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Mrs. Green's, Union Reach Settlement on Labor Dispute

By Neal Rentz

The long-simmering labor dispute at Mrs. Green's Natural Market in Mount Kisco has come to an end.

A settlement between the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 1500 and the company was reached last Tuesday and agreed to by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

The dispute stemmed from the firing of eight workers in January who played key roles in trying to organize workers last year at the Lexington Avenue store.

Under the agreement, each of the fired workers has been rehired and will recoup back pay, according to a statement issued by the UFCW. They are expected back on the job this week.

Mrs. Green's spokesman John Collins said the settlement was in line with the company's "core principals" of employing more full-time associates than its competitors, giving bonuses and

discounts to hourly employees, and giving all staff an opportunity for profit sharing and opportunities for advancement.

"Store leadership embrace these values and core principles and has stepped forward to do the right thing for its associates," Collins said. "Now we are moving forward with a shared commitment to provide Mount Kisco families with organic, local and all-natural products and access to a healthier lifestyle."

The settlement averted a hearing before a federal administrative judge that had been scheduled to begin last week, which could have exposed Mrs. Green's to sanctions. Since January, picket lines could be seen on most days on the sidewalk in front of the store.

Mrs. Green's was cited in November by the NLRB for engaging in unfair labor practices at the Mount Kisco store. The store had fired the workers, several of

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Last week's settlement between the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1500 and Mrs. Green's Natural Market ended the picketing that had continued outside the Mount Kisco store since last winter.

Appalachian Service Project: Opening Teens' Eyes to a Different World

By Janine Bowen

Pleasantville is known for its sense of community, but a group of local residents once again brought their desire to help others in a place far outside the village's boundaries.

Earlier this month, 59 Pleasantville residents spent nine days in West Virginia, helping to rebuild the homes of impoverished residents in central Appalachia as part of the Appalachian Service Project (ASP). The program began in the mid-1960s and Pleasantville has been participating since 1999, when the village's Methodist and Presbyterian churches initiated involvement.

"In Pleasantville there's a tremendous sense of altruism," said Rich Tocco. "A lot of people are involved and there's a new sense of fellowship within the adults

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Pleasantville volunteer Rebecca Lord helps a little girl during the recent nine-day trip to repair houses in central Appalachia in West Virginia.

Chappaqua Architect's Development Plan Faces Complex Legal Issues

By Martin Wilbur

An ambitious mixed-use development proposal for downtown Chappaqua will require the resolution of complicated legal issues and easements from multiple property owners before New Castle officials will decide whether to support the plan.

Chappaqua architect Chuck Napoli returned to the town board last week with a tweaked conceptual plan of his proposal to add roughly 100 apartments, senior independent living, a memory care unit facility, a parking structure topped with an athletic field, retail, a food market and a performing arts center to help remake the downtown.

"The whole idea, obviously, is to revitalize the hamlet and provide all the necessary needs and interests of the people," Napoli said at the town board's

July 15 work session. "We're still working on that and sooner or later I think you're going to get a feel for what it is."

However, whether the concept has a chance for consideration apparently hinges on Napoli and his development team receiving at least a dozen easements from downtown property owners. They would need those easements to build the structures that would house the ground-floor retail and second- and third-floor residential units behind the stores on South Greeley Avenue on the side closest to Robert E. Bell Middle School.

He would also require an agreement with the Chappaqua School District to build the parking structure on what is now the existing athletic field and an easement from the town to access a small strip of municipal land near the

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whom were involved in a drive to organize store employees to join Local 1500 of the UFCW, which was the issue leading to the NLRB decision. The union agreed to drop its latest NLRB claim in return for the rehiring of the workers.

Meanwhile, union leadership made sure to raise the issue of how Mrs. Green's sought to exercise its control over the workers.

"Mrs. Green's did everything possible to avoid unionization, including firing eight longtime workers who gave a combined over 50 years of service to the company," said UFCW President Bruce W. Both.

"We joined the brave workers, along with the Mount Kisco community, on a picket line in January fighting for what we all deserve, respect at work, and today justice prevailed."

"Our fight has been long, but it is not over," said David Ramirez, who worked for nearly a decade before being fired by Mrs. Green's. "We ultimately want and need protection at work, so we and all our co-workers don't have to work in fear that if we ever stand up for our basic rights we will be fired and on a picket line for six months, fighting for what we all should be guaranteed at work."

Collins praised Mount Kisco Mayor Michael Cindrich for being instrumental in getting the union and the store to come to an agreement.

Cindrich said he brought representatives from Mrs. Green's and the union together in an effort to hammer out the settlement. The store and its employees are assets to the community and Cindrich said he wanted to see the labor dispute resolved.

Westchester County Legislator Pete Harckham (D-North Salem), whose district includes the store location, commended Mrs. Green's Natural Market for rehiring the fired workers.

Harckham, who had personally boycotted the store since the dispute started and called for a countywide boycott in February, shopped in the Katonah store on Saturday morning, ending his protest.

"I commend Mrs. Green's for finally doing the right thing and rehiring these workers," Harckham said. "I said all along that this was not about unionization, but rather defending every worker's right to engage in the organization process, without regard of outcome. The right to attempt to organize without recrimination from one's employer should be absolute."

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senior center. Furthermore, he would need town permission to dissolve the current parking district to have the space to build as well as an agreement between the school district and the municipality, which may not be permissible.

Whether or not Napoli, who last appeared formally before the town in late 2012, can make all the moving parts work is open to question. Last week he said he was looking for direction and encouragement from the town board before continuing to pursue the project.

Napoli listed about 10 property owners who have interest in granting easements,

including the school district, although none have been formally finalized. While Napoli said he wasn't looking for officials to endorse the plan, he noted that he wanted to be "invited" to work with officials.

"We're really looking to hear somebody say play ball," Napoli told the board. "We're ready to hit a home run."

But board members were cautious because of the complex set of hurdles Napoli faces. Supervisor Robert Greenstein said the next move is for Napoli to make sure he has agreements in place with the other property owners before returning to the town.

"You need all of them to be on board with easements, obviously you need the school district to be on board," Greenstein said. "Once you have every single person on board, you will then come before the town board with an application. You'd be the one who starts off and says play ball."

Councilman Adam Brodsky said he's a big proponent of revitalizing downtown but told Napoli he has lots of work ahead of him before officials can be more definitive.

"That's a big undertaking," he said. "I'm not minimizing it at all, but I think it certainly seems an ambitious way to

revitalize downtown, and as you know, I'm all about that."

Napoli revealed that he has put together an "all-star" team of development partners including Covington Development, a Brewster-based company, Kensington Senior Development, LLC and Armonk Square developers John and Dominick Dioguardi. However, those alliances depend on him receiving a greater level of interest from the town.

"But none of the developers want to go any further without the town being more on board," Napoli said.

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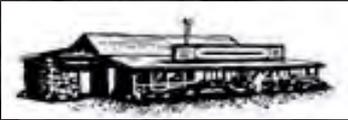
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when you go."

Tocco has participated in six ASP service projects, and has watched participation grow over the years. This year there were 42 teenagers and 17 adults, the largest number to date for the trip which concluded July 13.

Volunteers were split into groups and took on a variety of home projects—repairing floors, mending roofs and even building a large retaining wall to prevent a property from flooding.

Gail Zarick, who has been in charge of Pleasantville's trip for the past 11 years, said that the project has grown through

word of mouth, perhaps most surprisingly from the teenagers who take time away from their summer plans and return with fantastic stories.

"They often come because it sounds exciting to go away and do something with their friends...but when they're down there they realize that it's more," Zarick said. "They come to realize that in getting out of themselves and helping others that they get so much back in return. That it's really a transformative experience for them."

The teenagers not only learn valuable skills, but also become acquainted with different lifestyles. Zarick noted that many of the central Appalachian residents who benefited from the work sat with volunteers and ate meals with them, speaking about their lives and the limited opportunities they face living in poverty.

"It's not just reading about other people who are living below the poverty line. These are real people who become our friends," Zarick said.

Tocco's daughter, Evelyn, 18, noted that although the central Appalachian residents don't have much, they're incredibly appreciative of what they have and often put others first. She said the people she met are far more selfless than many others she's encountered closer to home. Tocco wondered whether many of the homes are in disrepair because residents put the needs of other people

ahead of themselves.

"Down there, [the people] think about themselves, but they also think about their family, and their family and friends come first," said Evelyn Tocco, who has been involved with the trip since she was 14, when she was first old enough to participate. "No matter what they have, they give to them before they give to themselves."

One woman brought out popsicles to the team working to build a stone retaining wall on her property. Over the course of the trip, the locals continually defied stereotypes and expectations that were held by the younger volunteers.

"Just because you're poor doesn't mean you're not a nice person, doesn't mean you don't have a big heart," said Rich Tocco. "I know they learned that lesson."

Evelyn Tocco said she has also learned more about herself. Helping others is now a philosophy that is in the back of her mind, no matter what she is doing.

