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P'ville Townhouse Developer Seeks Smaller Affordable Units

By Arthur Cusano

The developer of the 68-unit townhouse complex on Pleasantville's Washington Avenue is asking the village to reduce the size of the project's seven affordable housing units.

Representatives of Toll Brothers appeared before the Pleasantville Planning Commission on Apr. 27 to request altering the final subdivision and site plan for the project, now named The Enclave at Pleasantville, located at 485 Washington Ave.

Attorney David Cooper said his client was also looking to make minor changes to lot lines, driveway locations and the grading plans.

The project, approved by the village in December 2014, called for all 68 units to be 2,800 square feet. The developer has since decided it was best to reduce the seven affordable units to 1,600 square feet

each because upkeep on the larger unit would be too expensive.

The number of bedrooms and the size of the two-car garage will remain the same. Changing the lot lines will allow the developer to build units that are slightly narrower but otherwise indistinguishable from other units.

Cooper said the county told the developer two years ago during site plan review that the affordable units were too large, and that they had always planned to scale them back at a later time. The price of the market-rate units, starting at just over \$700,000, would subsidize the affordable units, which will cost about \$300,000, Cooper said.

Most affordable housing units built in the county are between 1,200 to 1,600 square feet, Cooper added.

"We said we know we're not going to
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Water Issues Debated as Sunshine Children's Home Hearing Closes

By Martin Wilbur

The New Castle Zoning Board of Appeals made no determination last week on Sunshine Children's Home and Rehab Center's application for an amended special use permit and variances that would allow a major expansion of its facility.

Following a sometimes contentious three-hour public hearing last Wednesday at town hall that was confined to discussion of wetlands and hydrology issues, the board voted to close the hearing. It is likely to discuss the application at its next meeting later this month but did not reveal if it would reach a decision on whether to issue a positive or negative declaration under the state Environmental Quality Review Act

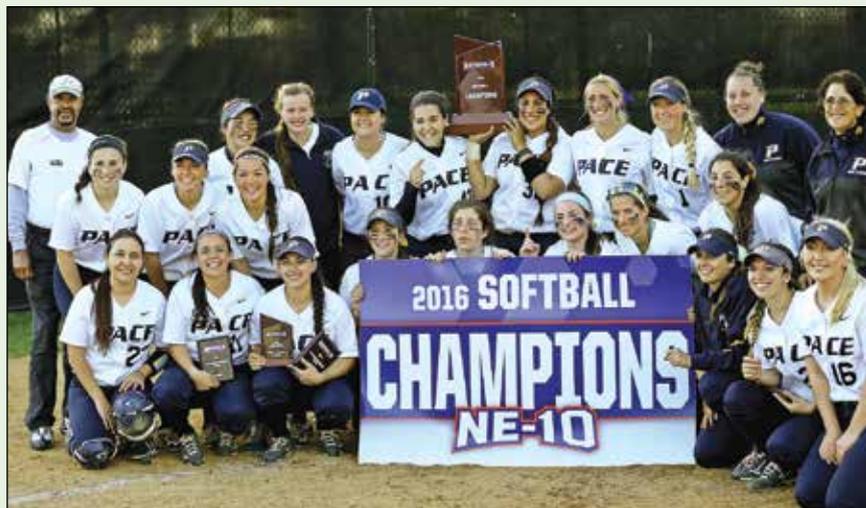
(SEQRA).

Many neighbors of the Spring Valley Road facility who have spoken at hearings dating back to last year have strongly criticized Sunshine's proposal. Last week they argued that the water demands for the expanded facility present a potential threat to area wells. Previously, opponents also maintained that a larger Sunshine Children's Home would be out of character with the far western rural end of New Castle, which borders Ossining, and the roads would be unable to handle the increased truck traffic in preparation for and during construction.

They have pressed the ZBA to make a positive declaration under SEQRA, which would force an extensive and lengthy environmental review.

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The Pace University softball team won its first-ever Northeast-10 Conference championship last Saturday afternoon by defeating Adelphi 5-2 in the semifinals and then Southern New Hampshire 7-4 in the title game. The Setters now automatically advance to the NCAA's Division II East Regional playoffs, starting on Friday. For more details, see sports.

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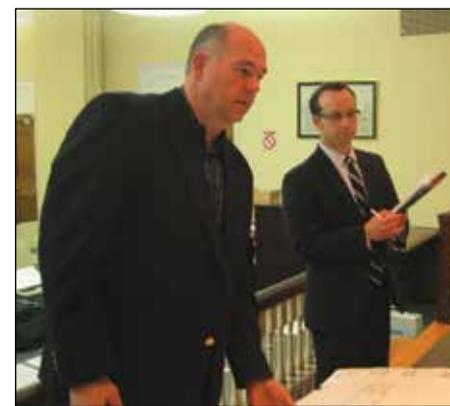
By Neal Rentz

Shoppers hoping to see Modell's Sporting Goods open a new store on East Main Street in Mount Kisco will now have to wait several months longer than expected.

Representatives of the chain told the planning board last Tuesday night that the store's opening would be delayed until sometime during the summer. The applicant's new plan also includes having two additional tenants in the roughly 22,000-square-foot space rather than just one.

When Modell's received its approval from the planning board last November, an April opening was forecasted.

Taylor Palmer, an attorney representing Modell's, told the board that Modell's
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NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Chris Raffaelli, project manager for Modell's in Mount Kisco, left, and Taylor Palmer, an attorney representing the company, addressed the planning board on Apr. 26. The store's opening will be delayed until summer.

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Latest Metro-North Mishap Renews Calls for Safer Crossings

By Martin Wilbur

Local and state officials last week called for bold action to make grade crossings safer following another train-car collision on Apr. 27, this time at the Green Lane crossing in Bedford Hills.

Town supervisors, state legislators and Gov. Andrew Cuomo called for a variety of potential solutions after two occupants of a vehicle that became immobilized on the tracks managed to narrowly escape the car before it was slammed by an oncoming northbound train. The MTA said the crossing, including the gate and signals, were operating properly at the time of the 3:25 p.m. accident.

There were no injuries reported to the driver, Joyce Opoku, 43, her 87-year-old passenger Audrey Hoffner or any passengers on the train.

Cuomo said last Thursday that his administration would explore all potential options, including motion detectors, painting danger areas on roadways, voice commands and public information campaigns to improve safety at grade crossings. He said he would not accept the status quo.

"My administration has contacted the federal government, charged with approving grade modifications, and informed them that we must go forward immediately with new design features that create safer crossings," Cuomo said.

The governor also said that he has directed the MTA, which has already been working on potential improvements, to present several plans this week.

In March, Cuomo called for street-level grade crossings to be eliminated.

There have been previous incidents at the Green Lane crossing before. Following several collisions at the site about eight years ago, the state Department of Transportation (DOT) made improvements at that location.

The accident occurred less than 15 months after the deadly Feb. 3, 2015, crash between an SUV and a northbound train on the same Harlem line at the Commerce Street Crossing in Valhalla. On that night, the driver of the SUV moved forward into the path of a northbound after the crossing gate lowered onto her vehicle, killing her and five passengers aboard the train.

