid after December 31, 2017, five percent (5%) will be added for the month of January, and an additional one percent (1%) for each month or fraction thereof until paid. On or before February 1, 2018 a delinquent list will be published. **Mary Schwartz, Village Treasurer, Dated: May 23, 2017**

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## Cornell Extension Hosts Build-Your-Own Rain Barrel

Watering lawns and gardens can account for as much as forty per cent of summertime water use. Try watering with rainwater and save the tap water for drinking!

As summer drought and possible water restrictions kick in, you can take advantage of rainwater runoff to irrigate your garden. Rain barrels are a great, mosquito-proof way to capture water from your gutters and lesson the draw on your home well or water supply.

Participants in this one hour workshop will build their own 55 gallon rain barrel,

complete with spigot, overflow, and mosquito screening. Master Gardener Volunteers will be on hand to help, Saturday, June 10th 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Patterson Environmental Park in the Great Swamp. Space is limited! Be sure to have a vehicle to transport your completed barrel home. Registration is requested with a materials fee of \$50. For more information and a registration form, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County at (845) 278-6738 or visit [www.putnam.cce.cornell.edu](http://www.putnam.cce.cornell.edu).



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Putnam Valley sophomore Jacklyn Phillips (6) totaled a career-high 12 points (six goals and six assists) in the No.3-seeded Tigers' 19-7 Section 1 Class D quarterfinal win over visiting No.6 Pleasantville last Friday. Putnam Valley were set to play at No. 2 North Salem in last night's semifinals... see Girls' Lax Notebook