The trip may have only lasted nine days, but planning and fundraising to prepare for the journey occurs year round. The \$800-per-person cost forced the group to raise more than \$47,000.

Although some participants fund the trip out of pocket, the majority rely on donations. All those involved embark on a letter writing campaign, asking community members, friends and relatives to help make the trip possible.

This year, more than 350 people, known as shareholders, donated funds. Each shareholder receives a postcard, sent from West Virginia, containing the signatures of all 59 volunteers to thank them for their efforts.

Each year Zarick holds an informational session for the volunteers. She said even though there were worries about the large size of this year's group, new participants are always welcome. She also stressed that while the ASP is a Christian mission overseen by the church, people of any faith and members of other congregations are always embraced.

Evelyn Tocco encourages other teenagers to participate, saying that the trip opened her eyes about how different the world can be beyond her backyard.

"Some people don't think that [this kind of poverty is] in our country, and it is," she said. "So when you go and see and realize that it is here, you can help others and I think it's a really good experience."

After watching teenagers return each year for more than a decade, Zarick said the trip helps them mature and gives her hope that the future of America is in good hands.

"Seeing youth engaged the way these young folks are gives me hope for the future," Zarick said. "I've seen the amazing, powerful things that they can do that gives me hope."

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Mt. Kisco Village Board Democrats Uncontested Once Again

By Neal Rentz

It appears that the Democrats will maintain their stranglehold on Mount Kisco village government for at least another year.

The village's Republican Party was unable to attract candidates to challenge incumbent Democratic trustees Jean Farber and Karen Schleimer, who are seeking re-election this fall.

John Francan, chairman of the Mount Kisco Republican Committee, said one of the key drawbacks limiting potential GOP candidates is the Democrats' 2-1 voter registration advantage in the village, he said.

"No one wants to run," Francan said.

The discrepancy in registration was a major factor in the defeat of the GOP the last time the party put up a slate of candidates in 2010, he said. Peter Giner and Ted Strauss each received 75 percent of the votes from registered Republicans, but still lost to Farber and fellow Democrat Joseph Morreale by large margins.

Another difficulty facing village Republicans is attracting residents who have time to serve, Francan said.

"In this economy people are working two jobs to get by," he said.

Farber, 65, who is completing her second two-year term on the board, said last week she was surprised the



Mount Kisco Democrats Jean Farber, left, and Karen Schleimer won't face any competition this fall in their bids to retain their village board seats.

Republicans weren't going to put up a slate of candidates. But she understood that being a trustee is time consuming.

"It has a lot of responsibilities," she said.

Farber said there was still plenty for her and the board to accomplish, listing the hiring of a permanent village manager and a new building inspector as top priorities.

Farber, an associate real estate broker with Houlihan Lawrence, said she supported the idea of police consolidation with the county, which would provide additional officers and services for the village while enabling current officers to have greater career opportunity to advance their careers.

She also hopes to continue to hold down property taxes while providing "a

high quality of services."

Farber, who serves as the board's liaison to the village historical society, said she is also working with village residents to form an arts council.

Schleimer, 65, is seeking her second term on the board of trustees. She said she feels she has been able to make a difference and would like the opportunity to continue.

"I am very happy with what I have been able to accomplish so far this year," Schleimer said. "I have gotten five computers donated to the Fox Senior Center; I have gotten 13 new handicapped parking spaces approved in the downtown area, some of which will have wheelchair access, and I was instrumental in getting our public library to be open and available for all residents earlier and for longer hours."

Schleimer, a real estate attorney, said the lack of competition was a reflection of the job the all-Democratic board has been doing.

"I am grateful for the feeling that this board continues to serve its constituents in such a way that the Republican Party doesn't feel that they have to find someone who can do a better job," she

said. "I consider it an endorsement of the job this board is doing."

Schleimer agreed with Farber that finding a permanent village manager and a new building inspector are two of the top priorities. Once that has been accomplished, officials can move forward with economic development and infrastructure improvement, she said.

Schleimer said she supports the concept of police consolidation with the county and has an interest in senior issues, particularly in allowing seniors to remain in their homes.

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New Castle Officials to Create Town Mandate Relief Committee

By Martin Wilbur

The New Castle Town Board is expected to appoint members to a newly formed Mandate Relief Committee tonight (Tuesday), one of the first towns to take the step in hopes of relieving financial burdens.

The four-member committee will be chaired by Judy McGrath, a longtime mandate relief advocate who has been vocal at Chappaqua Board of Education meetings on the issue.

Although school districts have been more in the forefront regarding mandate relief, assistance from municipalities is welcome and needed, McGrath said.

"I appreciated that this town board thinks that it is important that the town

has its own mandate relief committee and that we try to make some effort for what we can do on our own behalf," she said.

Joining her on the committee will be town residents Warren Gottlieb, Neil Skolnick and Enid Leikin. James McCauley will serve as an alternate.

McGrath said some of the committee's main tasks will include identifying mandates; identifying which mandates affect New Castle the most; proposing needed changes, identifying the officials or entities that have the authority to make changes; and developing strategies.

The committee also plans to reach out to other municipalities to try and make changes. Among the most active

local officials regarding mandate relief is Mount Pleasant Supervisor Joan Maybury, McGrath said.

"In an ideal world, what would be fantastic is if we come up with a template of what we thought the changes that are needed and we get other towns to sign on," McGrath said.

Joining forces with other towns is an important strategy in order to make progress on mandate relief, Supervisor Rob Greenstein said.

Councilwoman Elise Kessler Mottel said one of the key issues she would like to see addressed is for towns to be able to exclude capital projects from counting toward the tax cap. While school districts are allowed

to do that, that restriction is forcing municipalities to scrap much-needed improvements, she said.

Greenstein agreed with Mottel, saying perhaps the most significant change that can occur on the capital projects issue is when the construction industry isn't getting sufficient work.

"Construction companies are going to start losing business and their workers are going to start losing their jobs and that's going to get the attention of Albany," he said. "As sad as it is, that's the reality of the situation. When the construction industry is hit in the pocketbook, that'll be a good ally for us."

Chappaqua Annual Sidewalk Sale This Week

Each year Chappaqua stores save their best sales for the annual Sidewalk Sale which runs from this Thursday July, 24 through Saturday, July 26. There will be bargains to be had on the street and inside the shops. Now is the time to snap up some of the unique and fashionable items only found in Chappaqua's one-of-a-kind shops.

The annual sale will feature blockbuster sales on a wide range of items, clothing, shoes, jewelry, accessories, home goods, stationary and more. There will also

be a stand providing complementary professional photos, performance by a local music school's singers and a tasting event featuring food from local restaurants and bakeries.

Below are the special events during this year's Chappaqua Sidewalk Sale.

Thursday, July 24: Theater camp singers from Amadeus Conservatory of Music will perform selections from "The Little Mermaid" on South Greeley Avenue next to Chappaqua Framing from 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 26: Doublevision

Photographers will be taking and printing complementary photos at their table on South Greeley Avenue next to Chappaqua Framing from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Also, from 12 to 2 p.m. participating food vendors will place samples outside their stores for people to taste and vote on their favorites (by category).

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P'ville Parking Permit Fees May Rise in Selected Lots

By Janine Bowen

The price of parking in certain Pleasantville lots may soon be on the rise.

The village board discussed the possibility last week of raising the rates of yearlong permits from \$285 to \$385 for residents for the parking lots located on Rebecca Lane, Bedford Terrace and Hopper. Permits for businesses would increase from \$380 to \$500 per year.

Village Administrator Patricia Dwyer said the increase is equivalent to about \$1.54 per day for residents and \$2 for businesses, based on the dates and times the permits are valid.

The fee increase would put the cost of a permit on par with the village's other parking lots and will help generate revenue to pay for paving work that needs to be done in all of the municipality's lots.

In addition to the proposed increase, Trustee Colleen Griffin-Wagner requested that the village clerk begin keeping a list of nonresidents who inquire about obtaining a parking space. The board hopes to gauge

the interest level of nonresident parking permits, and eventually develop a method of sale to interested parties.

As of now, officials are unsure whether permits would only be sold to nonresidents within the 10570 zip code, or if nonresidents would be entitled to renewal rights. Currently, they are looking at how other municipalities handle the issue and determine a price.

Mount Kisco Approves New Teamsters Contract

The Mount Kisco Village Board unanimously approved a new four-year contract with the Teamsters last week that will raise salaries 6.2 percent over the course of the agreement.

The new contract is retroactive to June 1, 2013, and runs through May 31, 2017.

Union members, which includes workers in the highway and sewer and water departments, will receive a retroactive raise of 1 percent for the 2013-14 fiscal year; 1.5 percent for 2014-15; 1.75 percent for 2015-16; and 1.85 percent for 2016-17.

"I think it was a fair settlement," Mayor Michael Cindrach said.