While cooperation and potential funding from the federal government is needed, other officials are calling for additional steps. Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville), whose district includes Valhalla, has called for the state DOT to



Gov. Andrew Cuomo last week demanded action from the MTA and the federal government to make grade crossings safer throughout the state following last week's car-train collision in Bedford.

conduct a statewide study of all grade crossings. In some instances the dangers could be the result of poor road configuration or inadequate signs or markings rather than a railroad issue, he said.

The assemblyman has urged the state Senate to pass his bill that would launch the study and is pressing Cuomo to support the measure as well. The bill has already passed the Assembly.

Abinanti said many of these crossings were designed when there was less traffic and most motorists using them were used to any quirks presented.

"Now you have people who come from everywhere, that aren't familiar with the area and many of these people are driving these roads for the first time," he said.

Since shortly after the Valhalla accident, New Castle Supervisor Robert Greenstein has enlisted Rep. Nita Lowey and others to turn up the heat on the federal government for money to build a bridge over the tracks at the Roaring Brook Road crossing in Chappaqua. That highly-traveled crossing is about a half-mile from Horace Greeley High School and will also absorb even

more traffic with the planned opening of Chappaqua Crossing about a year from now, he said.

The town's outside planning consultants have already prepared a draft concept plan for the interchange and layout and circulation plan, Greenstein said. One of the consultants, WSP Parsons Brinkerhoff, specializes in obtaining federal appropriations for state projects and is likely to soon have a meeting, he said.

The hope is to have New York Metropolitan Transportation Council support and get the project returned to the state's Transportation Improvement Program list in order to obtain funding from multiple sources for what would be a prohibitively expensive project.

Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said last week that his administration has been frustrated with the slow pace of any recommended action. He thought that there would some movement regarding Commerce Street from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) at about the first anniversary of the Valhalla accident.

The town's engineers have drawn up possible recommendations, but Fulgenzi said the municipality has no authority to make changes or closures.

"We've heard nothing," he said. "We've heard nothing from the NTSB. We have not had any contact with them on this."

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build 2,800-square-foot affordable units – that's a complete disconnect from the purpose of the program," he said.

The developer has also changed the units' location. Originally, they were in clusters at the edge of the property, but the county told the developer to put two units in one of the first buildings completed and scatter the remaining affordable units

throughout the project's other structures, Cooper said.

"Requiring units of identical size to the market-rate (units) undermines the ability to encourage affordable housing," Cooper said. "Construction costs are much higher for those types of units, as are living costs for the actual tenants...because you have to heat and cool the exact same size."

Cooper told commission members he

did not believe the requested changes would violate the village's housing code, including a requirement that affordable units be indistinguishable in appearance from market-rate units.

Village Attorney Joel Sachs said officials have been advised by the county to change the language in the village code that would prohibit affordable units from appearing substantially different from the market-rate units. The current code requires affordable units to be indistinguishable from market-rate units.

The Pleasantville Village Board is the project's lead agency. The planning commission as an involved agency would have to amend the SEQRA finding in addition to the final subdivision and site plan.

The village board intends to hold a public hearing on the proposed text change at its May 9 meeting, and barring unforeseen circumstances, would adopt the change on May 23, Sachs said.

Commission members will take any action until the village board makes its decision on changing language in the code. Building Inspector Robert Hughes said the new text didn't seem like a major change.

"I think it's more of a clarification that probably should have been in there from the beginning," Hughes said. "We adopted county regulations, and it (the code) just

didn't clarify it to the extent it should have."

Toll Brothers submitted an Apr. 11 letter to the planning commission from the county planning board voicing no opposition to the change. Westchester County Deputy Commissioner of Housing Norma Drummond said last Friday she was unaware of the conversation and could not immediately comment.

Commission President Russell Klein said he did not recall the developer ever intending to reduce the size of the affordable units, a point disputed by Toll Brothers. Commission members asked the developer's representatives if they worried about potential negative publicity from changing the plans so late in the process.

"We build varying size units adjacent to each other all the time," said Toll Brothers Vice President James Fitzpatrick.

Pleasantville Village Administrator Patricia Dwyer said she wasn't surprised the developer was looking to reduce the size of the affordable units.

"From a practical point of view, how practical is a 2,800-square-foot affordable unit?" Dwyer said. "It really isn't practical for a family looking to maintain all the attributes of that townhouse. It's not easy."

Dwyer did say she was surprised at the \$300,000 cost of the affordable units, but said the county could change that number before going on the market.

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is now set to open during the back-to-school shopping period over the summer. Palmer declined to be more specific.

He also said the two tenants that will occupy a portion of the space had not yet been determined.

The planning board on Apr. 26 voted unanimously to provide a new special use permit to Modell's because the chain was making changes to its initial approval, which was granted on Nov. 24.

Planning Board Chairman Joseph Cosentino told the Modell's representatives, "We want you to open."

Modell's revised plan is to create a second East Main Street entrance, make modifications to the internal layout,

including locations for merchandise storage and loading, and modify the previously proposed signage and display.

Under the revised plan, Modell's will occupy 9,802 square feet on the Main Street level and 2,369 square feet on the lower level that faces the parking lot. One tenant will take 2,343 square feet on the Main Street level and 1,184 square on the lower level. The other tenant will occupy 4,883 square feet on the Main Street level and 1,184 square feet on the lower level.

Entrances for all three tenants will be provided both from Main Street and the lower level.

Borders left the 22,399-square-foot building in September 2011 after the bookstore chain filed for bankruptcy.

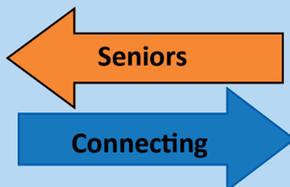
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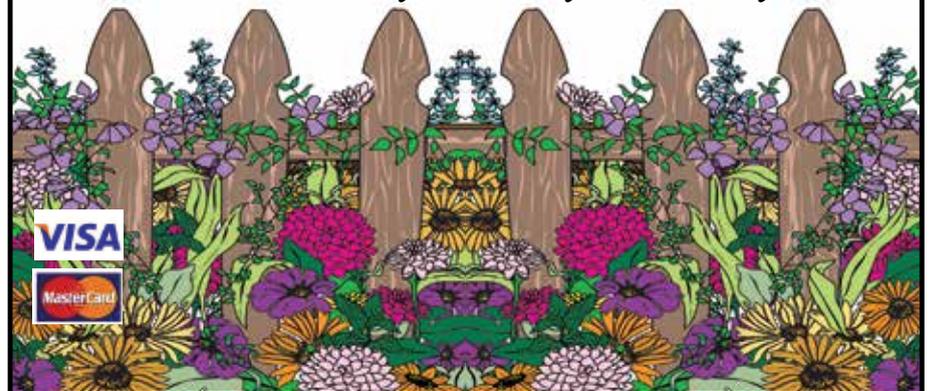
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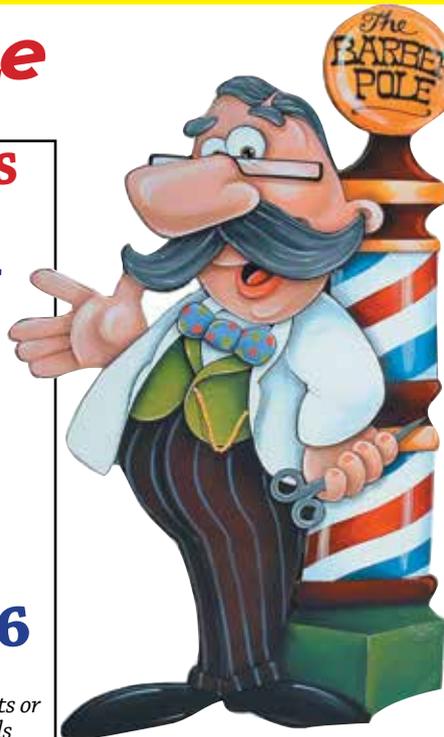
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Sunshine Children's Home, which cares for children with medically complex issues, is looking to expand from about 19,000 square feet to 147,000 square feet on its 33-acre property. Its bed count would rise from 54 to 122.