The new contract also includes changes in work rules. New employees hired as of June 1, 2013, may accumulate up to 240 sick days with pay rather than the previously permitted 320 sick days. In addition, Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, which had been observed as holidays, will be substituted for Presidents' Day and the day after Thanksgiving.

Messages left for union representatives were not returned.

--Neal Rentz

White Plains Woman Killed in Valhalla Car Crash

A White Plains woman died in a one-car accident early last Friday morning after she drove her SUV into a utility pole in Valhalla.

Mount Pleasant Police said Alexandra Turcsany, 40, of 28 Brookdale Ave., drove her Honda Pilot into a Con Edison pole at about 4 a.m. on July 18 while traveling north on Columbus Avenue between Ann Place and Locust Street. She was pronounced dead at the scene. Turcsany had to be extricated from her vehicle, police said.

The Mount Pleasant Police Department's Detective Division is continuing to investigate the incident. Anyone with information about the accident is being requested by police to call 914-769-1941.

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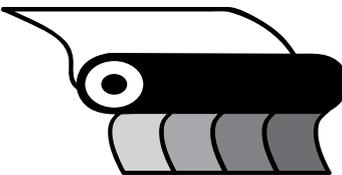
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W'chester Corporations Unite on a Fun Run to Help Blythedale

By Martin Wilbur

There are always obstacles when launching a new event, but those responsible for last Thursday evening's Corporate FunRun at Purchase College certainly appeared to hit one out of the park.

Close to 50 Westchester-based corporations and more than 1,000 runners and walkers participated in the inaugural 5K around the SUNY Purchase campus that was expected to raise about \$30,000 for Blythedale Children's Hospital in Valhalla.

Bruce Pienkney, the organizer of the event and a longtime runner and triathlon competitor, said he and other running enthusiasts were searching for a way to combine one of their favorite activities with a philanthropic endeavor.

Patterned after corporate runs that have sprouted throughout the country, Pienkney explained it was important to identify and partner with a local organization that companies could rally behind. For the better part of the past year, he worked with Lena Cavanna, Blythedale's director of community and media relations, to make the event a reality.

"We chose a local charity that would resonate with our participants," Pienkney said. "A lot of our participants have children, they're family people (and) they



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

The front rows of more than 1,000 runners leave the start of last week's inaugural Westchester Corporate FunRun, a new 5K to raise money for Blythedale Children's Hospital.

could relate to the Blythedale mission."

Cavanna said after prodding from Pienkney she reached out to Westchester's corporate community and the contacts at companies she has cultivated relationships with in order to get sponsors and participants. There were 58 runners and walkers representing Blythedale alone in the race.

"It was an opportunity for Blythedale to get its message out there and it was an opportunity for us to really educate people on who we are, what we do in that we're Westchester based, and then to our partners (to) stand up for us and come out and want to sponsor and support us," Cavanna said. "It was a situation we

couldn't turn down and it's been great when you look at the people that are here and the corporations that are supporting us."

A wide variety of corporations participated, including Pepsico, Morgan Stanley, Evian, White Plains Hospital and ProClinix Physical Therapy and Chiropractic Wellness.

Each corporation had representation from employees, friends and family in the competition. Those who traversed the course could choose to run or walk, and if they didn't want to be timed that was okay, too, Pienkney said.

ProClinix, based in Pleasantville and Armonk, dominated the run. Jay

Feinstein, a summer intern, won for the men, completing the course in 16:46, far in front of his competition. Wendi Robinson, who started working at ProClinix about a month and a half ago, won for the women in 20:12.

Feinstein, a sophomore at the University of Rhode Island where he runs track, said he wasn't concerned about his time but wanted to stay sharp for the upcoming season.

"It was a good workout out there and I was pleased with how I did," he said.

Robinson, who ran track at the University of Indiana and still competes in about five or six events a year, said it felt great to be able to contribute to such a worthy effort.

"It's cool to be part of something that's going to such a great organization," said Robinson, who plans to start in the Philadelphia Marathon this fall. "Hopefully, it'll continue to grow every year and we're excited to be a part of it."

Making it an even bigger event is what organizers and sponsors are aiming to do. Dr. Brian Dombal, director of Physical Therapy at ProClinix, said he wouldn't be surprised if there were close to 3,000 runners next year.

"I think it's going to be one of the best corporate events around," Dombal said. "We're looking forward to it."

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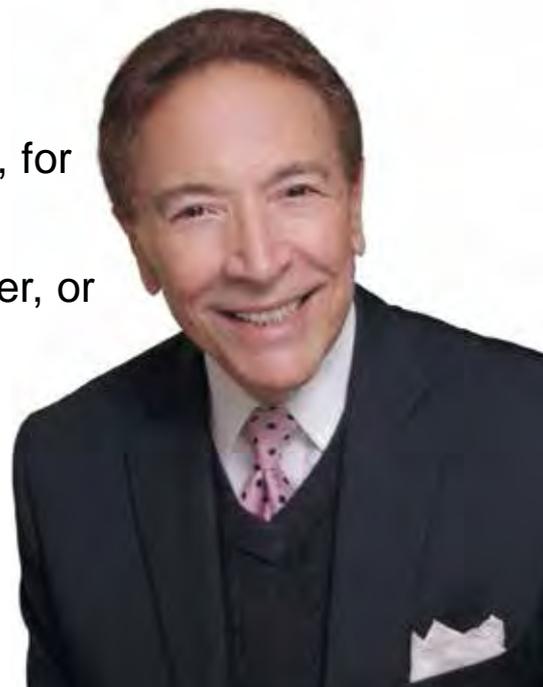
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Police Blotter

Pleasantville Police Department

July 14: A 26-year-old Queens man was arrested at 2:25 a.m. and charged with driving with a suspended license following a traffic stop on Bedford Road. His passenger, a 29-year-old Thornwood woman, was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of marijuana.

July 14: Four men were arrested at 7:53 p.m. and charged with unlawful possession of marijuana following a traffic stop on Bedford Road. The four subjects in the car who were arrested

were an 18-year-old from Pleasantville, a 21-year-old from Mount Kisco and a 20- and 22-year-old from Chappaqua.

July 15: Report of an identity theft at 1:45 p.m. A 19-year-old Pleasantville man reported at headquarters that someone used his personal information to open three credit card accounts in his name. Small balances had been run up since the accounts were opened.

July 17: A woman reported at headquarters at 11:23 p.m. that she had been followed by a suspicious person on Sunnyside Avenue on July 15. At

about 11 p.m. on that date, the woman left St. John's Episcopal Church and was walking south on Sunnyside Avenue when a tall male subject with gray hair crossed the street toward her. When she turned around, the male went back across the street, but crossed over twice more before she ran for her car. Once inside the car, the woman noticed the man run past the vehicle.

North Castle Police Department

July 11: A complainant reported at 9:51 a.m. that his co-worker was receiving harassing calls at her place of employment on North Broadway. Police responded to a similar report from the same individual on July 1 in which the affected party filed a report.

July 11: A caller reported at 11:23 a.m. that his adult son is intoxicated and throwing things around his Washington Avenue house. Responding officers arrested the subject and charged him with multiple penal law violations. While officers were attempting to

secure the suspect in the booking room at headquarters, the suspect became combative, damaging the wall of the room.

July 12: An employee of the North Castle Public Library on Clove Road reported at 11:43 a.m. that a patron stepped on his foot while he was involved in a dispute.

July 12: Report of a male soliciting patrons for money in the Dunkin' Donuts parking lot on North Broadway at 12:56 p.m. An additional complaint was received from the location that the subject exposed himself to a 12-year-old girl. The individual was located and placed under arrest.

July 16: A woman reported receiving a suspicious call at her place of work on Main Street at 3:07 p.m. A male party told her that he had found a note with her number on it that stated she had hit his vehicle. The male then began cursing and berating her. The woman could not tell police where the accident supposedly took place.



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Elected Officials Gather in White Plains to Show Support for Israel

By Pat Casey

Elected officials representing every level of government gathered on the steps of White Plains City Hall last Thursday in a bipartisan show of solidarity for Israel in its ongoing conflict.

Organized by state Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains), the rally began just after Israel began a ground invasion into the Gaza strip last week following talks that did nothing to de-escalate the fighting.

The rhetoric was strong and forceful, positing a fierce support for Israel and expressing that country's right to protect itself from the ongoing onslaught of terrorism committed by Hamas.

The use by Hamas of their own Palestinian people as human shields was referred to by several of the speakers.

"My heart is with the people of Israel," Buchwald said. "It saddens me that innocent families are once again being subjected to unconscionable acts of violence. I wholeheartedly support Israel's right to defend itself against attacks, and I pray that this conflict soon comes to an end."

Rep. Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) echoed Buchwald's sentiments, saying that Israel has every right to defend civilians under terrorist threat. She said Congress is unified on the issue.

"The loss of innocent life on both sides



PAT CASEY PHOTO

Regional elected officials gathered on the steps of White Plains City Hall late Thursday afternoon to express their support for Israel's right to defend itself from the terrorist attacks of Hamas.

is deplorable," said Lowey. "Hamas is responsible for the ongoing escalation of violence, and is putting not only innocent Israelis at risk but ruthlessly using Palestinian civilians as shields."

Also attending last week's rally was Democratic Conference Leader and state Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins; state Sen. George Latimer; state Assemblymembers Sandy Galef and Amy Paulin; Westchester Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett; Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz; a host of county and local

officials, clergy; and officials from the UJA-Federation of New York and the Anti-Defamation League.

A statement from Gov. Andrew Cuomo was also read, which expressed his support for Israel and recognizing it as "a bulwark of democracy."

"As New Yorkers, we have experienced global terrorism firsthand," Cuomo's statement read in part. "At my direction, New York's

Department of Financial Services has aggressively cracked down on institutions that bankroll terrorist organizations. And we will continue to work closely with our ally Israel to fight global terrorism."

A small band of Palestinian supporters gathered at the foot of City Hall steps during the last Thursday's rally. They shouted out against some of the comments made by the pro-Israel speakers and accused the crowd of supporting "Israeli terrorism."

When the larger crowd burst into song in favor of Israel, the Palestinian

supporters began recording the event on their cell phones and asked: "How can you sing when children are dying?"

Felice Gelman a member of the Westchester Chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace and spokesperson for the WESPAC Foundation, a White Plains-based progressive activist organization working for peace, said on Monday that most of the officials who participated in last week's rally have no authority on foreign policy issues.

"They do not speak for me," Gelman said. "They have not spoken with their constituents. There should have been public discussion before any position was taken."

By Monday morning, the death toll on both sides had risen to over 500 with Palestinian numbers at about 496 including some 100 children, according to published reports. Hamas and its allies were reported to have fired multiple missiles across southern and central Israel and heavy fighting was reported in the north and east of Gaza.

The report also stated Israel suffered 18 military casualties and two civilians.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is headed to Cairo with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon for a new round of negotiations they hope will result in a ceasefire.



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Editorial

Better Late Than Never for Mrs. Green's to Realize its Error

It was quite a pleasant but unexpected turn of events last week when the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1500 and Mrs. Green's Natural Markets announced that a six-month feud between the union and the company had been resolved.

Since January, when employees who took an active role in looking to hold a vote to organize were abruptly fired under highly suspicious circumstances, there were picketers outside the Mount Kisco store on Lexington Avenue virtually every day.

Who knows for sure what was in the heads of the company's decision-makers when they made the drastic decision to terminate the workers? Perhaps it was hubris, thinking that in 2014, the days of union muscle was so 20th century that they could actually get away with silencing its workers.

But for a company that preaches health, sustainability and devotion to its customers, it turned out to be a public relations faux pas. While it's not advisable to generalize, on the surface it would seem

that many customers who have supported Mrs. Green's mission might have just been perturbed to learn that eight employees were fired for trying to have its ranks join a union.

According to the company's release, the settlement to bring back all the workers and give them back pay was in line with Mrs. Green's "core values." Let's see, a company fires eight workers, says little to nothing for six months then takes the employees back the week that a hearing before an administrative judge was set to begin. Sounds more like a well-grounded attorney telling executives they had little to no shot at coming out on top in that fight.

Nevertheless, even if it took the company too long to come around, it is a win-win. This fight wasn't about class warfare or whether one is for the worker or for management. In the larger picture, it was about protecting an ideal that generations have fought long and hard to preserve.

Have some unions exercised too much power and control in the past? Absolutely, but don't tell that to the workers who go back on the job this week.

Now Mrs. Green's customers, if they were bothered at all about patronizing the store or were staying away in protest can now shop with a clear conscience.

Ball is in Developer's Court

It wasn't entirely clear what Chappaqua architect Chuck Napoli was asking the New Castle Town Board to do last week when asking them to "play ball."

Napoli has an intriguing and wide-ranging proposal to remake downtown Chappaqua with his vision of adding residences, new retail, more parking, athletic facilities and a cultural center. It's a grandiose project but one that would deserve a look.

However, when a developer wants to make a proposal there is always some inherent risk that the officials in office may not be open to it, especially when easements and various approvals are needed.

If Napoli wants his plan to be seriously considered, he should move ahead with collecting the necessary easements and return to the town with a formal application where there would be something concrete to evaluate.

Column

Melanoma: The Skin Cancer That is the Black Sheep of the Family



By Dr. Ross Levy

Of the three common types of skin cancer, melanoma is the most worrisome. This aggressive cancer is deadly when caught late.

Skin cancer in general is on the rise: 50 years ago, one in 2,000 people developed a melanoma. Now it's one in 35. By gaining a better understanding of melanoma and its causes, you remove some of the scare and can protect yourself.

The cancer starts in pigment cells in the skin. The cells can turn cancerous after excessive exposure to sunlight or spending too much time in tanning booths. About 85 to 90 percent of melanomas are caused by UV rays. Genetics can also play a role. Having one parent with melanoma puts your risk at 30 percent; having two parents increases your risk to 80 percent.

Fair-skinned people are at highest risk; melanoma is rare in dark-skinned people. In men, the telltale moles are often found on the head, neck or between the shoulders and hips. Women often get melanomas on the trunk or lower legs. The danger is that, over time, melanomas can metastasize (spread or grow) releasing mutated cells that travel to other organs in the body, and that can be deadly.

The first step to protecting yourself is limiting your exposure to UV light. Cover up when you're outside, wear sunscreen on any exposed skin and stay out of tanning booths. The second step is to keep an eye on any moles you have. Look for moles that change and are a bit darker. A melanoma is the black sheep of the family. It's the mole that looks really different than the others.

Size can also be an indication of a melanoma, but you don't want to find it when it's too big and may have had a chance to spread. If you're worried about a mole, see your dermatologist. Considering there are about 80,000 new cases a year and about 9,000 deaths from melanoma, it's critical that you

catch it early.

According to the American Cancer Society, sun exposure is the most preventable risk factor for all skin cancers, including melanoma. For the best protection, select a sunscreen that can prevent sunburn, reduce your risk of getting skin cancer and help prevent early signs of skin aging.

The "ABCDE" Rule

This rule, according to the National Cancer Institute, can be helpful in identifying the features of early melanoma.

- Asymmetry. The shape of one half does not match the other half.
- Border that is irregular. The edges are often ragged, notched or blurred in outline. The pigment may spread into the surrounding skin.
- Color that is uneven. Shades of black, brown, and tan may be present. Areas of white, gray, red, pink or blue may also be seen.
- Diameter. There is a change in size, usually an increase. Melanomas can be tiny, but most are larger than 6 millimeters wide (about a quarter inch wide).
- Evolving. The mole has changed over the past few weeks or months.
- Melanomas can vary greatly in how they look. Many show all of the ABCDE features; however, some may show only one or two of these features.

Dr. Ross Levy is chief of dermatology at Northern Westchester Hospital.

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Jack Bramswig Graduate Student, Pleasantville

By Martin Wilbur

Jack Bramswig's college days may be behind him but don't expect him to have much troubling adjusting to life or wondering what he'll do next.

Certainly, the former Pleasantville High School three-sport star, who graduated from Manhattanville College in May, will always look back with fond memories on his four years playing collegiate basketball while earning his degree in education and history. Before that, he had equally great memories as a Pleasantville Panther.

In college, there were great experiences on the court, and in his senior year, he participated in track and field, where he set school marks in the javelin and long jump. He made new friends from across the country and around the world but Bramswig has set his sights on the next phase of his life.

"It's always sad to let that chapter in your life go," Bramswig said of the end of playing days. "It was such a great time. But I knew that May 17, 2014, was going to be the end of the road. I knew that four years ago, so I was prepared for it. Not

that it makes it any easier. I'm glad the times happened but it's time to move on."

Bramswig, 21, is moving on to graduate school where he intends to earn his master's degree and pursue a career as a primary level teacher with a concentration in special education and literacy.

From February until shortly before graduation, he was a student teacher in a fourth-grade class at Park Avenue Elementary School in Port Chester.

But it was years before that experience when Bramswig knew he wanted to make a career out of working with children. Shortly after entering high school, Bramswig would referee youth basketball games every Saturday morning at Pleasantville Middle School. Between games, the 6-foot-5 Bramswig would entertain the youngest children, dunking the basketball or being a buddy to them.

"I (couldn't) wait for Saturday morning," Bramswig recalled. "I'd go there, hang out, ref basketball and then somehow you'd get paid for that. It was mindboggling to me."

Unlike most young men who turn to education, he decided to pursue the

elementary school level. He particularly enjoyed his experience in Port Chester, where he found that many of the students came from single-parent homes.

"It's not like they'd treat me like a father; it just seemed having a male presence around them, they opened up to me and I had no problem talking to them, whether they felt they wanted to talk to me or just getting something off their chest," Bramswig said.