Attorney Mark Weingarten, representing Sunshine Children's Home, told the board that issues that have been raised thus far have been addressed and the project creates no potential adverse environmental impact.

A change announced last week – moving the expanded building 80 feet to the west and entirely out of the wetlands buffer – is a significant improvement, he said. It would eliminate the need to remove fill from the site and reduce truck traffic by about 400 trips before and during construction, Weingarten said.

Sunshine Children's Home is also no longer looking to Ossining for municipal water and would be able to accommodate its own sewage, he said.

"Not a single issue has risen to the level of impact requiring a positive declaration under New York law," Weingarten said.

Thomas Cusack, the applicant's hydrogeologist, said the expanded facility would use less water than it does now. Sunshine currently consumes about 15,000 gallons a day. With a plan to recycle rainwater for irrigation, the

project's average daily water use would be just over 12,000 gallons a day, based on a daily consumption rate of 99 gallons per bed. That number has been confirmed by the county Department of Health and the town's hydrology consultant, Cusack said.

"In my professional opinion, the total yield of the wells demonstrates that the existing wells can easily meet the water demands of the proposed project," Cusack said.

The overwhelming majority of speakers disputed the applicant's claims that there would be no potential adverse impact. Dave Wittlinger, a resident of Cedar Lane in Ossining, said there is insufficient data to support the estimates that a larger Sunshine Children's Home would use less water. Under commonly used state guidelines, the facility would use about 175 gallons per day per bed, he said.

Wittlinger argued that Sunshine presented only three to six months of data to the town, far below the five years that was required to be studied.

"It doesn't make sense that you're going to cherry pick this three to six months and make a big decision like that?" Wittlinger said to the board. "It doesn't make any sense. Clearly, you need five years' worth of data if you're going to make a decision."

He also said that they have spoken in private with some Sunshine employees who have mentioned that there have been

water problems on the site for years.

Before concluding, Wittlinger said Sunshine Children's Home owner Ari Friedman should move his operations to a more appropriate area. He said there is a property in East Fishkill that is near an assisted living facility and is zoned to handle Sunshine.

"This allows, obviously, an expansion that serves the business need of the applicant, serves the community need and it's not forcing the neighborhood to become commercial, it has all the municipal resources in order to expand and doesn't have to be forced upon this neighborhood," Wittlinger said.

Weingarten disputed Wittlinger's claims, saying that his client has submitted five years of data upon request of the board. He also slammed the speaker for insinuating there are water problems at the site when there is no evidence to support that claim.

"It's not about water, it's not about wetlands, it's not about traffic, it's about they don't want us in their neighborhood," Weingarten said. "That's it. They want us in Fishkill."

The town's consultant, William Canvan, said monitoring of six surrounding wells would be done for up to six months to ensure there is no drawdown. If mitigation measures are needed that would be paid for by the applicant.

However, Spring Valley Road resident Dorothy Buchanan, who has lived in her house for more than 40 years, implored the ZBA to reject the application, emotionally arguing that the project would unnecessarily place too great a risk on the neighborhood. Buchanan said she was frightened by what she called "a monstrosity" of a proposal in order to turn a profit.

"It feels like somebody is going to be drawing our water and then we wake up one day and we won't have any water," she said. "And why are they commercializing an area that has been residential in all the years I've lived here?"

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New Castle Explores Natural Playground for Gedney Park

By Martin Wilbur

New Castle officials are exploring whether the new playground at Millwood's Gedney Park can incorporate the natural landscape and topography into the plan in addition to the installation of conventional equipment to enhance a family's experience.

The idea was raised at an Apr. 19 work session where town board members said they had been introduced to landscape designer Maureen Hackett, who made the suggestion.

In a March 1 correspondence with Robert Snyder, the town's superintendent of recreation and parks, Hackett stated that various play stations can be connected by a pathway lined with the rubberized material that is under most playground equipment.

The path would weave throughout the site and through a variety of planting beds adjacent to the paths, where there could be signs posted with information about the species of flowers and plants.

Furthermore, Hackett suggested adding "organic and exploratory types of play features." For example, a slide could be integrated into an existing hill, a treehouse could be placed in the trees or a small tunnel be created through grass hills.

Snyder and Recreation and Parks Commission member Suzanne Lodge told the town board that while Hackett's ideas sound exciting, such a plan would likely have trouble meeting today's more



Gedney Park is awaiting a new playground after the old deteriorating equipment was taken away in March, but town officials are considering incorporating more topography and landscaping into the plan.

stringent safety guidelines for playgrounds. Also, the cost of the project would rise, although it wasn't known how much more of an expense it would be since a formal proposal was not requested or provided.

"I love it all and I love the fact that it was promoting this natural landscape that we all agree is really important to keep there," Lodge said. "But some of the stuff doesn't meet the standards for safety."

There is also the issue of timing. The town removed the deteriorating Gedney Park playground equipment in March. Snyder said with an estimate of six to eight weeks to install a conventional play are from the time the town board gives the green light, it would already be summer before a playground is available for children.

Last month, Snyder recommended

that the town board accept the lowest bid from Pat Corsetti, Inc. of Mamaroneck for the purchase and installation of new playground equipment for nearly \$127,000.

"The best time to do it is now," Snyder said of discussing enhancements to the proposal. "But we're trying to stay within a budget, so if you

say to us you want to add more, it's going to cost more."

A couple members of the town board suggested that even if many of the natural play elements are not feasible, they could explore incorporating a couple of the ideas at some level. Councilwoman Hala Makowska said "there are things that could be done" to give children and their families an even better experience.

Councilman Adam Brodsky added that he would like to see if there's any way that the town can make the Gedney Park "incredibly special."

"We're so there. We just need a little bit more as opposed to sticking (in) some plastic," Brodsky said. "I'm not disparaging it, but you don't want to put some plastic in

this bucolic setting."

Lodge said that she believes most children like their monkey bars and other typical playground activities. The Gedney Park playground as currently proposed would offer children a good time.

"I think what we've proposed is going to be really fun for them, and if we wanted to add some landscaping to make it more natural, that's a different matter."

Supervisor Robert Greenstein said last Friday nothing new had been presented to the board. However, the discussion is scheduled to resume at tonight's (Tuesday) work session at town hall, which is scheduled to begin at 7:15 p.m.

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Film Screening Kicks Off Mt. Pleasant Schools Strategic Plan Talk

By Neal Rentz

Mount Pleasant School District residents last week participated in the early stages of creating a new five-year strategic plan with a night at the movies.

About 50 residents came to the Westlake High School auditorium on Apr. 27 to view the documentary "Most Likely to Succeed," a critically acclaimed documentary by filmmaker Greg Whiteley who contends that much of the American public education system has failed to adapt to a changing world and marketplace.

A second screening was offered on Saturday morning. A discussion followed both screenings.

Last week's programs were moderated by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Guiney and Board of Education Trustee Thomas McCabe.

Whiteley was inspired to make the film when he saw his daughter struggle in fourth grade after previously being a good student. The director contends that the traditional education model used in America is obsolete because it prepares students for assembly line-type jobs that are becoming rare in the modern economy.

"Soft skills" such as collaboration, problem solving and leadership should replace a reliance on memorization of facts to pass standardized tests.

Facts that students learn in test preparation will be mostly forgotten, while those soft skills are critical in order to function in the modern economy, Whiteley argues.

The film, which includes several interviews with business executives and educators, focuses on High Tech High School, a San Diego charter school that prepares students in grades 9-12 for postsecondary education and leadership in the high tech industry.

High Tech High School does not administer standardized tests to its students. Student achievement is measured by projects that are developed over the course of an entire school year and concludes with a public showcase of exhibits and stage productions.

Following the screening, Guiney asked the audience to write down what points in the film they agreed with, where they disagreed, approaches outlined in the documentary that the district should aspire to and any new insight about

education that they learned by watching the film.

Audience members were then divided into small groups to come up with a consensus on what ideas they would present to Guiney and McCabe.

Veronica Finkel, who has three children in the district, said her group supported the concept of "project-based learning" that was presented in the film.

Resident Denis McCarthy said he wanted to know if High Tech included a varied student body, including those with special needs. McCabe responded that 12 percent of the students who were in the magnet school in the film were special education students.

Another resident, Vincent Graci, said he was uncertain that the learning

concepts portrayed in the film would be suitable preparation for many types of jobs.

McCabe responded that traditional techniques alone do not prepare today's students for the jobs of the future. In 20 years there will be new positions that currently don't exist and students need to learn how to develop new skills that haven't been taught in traditional education programs, he said.

Audience members provided copies of their comments to district officials. Guiney said the feedback would be taken into consideration during the process of crafting a new strategic plan. No timetable was announced for when district officials would like to implement a new plan.

New Mt. Kisco Budget Contains Lowest Tax Increase in 15 Years

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Kisco Village Board of Trustees voted 3-1 to approve the 2016-17 \$14,669,625 general fund budget last week with a modest .92 percent tax hike.

There will be no service cuts and additional staff will be hired to provide the building department with extra manpower for its new fire inspection program.

Mayor Michael Cindrich, Deputy Mayor Anthony Markus and Trustee Peter Grunthal supported the budget at the Apr. 25 vote; however, Trustee Jean Farber said she voted against the spending plan because she opposed any increase in taxes. Trustee Karen Schleimer did not attend the meeting.

The budget, which goes into effect on June 1 at the start of the village's new fiscal year, includes a tax levy increase of .57 percent, allowing the village to adhere to the state tax cap.

"This is the lowest tax increase in 15 years," Village Manager Edward Brancati.

The spending plan adds one full-time administrative aide and two part-time inspectors to help the village carry

out the building department's new fire inspection program. The additional full-time employee will have several other duties, including administering the village's landlord registry and working to eliminate illegal housing and overcrowding, a persistent problem that Mount Kisco has faced.

Cindrich said while exact figures are not yet known, the move to consolidate the village's police department with the Westchester County Department of Public Safety last year is likely to save about \$500,000 in the first year of the arrangement. The consolidation went into effect last June 1.

Grunthal called the 2016-17 spending plan an "excellent budget" which "will serve the village well," even though he would have preferred a flat tax rate.

However, Farber said she could not support the spending plan.

"I was actually hoping to get a zero tax increase," she said.

Markus said the final budget has a tax increase that was about half of what was originally proposed by Village Manager Edward Brancati.

P'ville Adopts \$15.2M Village Budget, Anticipates Capital Projects

By Arthur Cusano

Pleasantville village trustees adopted the municipality's 2016-17 budget last week, which includes work for various capital improvements.

The \$15.2 million adopted budget carries a \$10.3 million tax levy, the maximum amount allowed under the state tax cap. It also anticipates about \$4.2 million in other revenues and calls for the use of \$420,000 in fund balance. The tax rate is expected to increase 0.73 percent to \$92 per \$1,000 of assessed property.

Village Administrator Patricia Dwyer said trustees then added money for capital projects from the village's robust fund balance, which increased the spending plan from the original \$14.9 million.

"We had projected a very good fund balance," Dwyer said, "and we should stay within a 20 percent fund balance-to-expenditure ratio, and because of those projections we should be able to move close to \$400,000 in fund balance toward capital work like roads and sidewalks and some other acquisitions that the board agreed to."

Dwyer said the Department of Public Works has already started sidewalk improvement work. Road repairs will follow at a later time. Bedford Road and

Pleasantville Road are county roads, Dwyer said, and would not be paved again until the county initiates a capital plan, which will be next year at the earliest.

"We have the sidewalks adjacent to those roads which are our responsibility," Dwyer said.

The adopted budget included few changes to the payroll since there are no new hires. There is one vacancy that was budgeted for in the police department, she said.

Mayor Peter Scherer will earn \$6,000 for the year, while each of the four trustees will make \$3,500. The five part-time board members will receive small stipends for technology expenses but there are no other increases in compensation.

The village refuse fund for the year was set at \$1.1 million, with the annual rate per family increasing just under four dollars from the current year to \$453.99. Water rates for residents and non-residents will remain unchanged.

Village pool passes for the season will cost \$400 for a family and \$200 for a single resident. A booklet for 10 visits will cost \$120, while the senior discount rate will be \$75.

The new fiscal year begins on June 1.

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Obituaries

Emil Bruno

Emil (Sonny) Bruno of Pleasantville died on Apr. 21.

He was 92.

Born Nov. 24, 1923, Bruno was the beloved, caring husband of the former Margaret Desio for 68 wonderful years. He was the beloved son of the late Angelina and Emilio Bruno.

He is survived by his cherished children, Rosemary and her husband, Anselm, Linda and her husband, Fred, and his only son, Richard. He was the loving and proud Pop to five adoring grandchildren: Lauren, Matthew, Justin, Jaclyn and Jordan. He was a devoted great-Grandpop to his precious great-grandchildren Salvatore, Christian and Nicholas. He is also survived by his younger sister, Gloria, and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Bruno proudly served his country in the Army during World War II as a radar operator. Bronx born, he was an avid Yankee fan and bowler and also enjoyed playing football and baseball. He looked forward to an occasional trip to the casino to play the poker slots.