He said his natural competitiveness, honed by years of playing sports, has initially served him well in the classroom. Instead of battling power forwards on the hardwood or dodging tacklers as he did on those early fall Friday nights or Saturdays at Pleasantville High School, Bramswig found that he was regularly challenging himself to make sure every student was keeping up. Some days he might find a few of the students unable to understand the lesson or dozing off.

"Tomorrow I need to make sure these three kids get it," Bramswig said he would tell himself. "You have a little internal competition with yourself, making sure they're really understanding what you say."

His competitiveness and a comfort of being in front of people weren't only



a product of sports. As the youngest of four children--he has two brothers and a sister--in his immediate family and the youngest of 16 first cousins, Bramswig said he would entertain during family gatherings at the holidays. That and years playing sports gave him a comfort with groups.

Watching his siblings go through the different stages of growing up before him, he also had the advantage of knowing what to expect when it was his turn.

"I'd be going to gyms and crawling through bleachers since I'd been probably two years old, three years old," recalled Bramswig, who continues to work at Pace University on athletic facility maintenance, something he's done since he was 16. "I would always watch sports, watch what my brothers, sister and cousins were doing."

The upcoming year-and-a-half masters program will prepare Bramswig for his career. Wherever he goes, his heart will always be in Pleasantville, a close-knit community that he will always be drawn to.

"Pleasantville is something I really want to be a part of," he said. "No matter how far we go, how far any of us go, we have this one thing in common that will always bring us back home."



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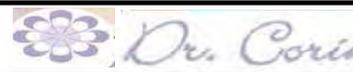
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The Most Frequently Asked Questions About Refinishing Floors

The historic house was one of the loveliest I had ever listed, but it was on the market for over a year and, while it had many showings, it hadn't yet gotten a single offer.

When it came time to relist it, the owners and I considered what else we might do to make the home more attractive to a broader reach of buyers. Noting that their hardwood floors were somewhat dull and faded, I suggested that they might consider the investment of having them refinished.

I had heard of a floor refinisher named Debbie Gartner, aka "The Flooring Girl," who had established a reputation in the region for excellent work at reasonable prices and suggested her to the owners.

Shortly after I made the recommendation, I was told that the estimate for refinishing the entire first floor came in reasonably and the project was accepted.

When I revisited the house after the job was done, it was a revelation. Bottom line: when the house was relisted and an offer was received in three days. I can't attest to how much influence beautifully refinished floors had on that rapid a sale, but I'm sure it didn't hurt. One thing is certain: the experience got me thinking about having the flooring in two rooms and the central



By Bill Primavera

hallway in my house redone.

My main concern, however, was the time and effort involved with clearing the deck--literally--for such an all-out job. I had a lot of questions about the process. "Those are exactly the questions all my customers ask me," Gartner said.

She came well-prepared with the answers.

Q: How long does it take to refinish hardwood floors from start to finish?

A: That depends on what type of polyurethane is used, oil based or water based. Oil tends to take longer, from three to four days plus drying time, while water based tends to dry faster in two days.

Q: Is there a lot of dust when sanding floors?

A: Yes, but the dust goes into a vacuum bag. While no process is 100 percent dustless, it does take care of 90 to 95 percent of the dust.

Q: Can you change the color of the hardwood?

A: Yes, you can go from light to dark, or dark to light or anywhere in between.

Q: What if we have pet stains on the floor?

A: If there are areas that have pet stains or water damage that have turned black,

the best thing to do may be to replace those hardwood boards and weave them in.

Q: What if there is damage to the floor or sections where hardwood is missing?

A: This is usually solvable with weaving in additional wood, especially with oak flooring.

Q: Will I need to move my furniture?

A: Some customers prefer to move furniture themselves; others prefer that the floor refinishers do it. It can work either way.

Q: Where do I store my furniture?

A: Most customers use other parts of their home that may have tile or carpet, or move it to a basement or garage. Or a job can be done in two phases to accommodate space for furniture, or a storage container can be used.

Q: When can we walk on the floors?

A: On average, about 24 hours after the application of the final coat. It is recommended that for the first 24 to 48 hours you wear socks only, no shoes, no bare feet.

Q: When can we put area rugs back down on the floor?

A: It is recommended that you wait four weeks after the job is complete before putting area rugs back in place. This allows adequate time for the floors to cure.

Q: How long will the new finish last?

A: The lifestyle of the home determines how long the finish will last. With regular

maintenance cleaning, it can last between seven and 10 years.

Q: What is a screen and recoat? What is floor buffing?

A: Both are the same. It's a non-invasive method where the floor is buffed and abraded so that an extra coat of polyurethane can be added. It allows an extra coat of polyurethane to be added for extra sheen and protection.

Before Gartner bought into the franchise operation of Floor Coverings International, she was a marketing executive for major corporations and knows the language and strategies for communicating her message to the public. Judging from the work she's done, I know that her marketing skills are backed up solidly with superb service.

To know more, visit www.TheFlooringGirl.com or call 914-937-2950.

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No Black 'Cloud' Hanging Over Young Westchester Author

By Martin Wilbur

Patrick Trotti doesn't fit the image of a typical published author.

The 28-year-old lifelong Tarrytown resident wasn't interested in school, he dropped out before getting his high school diploma and earned his General Equivalency Diploma in 2004, about a year after the rest of his class had graduated.

Once outside of school, Trotti found something that he truly enjoyed--reading and writing.

"I was looking for work, didn't find much, so I started reading, and when the books weren't assigned, weren't given by a teacher, is when I started liking it more," Trotti said. "It was more of 'There, I'll show you.'"

Trotti read "Catcher in the Rye" when he turned 20 and has been an avid reader ever since. About six or seven years ago, his reading led him to begin writing. The first story he worked on was a novel that he acknowledged was a poor version of J.D. Salinger's classic and not fit for public consumption.

But he kept at it, while finding work as a content writer for various marketing companies and doing some ghostwriting. He also has written online book reviews for other author's works. His pay for that? Receiving more books.

"Within five years I went from not

reading what my teachers told me, to willingly accepting a book as payment," Trotti said. "That opened up a whole new world, of constantly reading other people's writing."

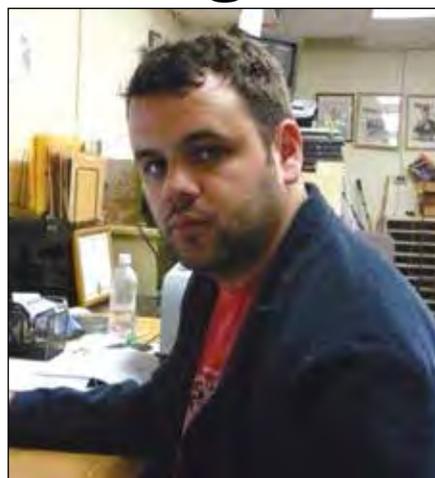
All the time and effort has served him well. Last month Trotti saw his first published work released, a 160-page novella titled "The Day the Cloud Stood Still." It is partly a coming-of-age story from the perspective of a boy first reaching his teen years.

While the book isn't autobiographical, there are a couple of parallels between it and what Trotti experienced as a teenager. He made the character an only child and there are times, as hard as one may try, when no one can influence their circumstances.

"Sometimes things are completely out of your control and I'm just going along for the ride, and everyone around you is just going along for the ride," Trotti said.

He didn't want the story marketed as a teen or young adult novel, although some might find it appealing. Trotti was able to find a publisher, Ever Press, part of Pteron Press, a Finnish publishing firm.

If nothing else, Trotti won't be a one-book author. His second work, "Come Tomorrow You'll Regret Today," a collection of short stories, will be released next year by a new New York



In just over a decade, Patrick Trotti has gone from high school dropout to published author.

City publishing company, Tailwinds Press. Tailwinds specializes in works from new and emerging writers.

When he isn't working on his own material for publication, Trotti has turned to poetry, which he said forces him to write economically.

One side of the writing world that Trotti is getting accustomed to is marketing his book on his own. He's been in contact with several libraries around Westchester, including the Warner Library in Tarrytown where he does much of his writing, about

scheduling author meet-and-greets. Later in the summer he's scheduled to go to the city to be part of some readings.

What has been rewarding for Trotti, aside from where life has taken him in the past 10 years, is that he realized he didn't have to wait to have a certain amount of life experience under his belt to earn the satisfaction he has now derived.

"I always thought writing was for somebody else, somebody older," he said.

To find out more about Trotti or to buy his book, visit his website at www.patricktrotti.com.

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Happenings

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Tuesday, July 22

Discovery Time for Kids. Learn about science and history through non-fiction books, crafts and brief experiments. For children four to eight years old. North Castle Public Library, 10 Clove Rd., North White Plains. 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-948-6359 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Children's Craft. Toddlers develop their fine motor skills creating simple crafts, using construction paper, markers and glue sticks. Cute crafts that your child can take home. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk 4 p.m. Free. Tuesdays in July. Info: 914-273-3887.