Bruno was deeply loved not only by his family but also by those whose lives he touched. He will be deeply missed and his passing has left a void in our lives and hearts.

The family received friends on Apr. 24 at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Apr. 25 at Holy Innocents Roman Catholic Church in Pleasantville. Entombment followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

Geraldine Hilyer

Geraldine A. Hilyer of Hawthorne died on Apr. 16.

She was 86.

Hilyer is survived by her sons, Raymond Hilyer Jr. and Darren Hilyer; six grandchildren; and numerous extended family and friends that loved her dearly.

In lieu of flowers, please do not vote for Hillary. The family received friends at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville on Apr. 23 followed by a service and burial at Banks Cemetery in Pleasantville.

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Pleasantville Police Department

Apr. 23: Police were notified by the villages' parks and recreation supervisor that a pitching machine had been stolen from village property on Hopper Street. The machine was located sometime later in the day.

Apr. 26: Police responded at 1:07 a.m. to a vehicle fire in Memorial Plaza. A 2005 Acura TL owned by a Mount Kisco resident was found on fire. The fire was extinguished by firefighters. There were no injuries.

Apr. 27: A 23-year-old Pleasantville man was arrested at 6:15 p.m. and charged with petit larceny after being caught by Key Food security attempting to steal sushi from the store.

North Castle Police Department

Apr. 22: A bicyclist reported at 11:30 a.m. that he was involved in a dispute with the driver of a Ford SUV who left the scene following a road rage incident on Route 22. The cyclist is standing by for police assistance.

Apr. 23: A Nichols Road resident reported at 9:40 a.m. that a neighbor has been harassing her nursing aides about parking their cars on the street. The dispatching officer spoke with the neighbor and it was agreed the cars were being legally parked. Matter adjusted.

Apr. 24: Report of a dispute at the laundromat on North Broadway at 11:11 a.m. The parties were separated. The responding officers reported that both parties left the premises.

Apr. 25: A complainant reported at 11:43 a.m. that he is currently not home but is having work done by Verizon. The caller stated that he was made aware there are multiple parties, with possibly some subjects protesting Verizon. The caller wanted to make sure everything is in order. The responding officer stated that the parties are not on the complainant's property and are not obstructing traffic.

Apr. 25: Report of a multivehicle accident on Route 22 at 8:21 p.m. There was airbag deployment but it was unknown whether there were injuries. The responding officer arrested the operator of one of the vehicles for aggravated unlicensed operation.

Apr. 26: A party arrived at headquarters at 6:47 p.m. to report that she was the victim of fraud through her Bank of America account. A witness deposition was filed and an identity theft packet was issued.

Apr. 27: A North Broadway business owner reported at 11:41 p.m. that his business was broken into through a back door. The responding officers confirmed forced entry to the rear of the building.

THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz

By Edward Goralski

Two Cute For Words? According to the Oxford Dictionary website, "there are over a hundred two-letter words." You'll only need to concern yourself with the eight two-letter words in the quiz this week. Touché if you get all eight correct. Or should that be two-ché?

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| 1. om (n.) | A) the life force | B) a sacred mantra | C) a Greek letter |
| 2. gi (n.) | A) a part of the mind | B) a kind of fig tree | C) a judo jacket |
| 3. aa (n.) | A) rough cindery lava | B) a type of sediment | C) a glacier category |
| 4. xu (n.) | A) Vietnamese unit of money | B) a Korean meal | C) a Chinese dialect |
| 5. po (n.) | A) an ancient wine container | B) the soul in mythology | C) a chamber pot |
| 6. ou (n.) | A) the three-toed sloth | B) a Hawaiian bird | C) a North American moth |
| 7. Ga (n.) | A) a people in Ghana | B) a river in Gambia | C) a port city of Gabon |
| 8. li (n.) | A) a sweetheart | B) a musical note | C) a unit of distance |

ANSWERS:
 1. B. a sacred mantra used in contemplation of
 of a dong
 2. C. a judo jacket
 3. A. rough cindery lava
 4. A. a Vietnamese unit of money equal to 1/100
 yards / 500 meters
 5. C. a chamber pot (British informal)
 6. B. a Hawaiian bird, the honeycreeper
 7. A. a people in Ghana and their language
 8. C. a Chinese unit of distance now set at 547

Maria Fareri Children's Hospital Celebrates a Special Birthday

By Arthur Cusano

Every first birthday is special, but at Tamaya Berry's party last week there was even more reason to celebrate.

Born last April in Newburgh after just a 25-week pregnancy, Berry weighed nine ounces when she arrived at the Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in Valhalla. That's roughly the weight of two smart phones, and among the smallest children ever to survive birth, according to hospital staff.

Parents Dominique Fevrier and Tyquan Berry of Poughkeepsie returned with their daughter Thursday afternoon for a party in the lobby with doctors and staff. The couple said the experience of having such a small infant was harrowing but the Maria Fareri team helped them and Tamaya through.

"It was scary, but we knew from the assurances of the doctors that everything would be good, and the nurses kept up on point with everything that was happening," Fevrier said.

Fevrier has other children at home so she could not stay with her daughter at all times during her six-month hospital stay, but said the staff made her feel welcome every time she visited.

"I was always accompanied by a nurse, and a doctor was always at the bedside and I always had questions



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

One-year-old birthday girl Tamaya Berry is held last Thursday by her mother Dominique Fevrier, as her father, Tyquan Berry, Dr. Edmund LaGamma, chief of newborn medicine, and Sue Malfa, nurse manager for the regional neonatal intensive care unit at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital look on.

answered," she said. "There was never a time I wasn't sure what was happening with my daughter. They gave donations of clothes and it was very helpful and very much appreciated."

At the time, Fevrier assured hospital staff her daughter would be back again to visit.

"She'll be walking real soon, so she'll be walking to see you guys," she said.

Dr. Edmund LaGamma, the hospital's chief of newborn medicine, said the hospital's cutting-edge technology helped save Tamaya's life after

overcoming myriad challenges due to her low birth weight and extreme prematurity.

"We talk about the miracles of childbirth, but one of the miracles that have happened is a simple thing that we got two months before Tamaya was born: a small tine tracheal (feeding) tube, a small piece of plastic tinier than a pen," he said. "If it weren't for that simple device, Tamaya wouldn't be here today."

Tamaya eventually grew healthy enough to leave the hospital in October weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, eight

times her birth weight and is on target for normal development for her age.

Neonatal Nurse Manager Sue Malfa said Tamaya was so small that medication had to be administered by hand. She also credited Fevrier for her constant vigilance over her daughter.

"She never looked afraid," Malfa said. "She just had so much love and so much patience and she watched everything that was going on and she watched Tamaya grow, minute by minute, hour by hour. She was always positive, and I think that added to Tamaya's state."