Italian Language and Culture With Mara De Matteo. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk Beginners from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Advanced Class at 7:30 p.m. Free. Also July 29. Info: 914-273-3887.

Learn English With Stacey Fields. Learn to speak conversational English with an emphasis on vocabulary and grammar. North Castle Public Library, 10 Clove Rd., North White Plains. 6:45 p.m. Free. Tuesdays through Aug. 19. Info: 914-948-6359 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Open Book Discussion. "The Interestings" by Meg Wolitzer will be discussed. Led by Westchester Community College Adjunct Professor Christine Bobkoff. A copy of the book is available at the information desk. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Wednesday, July 23

Zumba Fitness. Achieve long-term benefits while having a blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life. For all fitness levels. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. Every Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. Info: Contact Peggy at 914 960-4097.

Knitting Group. Hats for our servicemen and women overseas and other ongoing projects for care centers and hospitals. Clinton Street Center, 1A Clinton St., Pleasantville. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Meets every Monday and Wednesday. Info: 914-769-2021.

Music and Motion With Lori Jo. Interact with your child through music and dance. For children six months to four years old. North Castle Public Library, 10 Clove Rd., North White Plains. 10:30 a.m. Free. Wednesdays through Aug. 13. Info: 914-948-6359 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Senior Benefits Information Center. Counselors offer older adults one-on-one counseling covering a broad range

of topics including Medicare health and prescription plans, food stamps, HEAP, EPIC, weatherization, minor home repair and tax relief programs. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-231-3260.

Bounce the Baby. Simple stories, finger plays and songs. For children six months to two years old. A great opportunity for parents and caregivers to interact with their children while focusing on literacy. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11 a.m. Free. Also July 30 and Aug. 6 and 20. Info: 914-273-3887.

Support Group for Alzheimer's Caregivers. Temple Shaaray Tefila and Westchester Jewish Community Services have scheduled this forum to provide a place for caregivers to discuss their feelings, share their experiences and support one another. A specialist from the Alzheimer's Association will lead the group and provide educational materials and information. All welcome. Temple Shaaray Tefila's Youth Lounge, 89 Baldwin Rd., Baldwin Corners. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900 or visit www.alz.org/hudsonvalley.

New Mommy Meet-Up. Whether it's your first child or your fifth, New Mommy Meet-Up is a great way to get out of the house, meet new friends and enjoy time with your newborn. For babies up to eight months old. World Cup Nursery School, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday through Aug. 20. Info: Contact Kim Bremer at 914-238-9267 ext. 20.

Sing and Play in Spanish. It's fun to learn Spanish. For three- and four-year-olds. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 2:30 p.m. Free. Also July 30. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-238-4779.

Discovery Time. Learn about science through non-fiction books, crafts and a brief experiment. Today's topic is the science of juggling. For children four to six years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Sensational Summer Science. Science-based programming that focuses on the environment and science experiments. Today's topic is the science of juggling. For children seven years old and up. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

College Preparation Series. A lecture series to prepare recent high school graduates and incoming high school seniors for college. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East,

Armonk. 4 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday in July. Info: 914-273-3887.

Knitting Club. Come learn to knit, or if you already know how, bring your current project and enjoy a visit with other knitters and crocheters. Beginners should bring a pair of size 8 or 10 straight knitting needles and skein or worsted weight yarn. Open to knitters and crocheters 10 years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Meets every Wednesday. Info: 914-666-8041.

So You Want to Write a Book. Rich Mintzer has been writing professionally for over 25 years and has published 60 nonfiction books. He will give hints about getting thoughts on paper, scheduling, outlining, editing, rewriting and finding literary agents. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Breezmont Day Camp's Summer Concert Series: The Don DuPont Big Band. Remembering the Big Band era. Food available for purchase from Le Jardin du Roi and smoothies available for purchase from Healthy Choice Juice Bar. Recreation Field, South Greeley Avenue, Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. In the event of rain, concerts will be held at the Auditorium at Chappaqua Crossing, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. Info: Visit www.chappaquamillwoodchamberofcommerce.org.

Thursday, July 24

Let Your Yoga Dance Classes. The popular Kripalu noon dance class is now in Chappaqua! Combines easy dance, gentle yoga and great music. Come join this noncompetitive, heart pumping and joyful experience. Drop-ins welcome. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. \$20 per 75 min. class. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-238-8974 or email claudiayogadance@gmail.com.

Summer Art Adventures. A five-session art workshop for children six to 12 years old. Inspired by the exhibition "ICELAND: Artists Respond to Place," explore concepts of land, space and environment through different lenses and materials. Please bring lunch. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Members: \$50 for each class. Non-members: \$60 per class. Discounts for multiple classes. Thursdays through Aug. 7. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-232-9555 ext. 0.

Mother Goose Story Time. Children will enjoy stories and songs that focus on colors, shapes, numbers, letters, animals and more during this 25-minute program. A fun opportunity for interaction between children and parents or caregivers. For

children two to four years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11 a.m. Free. Also July 31 and Aug. 14. Info: 914-273-3887.

Play and Learn. An hour-long program for children and their parent or caregiver. After 30 minutes of structured play, children and adults have an opportunity to play with building blocks, instruments, beanbags, etc. Designed to promote the basics of early literacy through play and adult-child interaction. For children one to four years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11 a.m. Free. Also Aug. 7 and 21. Info: 914-273-3887.

Preschool Story Time and Crafts. Children first listen to a story and then materials are provided to make a fun craft based on the story. This hands-on project uses a variety of skills that promote comprehension and allow children the opportunity to interact with other children their age. For children four to six years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3 p.m. Free. Thursdays through Aug. 14. Info: 914-273-3887.

LEGO Club. A one-hour activity of unstructured play with LEGOs. For each program a theme is chosen and children are able to create their own vision of the theme. All creations will be photographed and displayed at the end of each program. For children seven years old and up. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 p.m. Free. Thursdays through Aug. 14. Info: 914-273-3887.

Introduction to Jewelry for Children. Learn basic jewelry making skills, from making beads to creating bangles and necklaces. For 12-year-olds and up. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 p.m. Free. Thursdays through Aug. 14. Info: 914-273-3887.

Game Club. Bring your own Wii games or use ours. For students 12 to 18 years old. North Castle Public Library, 10 Clove Rd., North White Plains. 4 p.m. Free. Also July 31. Info: 914-948-6359 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Duct Tape With Claire. Use classic gray duct tape to create a different project each week. Trim each with crazy colors and patterns. For students in grades 7-12. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Thursdays through Aug. 7. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Sarah's Studio. Mess around like Jackson Pollock. For children in grades 3-5. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 4 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-238-4779.

Night Owls. Show us your PJs and we'll share good stories. For children of

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'The Liar' Offers Charmed Duplicity at Hudson Valley Shakespeare

By Abby Luby

If you've ever felt squeamish about the sing-songy rhymes of iambic pentameter, be assured that the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival (HVSF) production of "The Liar" uses this poetic form and is delightfully entertaining. The play has been wonderfully adapted and revived by David Ives from a comedy by 17th century French dramatist Pierre Corneille.

We are forewarned in the very beginning that "tonight our actors will be speaking in verse," but it is quickly apparent by their well-timed delivery that the verse won't drive you crazy. Rather, the discourse is broken up so nicely that we adapt to the poesy and eagerly anticipate the next rhymed word or pun.

The story is straightforward. Dorante, a young man, arrives in 17th century Paris and woos two young women by concocting grandiose tales. Dorante is played by Jason O'Connell, who brilliantly portrays the outwardly charming storyteller feeding his inner addiction to lie. O'Connell's Dorante is forgivable as a pathological liar because he weaves such incredulous tales that we crave the indulgence for a good story and are swept up in believing him.

Dorante's servant is Cliton, played by a steadfast Michael Borrelli, the straight man who conversely can only tell the truth. Borrelli deftly gives us a solid,

unassuming character whose credible innocence we come to rely on as a stable point of reference; when Cliton speaks his truths, it somehow releases the mounting tension of Dorante's lies.

The men meet the alluring young ladies: Clarice, played by the superb comedienne Gabra Zackman, and Lucrece, blithely played by Katie Hartke, who despite her cunning and intuitive skepticism for men, falls for Dorante, lies and all. The women's similar sounding names is the entrée to a comedic feast of mistaken identities and adds to the already fertile ground of rampant duplicity.

New to the festival is Max Hunter, adept as the high-strung Alcippe, who Clarice is secretly betrothed and who is Dorante's friend. Hunter's histrionics and palpating anger is frenetically hilarious (think the maniacal Harvey Korman as Hedley Lamarr in *Blazing Saddles*). Unknowingly, an enrapt Alcippe listens to Dorante's extravagant romantic fantasy inspired by his infatuation with Clarice. It is a tale that quickly escalates into wild, fictional burlesque replete with "luminescent spume."

When Alcippe realizes that Dorante is smitten with Clarice, he becomes fiercely jealous and forces Dorante to a duel. Dorante pretends to reach for his sword but his words are his true weapon. He slips into an energetic, high pitched



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Michael Borrelli, Gabra Zackman and Jason O'Connell in Hudson Valley Shakespeare's production of "The Liar."

sportscaster character and belts out a play-by-play sword fight, which is totally imaginary. Alcippe never doubts that the fight isn't real and, like us, he is along for the ride with Dorante as the driver.

Throughout the play O'Connell glibly intones snippets of impersonations: he slips midsentence into Jack Nicholson in "The Shining" or instantly conjures Anthony Hopkins madly uttering

"Clarice" from "The Silence of the Lambs." By the second and final act, Dorante's imaginary well of fabrications has run dry and O'Connell's sublime body language of wrenching angst leaves no doubt he is desperately reaching deep into "his inner multiplex" for a new scenario.

The blundering but somehow loveable Geronte, Dorante's father, is astutely

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all ages. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Every Thursday in July and August (except July 31). Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Zumba Gold. Try this low-impact approach to Zumba for the older active adult and baby boomer with the same sassy, sweaty, fun-filled cardio workout in an easy learning environment. Ongoing classes; drop-ins welcome. Addie-tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 7 to 8 p.m. \$12. Four- and eight-week cards available. Meets every Thursday. Also every Saturday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Info: 914-747-0808 or email instructor at olin.amyj@gmail.com.

Friday, July 25

Mommy and Toddler Yoga. Join in a playful introduction to yoga using games and songs. For children one to four years old. North Castle Public Library, 10 Clove Rd., North White Plains. 10:30 a.m. Free. Fridays through Aug. 15. Info: 914-948-6359 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Robert the Guitar Guy. Playful songs that toddlers can dance and sing along to. For children six months to four years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11 a.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Toddler Craft. A half-hour program for toddlers to develop their fine motor skills creating simple crafts, using construction paper, markers and glue sticks. Cute crafts that your child can take home. For children 18 months to four years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11 a.m. Free. Also July 26 and

Aug. 2, 8, 9, 16 and 23. Info: 914-273-3887.

Arts and Crafts. For children from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 p.m. Free. Fridays through Aug. 8. Info: 914-864-0130.

Sing Along With Howie. Whether you have a good voice or not (or merely hum along), this fun event will bring back warm memories with classic rock, pop, golden oldies, doo-wop, Broadway and TV show tunes, Sinatra, Streisand and more. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 1 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Magic: The Gathering With Lucas. Drop-in and play. Beginners and experienced players welcome. For students in grades 7-12. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Fridays in July and August. Info: 914-238-4779.

Gaming. For 12-year-olds and up. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Family Films. Feature-length films for all ages. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 4 p.m. Free. Also Aug. 8 and 22. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Zumba Fitness Class. Addie-Tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. \$15 a class. \$29 for four classes. \$55 for eight classes. Meets every Friday. Info: 917-215-1720, email AddietudeDance@gmail.com or visit www.Addie-tude.com.

Author Talk. Author and local resident Patricia Bortz, who has written several short dramas and three full-length plays, will talk about her debut novel, "Hard Truth: Secret of the Back Row." The book

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especially the flouncy, long curled bouffants. Ken Goldstein designed the stage props, a surprising number of pieces for the usual minimalist HVSF set, but they work well, appearing heavy but light enough to move around and easily reconfigure for the next scene.

The 2014 season also includes Shakespeare's "Othello" directed by Associate Artistic Director Christopher V. Edwards and "Two Gentlemen of Verona," directed by Eric Tucker. All three plays will be presented through Aug. 31.

The productions are on the grounds of historic Boscobel House and Gardens in Garrison, using the spectacular view of the Hudson River as a theatrical backdrop. For more information call the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival office at 845-809-5750 or visit www.hvshakespeare.org.

is centered around a woman reporter. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Saturday, July 26

Pleasantville Farmers Market. Come experience the largest farmers market in Westchester, most celebrated in New York and 33rd in the entire United States by Farmland.org in 2013. This week, Westchester Engineering will be at the market for kids. Also, the farmers market musical directors, Andy Goodman and Stuart Vance, will join their friend David Harter on guitar for a morning of fun midsummer music. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children's program from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Music from 10 a.m. to noon. Info: Visit: www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Chappaqua Farmers Market. Chappaqua train station, Chappaqua. 8:30 to 1 p.m. Info: Visit www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org.

Bridge and Scrabble Club Guided Play and Instruction. Match wits with former Library Board Trustee Stan Kurzban. Bridge is not for beginners; singles, pairs and small groups welcome. All levels welcome for Scrabble. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. Free. Also Aug. 2, 9, 16 and 23. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Pleasantville Lions Club's Third Annual Hole-In-One and Raffle Event. Prizes include \$1,000 for a hole-in-one; \$100 for the first closest to the pin; \$50 each for the second and third closest and raffle prizes. Proceeds to benefit local charities. Parkway Field, Marble Avenue, Pleasantville. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$10 for 5 balls and 5 raffle tickets; \$20 for 12 balls and 12 raffle tickets. Rain date: July 27 at 11 a.m. Info: Visit www.PleasantvilleNYLions.org.

Meet the Animals. An informative program that allows visitors to get up close and hands on with some of the center's live animals. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Matinee Movie Time: "Rio 2." North Castle Public Library, 10 Clove Rd., North White Plains. 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-948-6359 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Ubaka Hill Drumsong. The Art and Spirit of Drumming, a half-day workshop allows you to experience the joy and spirit of drumming that moves energy, stimulates and relaxes the mind and body. All levels welcome. The Center for Health and Healing @ Quest Yoga Arts Studio, 11 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 2 to 6 p.m. \$140. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-260-2696 or visit www.TheCenterForHealthAndHealing.net.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor

Dreamcoat." Yorktown Stage presents this Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber musical. Yorktown Community Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce St., Yorktown Heights. 7:30 p.m. \$26. Yorktown residents: \$24. Seniors and students: \$21. Children (under 12): \$19. Also July 27 at 1 p.m. and Aug. 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-962-0606 or visit www.yorktownstage.org.

Broadway Melodies: The Hager Trio. The Small Town Theatre Company presents the second of its four concerts this summer featuring The Hager Family singing some of your favorite show tunes. Wampus Brook Park, Maple Avenue, Armonk. 8 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.smalltowntheatre.com.

Sunday, July 27

Church Service. St. John's Episcopal Church, 8 Sunnyside Ave., Pleasantville. 8 and 10 a.m. Every Sunday in July and August. Info: 914-769-0053.

Downtown Thunder: Third Annual Guiding Eyes Charity Motorcycle Ride. A 75-mile scenic ride followed by a barbecue at the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester to raise money for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Organized by the Mount Kisco Lions Club. Registration at Mount Kisco Village Hall, 104 E. Main St., Mount Kisco from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Riders: \$25. Rider and passenger: \$40. Barbecue only: \$15. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.mtkiscolionsclub.org.

Italian Heritage Festival. Arts and crafts, dancing, food and fun along with special activities for children. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-864-PARK or visit www.parks.westchestergov.com.

Teaching Trails: A Community Path for Environmental Education. Join guided trail experience through the woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own heat to help melt through the late winter ice. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Meets every Sunday. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Monday, July 28

Mother Goose Story Time. Listen to stories and participate in songs and finger plays. For children 18 months to four years old. North Castle Public Library, 10 Clove Rd., North White Plains. 10:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-948-6359 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Toddler Craft. Children work on developing fine motor skills making simple crafts. For children 18 months to four years old. North Castle Public Library, 10 Clove Rd., North White Plains. 11 a.m. Free. Info: 914-948-6359 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Teachers Should Ease Up a Bit on Summer Homework Assignments

By Andrea Reino

Don't you love that feeling when you wake up on the first day of summer and half the day is already gone? High school students used to love that feeling as well.

But now, a dark storm cloud blocks out the sun streaming through our windows each morning. On that storm cloud in big bold letters are the words **SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS**.

Not all high school teachers require their students to complete a summer assignment, but many do. Whether it is a 65-page packet for AP U.S. History or reading "The Scarlet Letter" for AP Language and Composition, each assignment takes multiple days to complete, sometimes weeks. Either way, with a student thinking of sunshine and warm weather and possible vacation plans, it is difficult to get your head in the game and do school work.

This presents a question that is prominent in many high school students' minds: Do summer



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assignments help or hurt?

Many people would say summer assignments help students stimulate their brain and keep them sharp during the two months away from school. This way, when students return to class in September, the switch from summer laziness to busy days of learning is not as shockingly abrupt as it used to be.

Also, schoolwork during July and August gives children who do not speak English at home or who have disabilities a way to continue with a familiar schedule to prevent regression. Instead of losing all of the information taught during the year in a couple of months, assignments during the summer can help retain some of those lessons and help students be more successful in the new school year.

Furthermore, since students don't have their teachers to help them with their work, summer assignments help kids sort their priorities, solve problems and manage their time more effectively.