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P'ville's Westchester Table Tennis Center Venue for New TV Pilot

By James Best

The Westchester Table Tennis Center in Pleasantville has hosted a wide variety of tournaments since it opened its doors. Now it's the location for the filming of a new television show.

Last Monday night actors, comedians, professional table tennis players and ping-pong enthusiasts converged at the center on Tompkins Avenue to film the pilot for a show called "Pong Court."

The premise of the show, produced by Orson Entertainment, pits rivals against one another at a ping-pong table to resolve sometimes bitter, long-standing grievances between neighbors, husbands and wives, corporations, celebrities and sports stars in a fun way.

Plans call for "Pong Court" to be developed from the pilot into a multiple series format. Filming at the center is anticipated to continue for the next few months. The producers will first create a 10-minute "webisode" to build interest. No date has been set for airing of the pilot.

Westchester Table Tennis Center is one of the largest facilities of its kind in North America, hosting multiple tournaments a year and featuring world class players alongside ping-pong lovers of more modest ability. Robert Roberts, a three-time table tennis champion in the Caribbean and the center's manager, and Rawle Alleyne, a 15-year national table tennis coach in

Barbados, are among those who play there.

Center owner Will Shortz, one of the producers of "Pong Court," said having a television show filmed at the facility is a great way to showcase a sport that many people may think of as only a recreational activity.

"One of my dreams has been to get sponsorship for our club and it's a very difficult thing to do," Shortz said. "I thought this show was our best opportunity for making table tennis huge. It brings the game down to a level everyone understands when you are settling a grudge over a ping-pong table, everyone thinks they're pretty good. So if you got a dispute, settle it here."

"Pong Court" is also a great opportunity to introduce some of the sport's top competitors, who also appear in the show, Shortz said.

One of those players is 18-year-old Kai Zhang from Beijing, China. Zhang said table tennis has been critically important in making him a stronger person mentally and physically.

"What I love the most about table tennis is the fact that this is a brain game," Zhang said. "It's not just physical, you have to be smart and mentally strong and have a good mentality and learn how to deal with pressure."

Scott "The Ping Pong Man" Preiss, a trainer who has coached Olympians, is the co-creator of "Pong Court" and one of its



Top table tennis stars Kai Zhang and Sameh Awadallah square off during the filming of the pilot "Pong Court" at the Westchester Table Tennis Center in Pleasantville.

producers. Preiss said it may help more people understand the sport and make it more marketable in the United States.

"The only thing that people remember is that the Chinese play and they stand far away from the table," Preiss said. "They have no other knowledge of the sport. But everyone has played ping-pong growing up, my dad taught me, everybody has learned from somebody, everybody played at parties, everybody had some kind of childhood memory. That's what we're trying to do. Bring back the memories that everyone has and making them real. Now were bringing it to the public."

The pilot began with a battle between

two of the best table tennis players of the 1970s. Connie Sweeris, a member of the 1971 U.S. world team, faced off against her rival Alice Green. Sweeris swept Green in three games.

Comedians Jessica Brodtkin and Sara Armour also competed against each other as "Ludmilla" and "Sara Steinstien."

The main event featured Zhang versus Sameh Awadallah, a member of the

Egyptian National Table Tennis team.

Zhang and Awadallah battled in an intense match that showed the audience just how special table tennis can be when played at its highest level.

"We saw some fantastic points tonight," Shortz said. "So if table tennis is ever going to be big and reach a mass audience it's something like this that might do it. If you go on YouTube and look up the ten most amazing table tennis points of 2015, it's got literally millions of hits, people love to watch it so maybe we can make a whole show of it."

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Editorial

Latest Car-Train Accident Must Generate Some Real Results

The day after two people barely fled a car that became stuck at the Green Lane grade crossing in Bedford, Gov. Andrew Cuomo had some pretty strong words for what should happen next.

Another problem grade crossing and another instance where a train plows into a vehicle that was partially on the tracks, somehow having become immobilized at the worst possible time and location.

Fortunately for the two occupants, they made it out of the car in time.

Cuomo correctly called on the MTA, the operators of Metro-North and the Long Island Railroad, to formally propose concrete safety improvements by this week. He also appealed for clear street markings, improved signage, installation of motion detectors or any other potential solutions that could protect drivers and passengers, both in cars and on the trains.

In March, in a visit to Long Island, Cuomo called for the end to all street-level crossings on commuter railroad lines.

Strong words and exactly the sentiment of the tens, if not hundreds of thousands, of motorists who drive over train tracks in

New York State every year.

During the past year, Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti has pressed for the state Department of Transportation to study the roads in the vicinity of all grade crossings. Abinanti pragmatically believes that in some cases the problems could be road or sight issues.

What can't happen is a couple of weeks of press conferences and other public statements before the issue fades into the background when something else urgent occurs.

Considering that in a confined area of Westchester in the past 15 months there has been this Green Lane incident, a close call at the Roaring Brook Road crossing in Chappaqua late last winter where one of the gates lowered onto a vehicle, and, of course, the horrific Commerce Street accident on Feb. 3, 2015.

Under any circumstance that is too much and unacceptable, especially when you consider that last week's incident came during the middle of the afternoon in good weather and before rush hour.

Quite simply, any real solution comes

down to money. In many cases the solution will be the most prohibitively expensive: building an overpass to take the traffic off of the tracks.

That is what New Castle Supervisor Robert Greenstein has been vehemently pressing for since shortly after the Valhalla accident. The town has gone so far as to have its planning consultants propose a newly designed Roaring Brook Road interchange. Considering that next year the Chappaqua Crossing development will begin operation, that crossing is a critical public safety issue.

Greenstein said the town is lobbying both its state and congressional representatives in hopes of getting in line for what will probably be millions of dollars needed for an overpass.

It will take a long-term commitment from all communities that have grade crossings to have even the slightest chance of impressing the state and federal governments that there is something wrong and their resources are required.

People's lives may depend on that commitment.

Letters to the Editor

Failure to Support Bedford School Budget Would Gut District's Program

We fully support the budget that the Board of Education adopted at its Apr. 20 meeting. However, we are dismayed and concerned by the lack of support for the budget by three of the board members.

For many months, the administration presented detailed information about many different aspects of the budget, board members questioned the administrators and requested further information, and the public spoke out about their priorities. We commend the board for listening to the public and adding elementary instrumental instruction, elementary school librarians, middle school modified sports and three high school positions back into the proposed budget. Although all of the board members participated in these discussions and all supported adding at least some of these elements back into the budget, we were shocked that three board members voted against adopting the proposed

budget.

Do these board members understand what will happen if this budget does not pass? Do they understand that not only will our schools lose the elements of the budget that they themselves wanted to add (including adding back the three high school teachers in order to reverse the trend of the seven-course schedules, which they all adamantly supported just minutes before the budget adoption), but that our schools will lose so much more? Do they understand that the schools will no longer provide the high quality and breadth of educational experiences that we value in our community?

If this budget does not pass, the board has the option of putting another budget to vote. If that second budget fails, we would be forced to go to contingency. Therefore, the second budget would most likely fall within the allowable tax cap. This would mean \$2.85 million in further cuts. Even cutting everything

that has been discussed: eliminating elementary instrumental music and high school and middle school co-curricular performing arts, eliminating librarians in the elementary schools, consolidating the house system in the middle school, forcing a seven-course schedule on all high school students and eliminating all athletic programming and the television production still leaves a \$700,000 shortfall that would mean deeper cuts to even more programs and staffing. A contingency budget would force another \$4 million in cuts.

In other words, a "no" vote on this budget would gut our schools.

We urge you to support our schools, our children and our community by voting "yes" for the budget on May 17.

Becky and Jeremy Sussman
Bedford Hills

Support for Bedford School Budget Crucial to Maintain District's Schools

Please vote "YES" at your local elementary school on Tuesday, May 17, in support of the 2016-17 Bedford Central School District budget and the quality education of our children for which Bedford is renowned. This "YES" vote is an important investment in the

reputation and stability of our schools – one of the most important reasons that families move into our district.

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Marianne Delaney
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Amber Jo Salamone, Personal Trainer, Pleasantville

By Martin Wilbur

When Amber Jo Salamone completed her studies at SUNY Oneonta, she did what many college graduates do: get that first job, even if it's nothing close to what she wanted to work at for the long-term.

Salamone, however, quickly found that spending her days at a sedentary 9-to-5 desk job wasn't for her. As someone who has been physically active all of her life, it was quickly a source of frustration.

At the time, she and her cousin D.J., who Salamone was close to and often worked out with, had talked about one day opening a gym. However, about four years ago his death served as Salamone's impetus to make an abrupt change in her life. She left her job in Tarrytown to begin working toward her certification to become a personal trainer.

"The day he passed away, I quit my job," Salamone recalled. "I've got to leave. I can't be here."

Since earning her certification, she has worked as a personal trainer at Prescription for Fitness in Chappaqua,

steadily increasing her client base to where she now often works 12-hour days.

Last fall, Salamone's physical fitness journey took another positive turn. A friend who she had partnered with to run Spartan races, a set of grueling obstacle courses ranging from three to 15-plus miles devised to test the limits of one's physical endurance, decided to include her in an application to appear in a new show that will soon air on NBC, "Spartans Ultimate Team Challenge."

In November, Salamone's team was one of 36 five-member squads – consisting of two men, two women and a coach – selected out of several thousand to compete for a \$250,000 grand prize. The show debuts on Monday, June 13 at 10 p.m.

They were shipped off to Atlanta for eight days in early December to meet their coach, Salamone said. She had just three weeks to prepare.

"I did some intense training those three weeks," said Salamone, 26, a Pleasantville native. "I actually got myself my own

trainer because after training for 12 hours here with my own clients, I was shot by the end of the day, but I still managed to keep going."

When they arrived in Georgia for the filming of the competition, the Spartan courses were different than what Salamone had been accustomed to when competing closer to home. But with the help of her teammates and coach, she had a memorable experience.

She said that having participated in Spartan events, which include military-type drills such as wall climbing, crawling under barbed wire and swimming, has helped her to overcome some difficult times.

"This was by far the best week of my life," Salamone said. "We were surrounded by some of the greatest Spartan athletes out there, one being our coach, Kevin Donoghue, who taught us how to work together as a team throughout the week."

Salamone, who graduated from Pleasantville schools, said her interest in physical training came from her family. The youngest of four children, she joked that she started working out because of all the "noogies" she received from her



brothers while growing up.

Her three brothers and her dad exercised regularly and even built their own gym in the basement of their house. An uncle also once worked at the gym where she works now.

"I've always loved it," Salamone said. "It's not about looks for me. It's more about health. I want everyone to stay healthy and have a long, happy life."

That interest followed her through college. At

Oneonta, Salamone had an internship where she worked with preschool children, and recess was her favorite time, running a sort of mini boot camp. The children loved it, she said.

Salamone said the Spartan races bring everyone closer together because it's impossible to succeed without the help of your teammates.

For the show, Salamone's family came down to cheer her on at the start line. She also felt she had someone else helping her, not only her teammates in the "Spartans Ultimate Team Challenge," but in everything else she's done since deciding to pursue her personal trainer certification.

"It's only been four years but I've grown so much," Salamone said, "and (my cousin) is like my angel at my side, cheering me on. It's pretty awesome."



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Story of Realtor Dangers That Everyone Should Know

The next time you go to a realtor's open house and are asked to show photo identification or if a realtor insists on meeting at the office for the first time rather than at a property don't take it personally. He or she is following safety precautions given by an office manager, the National Association of Realtors or local law enforcement to guard against the possibility of theft, robbery, assault or even abduction or murder.

In a recent episode of Dateline NBC, we learned of the abduction and murder of Little Rock realtor Beverly Carter who agreed to show a vacant house to a couple with whom she had communicated only by phone and e-mail. She knew the neighborhood well and felt confident because the wife and husband would be there.

But only the male prospect showed up and, as it turned out, he was an imposter whose plan was to kidnap and hold her for ransom. But the scheme went terribly wrong and she was killed. When arraigned and asked why this popular and successful person, wife and mother was targeted for the crime, he responded, "because she looked like a rich broker."

Last week my William Raveis Real



By Bill Primavera

Estate office invited Yorktown Detective Sean Lewis to offer safety tips specifically targeted to situations we find ourselves in regularly. He suggested how we might best assure not only our own safety but how to advise our sellers about protecting their property and possessions. Actually, most of the precautions realtors take could be used by any homeowner who wants to safeguard themselves and their property.

"The single most important point I can make is to know who you're dealing with," Lewis said. "Remember the principle

of 'stranger danger.' Do not meet a new prospect for the first time at a property. Insist that they come into your office and ask for their I.D. Also, always let someone else know where you are at all times. Always have your cell with you. And trust your instincts."

His safety tips for realtors included the use of certain code words agents can communicate by phone or text to their office administrator if they feel they are in danger. (At my agency, we had already been educated to ours.) Other suggestions included showing properties before dark, always having the client enter a home or enter or leave a basement first.

Women are advised not to include too much personal information about themselves online, not to glamorize themselves too much or wear expensive jewelry when showing houses.

For homeowners, the time for vigilance is when a property is on the market and their homes are being shown, especially when open houses are scheduled. That is the time when anything of value must be hidden or locked away. Realtors will do everything they can to safeguard a homeowner's property and will recommend to the homeowner special precautions to help them in that endeavor.

Besides the obvious, such as jewelry, sellers should be careful not to leave personal information like mail or bills out in the open for anyone to view. Also, any other expensive, easy to pocket electronics like iPods, should be put away. Special care must be taken when visitors arrive in pairs or trios, where one may try to distract the agent while the other rummages through the homeowner's possessions. This is the reason that there are frequently more than one attendant at open houses.

"We all have life experience to be our guides," Lewis said. "That instinct has to serve us each day when we are in a high-risk job."

When I was attracted to real estate, I didn't consider it high risk, but then, I was

educated to be aware.