On the other hand, others have argued the exact opposite. Summer vacation gives students the chance to relax and recharge their brains. If they are given long assignments to complete during summer, students will miss out on the time they have earned to relax after nearly 10 months of difficult learning.

Summer assignments can put a crimp in a student's social life during July and August, something that is actually beneficial to a teenager's development as well as helping to reduce stress.

Some studies suggest that students learn best if lessons are uninterrupted. It is clear that summer assignments are anything but uninterrupted; once you complete the work, you can forget about it until September. Since the work is completed without teacher's assistance, the student could be doing it incorrectly and not know it until he or she returns to school.

Worst of all, summer work affects

the way students feel about school in general. Instead of returning to class relaxed, refreshed and mentally ready to learn, there may be bitterness that summer was interrupted with a continuation of work done throughout the year.

So, do summer assignments help or hurt? It varies from student to student. Summer homework can

help and hurt a student. A suggestion would be for teachers to continue assigning summer work, but lessen the load a bit. This way, students would continue to stimulate their brains while they are out of the classroom, but still have

plenty of time to spend with their friends and family.

Andrea Reino is a junior at Fox Lane High School and enjoys writing, reading, traveling and meeting new people. She believes natural beauty can be found in everything, embraces diversity and likes to run, serve her community and spend time with her family.



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The Wartime Tribulations of French Champagne Citizenry



By Nick Antonaccio

In recent columns I've been exploring the Champagne region of France. Together we've traipsed through the vineyards, the cellars and the streets of the people of this illustrious center of the past and future glory of Champagne. Intricately enmeshed in the oenological fame of the region is its tumultuous political history.

I've described the history of Champagne as a favorite site for early Romans to plant grapevines, produce wine and dig out massive underground wine cellars and later as the center of the French empire in the city of Reims, and, in modern times, as the world's premier region for sparkling wines.

I've explained the centuries-long development efforts to perfect the Méthode Champenois, from Dom Perignon to Veuve Cliquot and the meticulous and innovative methods introduced by them that are carried on today.

Interspersed with this history was the involvement of Champagne wines from mediocre still wines to today's highly stylized sparkling wines.

This week I'm turning my attention to the trials and travails of the region's

'They refused to allow the Germans to disrupt their lifestyle.'

growers and producers as loyal French citizens during one of the most debilitating periods of their modern history.

What destruction and upheaval nature wrought (Phyloxera, hailstorms, drought) over millennia, is overshadowed by what the Germans wrought over a period of four years during World War I.

At the beginning of 1914, the region was still rebounding from a devastating infestation of insects. Decades earlier, entire vineyards had been wiped out. At the outset of World War I, nearly half of vineyard lands were devoid of grapevines. As the local farmers and producers were painstakingly building their businesses again, the Germans crossed the border and began a devastating artillery bombardment.

The French valiantly mobilized and repelled the Germans at one of the two Champagne centers, the city of Epernay, but the larger city, Reims, did not fare as well.

Under siege for nearly 1,000 days, most of the city was leveled, including the ancient cathedral that had served as the center of the French empire as far back as the first century. These war conditions subjected citizens in other war-torn

countries and cities to abject poverty and crippled commerce.

But not in Reims. Although most of the city was reduced to a pile of rubble, the citizens were able to carry on more than a modicum of normalcy.

Their indomitable spirit and national pride overcame the physical and psychological effects of tens of thousands of incoming bombs. They refused to allow the Germans to disrupt their lifestyle.

The same underground caves dug out by the Romans nearly 2,000 years before for aging and storing wine were now receiving citizens and their businesses and municipal services providers. While the city burned above ground, the caves built under the city streets now mirrored a substantial portion of the above ground activity. It is estimated that the limestone caves cover an area equal to 80 percent of the land coverage of Reims.

In spite of the constant shelling, daily life persisted.

Families settled into subterranean quarters amongst millions of bottles of

cellared Champagne.

Likewise, municipal services set up operation in sections of the vast caves; hospitals, offices, schools conducted their activities at near normal levels. I've read of accounts that describe social events taking place and even grand banquets, replete with candelabras, held in the caves of the producer Veuve Cliquot.

The French of Champagne persevered. But they were tested gain, less than a quarter century later. But by World War II the Germans finally realized the merits of Champagne. See my column on the German infatuation with Champagne sparkling wines and the French ruses to conceal and protect their national treasure.

Seriously battered by two world wars, each time they recovered and today enjoy the rewards of their passion, sharing their wine with the rest of the world.

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Valhalla's Mary Kelly prepares to fire a shot from eight meters.



Briarcliff's Jordana Cohen takes the ball up the field during a midseason home game.



Taylor Verboys of Byram Hills is guarded closely by McKenzie Redfern of Westlake in a game won by the host Bobcats.



Pleasantville's Nancy Howe gets set to shoot vs. visiting Nyack.



Peyton Long of Pleasantville scores a goal for the Panthers early in the season.



Fox Lane players celebrate after scoring a goal vs. Somers in the sectionals.



Greeley's Hannah Dunn looks to shoot vs. Pleasantville. Late in the season, she scored her 200th career goal.



Jayne Levy of Briarcliff tries to break out of a crowd and slip past the Valhalla defense.



Valhalla's Julianna Ursillo moves toward the goal in a home game vs. Rye Neck.



Westlake's Laura Donato gains possession of the ball in the Wildcats' game at Byram Hills.



Maria Howe of Pleasantville moves the ball up the field.



Cescily Wheeler of Fox Lane works her way to the cage vs. Yorktown early in the season.

Below: Briarcliff's Lexi Grasso fires a shot toward the goal vs. Valhalla.



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Nicole DiFabio of Pleasantville advances the ball up the left sideline.



Byram Hills' Marissa Miller scampers across the field with the ball during a Bobcat home game.



Annie Barrett of Briarcliff passes the ball from behind the cage.



Westlake goalie Nichole Thomas stays ready on the side of the cage.



Westlake's Katie Sanders controls the ball.



Horace Greeley's Bernadette Grant prepares to pass the ball vs. host Pleasantville.



Emily Byrne of Byram Hills sets up the Bobcats' offense.



Fox Lane's Catherine Schreiber goes on attack vs. Somers in the sectional playoffs.



Above: Raquel Gaudio of Byram Hills controls the ball against the Rye Garnets.



Fox Lane's Lindsay West gets set to shoot during a game at Valhalla.



Above: Horace Greeley's Anna Waterhouse gets a step on the Brewster defense in the sectional playoffs.



Left: Emma Lowrey of Greeley controls the ball during the sectional win vs. Brewster.



Left: Nikki Loresto of Valhalla attempts to run past Fox Lane's Bridget Connors (left) and Brooke Sherard.



Sports Scene

Pleasantville Panthers 8U Little League Baseball

A determined Will Lent drives the ball to the outfield during Pleasantville's win over Cortlandt Sunday in Westchester Baseball Association LL action.



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Dylan McSpodon runs the bases for the Panthers during their 8U game in the WBA's Roberto Clemente West division.



Joe Reich pitches in relief for the Panthers in Sunday's WBA 8U game at Sailors and Soldiers Field.



Pleasantville 8U shortstop Steven Palma throws to first trying to complete a double play in the Panthers' 16-7 win Sunday.

The Panthers' Will Lent throws a pitch in Sunday's win over visiting Cortlandt.



The Panthers' Ethan Taboh gets a putout at first base midway through Sunday's game vs. Cortlandt.

Above: Pleasantville's Owen Bendus delivers a pitch in the Panthers' lopsided win over Cortlandt this past weekend.

Right: The ball drops in for a hit just over the head of Pleasantville infielder Tommy Cahill (center) and two of his teammates during Sunday's home game at Sailors and Soldiers Field.



Above: Hayden Wolf of the Panthers gets ready to run from third base during Sunday's victory vs. Cortlandt.

Right: Tommy Cahill of the Pleasantville Panthers 8U team smacks a pitch down the left-field line in Sunday's 16-7 win.



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Todd Gordon of Pleasantville 'A' serves the ball during his victory at first singles vs. visiting Armonk.



Bill Crawford hits a forehand return on the way to a win over Armonk with partner Kevin Kane in first doubles.

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY TENNIS LEAGUE

Senior Circuit Tully Division Pleasantville Tennis Club Sunday, July 20, 2014



Pleasantville 'A' second-singles player Roger Klepper lines up a forehand on the way to a win this past weekend.



Pleasantville's Peter Burack prepares to hit a backhand volley in his match vs. Armonk this past weekend at third doubles.



Rich Finn of the Pleasantville Tennis Club hits a volley en route to winning at second doubles with partner Bob Bull.



Jerry Hartnett of the Pleasantville 'A' senior team shakes hands at the net after combining with partner Peter Burack to win at third singles.



Above: Pleasantville's Bob Bull reaches to hit a forehand during his match at second doubles vs. Armonk.



Left: Pleasantville Tennis Club's Kevin Kane stays ready at the net in Sunday's WCTL match at second doubles.

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