Interestingly enough, Raveis Real Estate agent Bernice Gottlieb, from the company's Irvington office, has published a thriller about violent crimes realtors are experiencing across the country. Called "Havoc-on-Hudson," the book serves as a cautionary tale that Gottlieb hopes will raise awareness among her peers to take necessary precautions and still have an impact on house buyers and sellers. Gottlieb said according to the Department of Labor and Statistics, since 2008, there have been more rapes, robberies and homicides of realtors than of police officers killed in the line of duty.

"You need to know who you're dealing with at all times," Gottlieb said. "If one realtor reads it and is more careful about who they let into open houses, the work that went into writing this book will have been worth it."

"Havoc-on-Hudson" can be purchased at www.Amazon.com or www.Barnesandnoble.com.

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Business of the Week

The Little Home Baker

By Colette Connolly

For years, Alicia Zillotti-Inch was running herself ragged, holding down a corporate job that consumed her.

Then her life was turned upside down when she suffered a heart attack. Zillotti-Inch said she did plenty of soul searching, and wanted to leave corporate America and find a way to turn her longtime passion for baking into a business opportunity.

"I thought to myself what can I do to take what I know and pass it along to others," Zillotti-Inch said.

Last year she established The Little Home Baker, offering classes to children whose parents want a different type of activity for their children.

To make things more convenient for parents, Zillotti-Inch brings all of her utensils and other baking equipment, as well as ingredients, with her. She then goes to work teaching children, from three years old, how to bake cupcakes, pies, chocolate chip banana bread and many other delectable treats in one-

and-a-half- to two-hour sessions. On occasion she also teaches them how to decorate cakes and cupcakes.

"My classes provide hands-on experience creating foods that are appealing for kids," said Zillotti-Inch, who uses organic ingredients and other substitutions, such as apple sauce instead of butter or oil, low-fat dairy products and the addition of carrots or zucchini in breads and cakes.

Zillotti-Inch, who attended culinary school for a brief time and holds an MBA, also tries to incorporate the science behind baking into her classes, such as explaining to children the difference between baking soda and baking powder and why wet and dry ingredients are combined.

"I try to engage the children and make a learning experience out of it as well as making it age-appropriate for them," she said.

Zillotti-Inch offers classes in small groups as well as mommy-and-me-type sessions. She is open to providing



COLETTE CONNOLLY PHOTO

Alicia Zillotti-Inch

baking classes in preschools and daycare facilities. She is also available to offer "moms' night in" baking demonstrations, where guests make a dessert and get to drink a glass of wine.

Zillotti-Inch, who grew up in Pleasantville and now lives in Goldens Bridge, remembers watching her grandmother bake an assortment of Italian desserts and other delicious fare. Even when she was working full-time in human resource management, she was always drawn to baking.

"While I have studied and crafted my techniques over the years, some of these skills just seemed to come naturally," she said.

She also offers unique birthday party experiences for children, working with parents to determine the theme of each party and other details. Each child gets a disposable chef's apron and other tools necessary for the class.

In the past, Zillotti-Inch has organized ice cream socials and has included art-related activities into her baking sessions.

"As long as I can do it, I am very open to what parents want for their children, including any special requests," she added.

In addition, she makes an assortment of cakes and other goodies for any occasion, and delivers throughout Westchester, Putnam and southern Connecticut, including Danbury and Greenwich.

"I love working with children," Zillotti-Inch said. "There's nothing like seeing their faces light up when they learn a new skill and see what they can create. Baking gives them the opportunity to be hands-on and feel a sense of accomplishment."

For more information on her baking classes or to order a cake or other special treat, contact Alicia Zillotti-Inch at thelittlehomebaker@gmail.com or check out the company's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/The-Little-Home-Baker-NY-1713243048912786/>.

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The Restaurant Examiner

New Menu at Mt. Kisco's Village Social Places Emphasis on Seafood

By Jerry Eimbinder

Village Social Kitchen + Bar in Mount Kisco has finalized its 2016 spring/summer menu, placing an emphasis on seafood and including a new "Taco Tuesday" dish created by Chef de Cuisine Mauricio Nunez.

The recipe for the taco dish, offered only on Tuesday, was handed down to Nunez by his Mexican grandmother. It has three different types of tacos that share a plate with guacamole and chips, and it's served with a coronita (beer) for a combined cost of \$12.95.

Executive Chef Mogan Anthony's Mura Ramen, a popular pork dish of Japanese origin, continues on the new menu but with limited availability. It's cooked on Sunday only.

The new menu includes salads, steaks, burgers, pasta and pizza and a multitude of seafood choices such as wild fish tacos (\$17), grilled Mediterranean bronzino (\$24), baked salmon (\$25) and "1990s Tuna" with soba noodles, English pea mousse and pea-shoot chimichurri (\$28).

The seafood selection includes a "Village

Feast Fry" with cod, calamari, octopus, shrimp, mussels and Calabria chili, accompanied by sauerkraut tartar, cherry pepper and fries (\$27) and a marinated tuna burger with avocado, cucumber, kimchee aioli and fries (\$18).

Also offered are Margherita pizza (\$13), a hamburger with lettuce, tomato, onions and fries (\$14), an organic vegetarian burger (\$18) and slow cooked skirt steak (\$27).

Anthony, a native of Malaysia, joined Village Social in 2011 after working at Jean-Georges, Perry Street and the Spice Market in New York City and The Bedford Post Inn. He is a graduate of the French Culinary Institute.

Village Social was opened in July 2010 by Joe Buetti. It is open for lunch Monday through Saturday and for dinner every day of the week. Phone reservations are accepted only for parties of six or more.

Village Social Kitchen + Bar is located at 251 E. Main St. in Mount Kisco. For more information, call 914-864-1255 or visit www.villagesocialkb.com.



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Grilled bronzino

Burger Lovers Can Celebrate at Dan Rooney's This Month

By Jerry Eimbinder

May is National Hamburger Month and finding a place to celebrate it is hardly a problem.

But three visits this month to Empire City Casino's Dan Rooney's Sports Pub in Yonkers can earn a customer a prize.

To qualify for the free Dan Rooney t-shirt, a patron needs to try the Magic Mushroom Burger, a new addition to the menu, plus the Dan Rooney Burger and the Classic Burger. A National Hamburger Month card will need to be stamped on each of the three visits.

Executive Chef Matt Heisel's new Magic Mushroom Burger is made with house-made mushroom ketchup, Swiss cheese and house-made duxelle. The Dan Rooney Burger is a savory and sweet eight-ounce beef burger topped with brie cheese, watercress, marinated onions and homemade honey mustard on a brioche bun. The Classic Burger is an eight-ounce beef burger topped with lettuce, tomato and raw onion on a brioche bun. All burgers are eight ounces.

The restaurant will offer a Kentucky Derby buffet this Saturday, May 7 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. for \$15.95 per person for Empire Club members and \$19.95 for nonmembers, plus tax and gratuity. The buffet includes a mixed green salad, potato salad with celery and eggs, grilled flank steak with sautéed onions and mushrooms, barbecue pork ribs, hamburgers,



Enjoy delicious bar food at Empire City Casino's Dan Rooney's Sports Pub in Yonkers.

cheeseburgers, bourbon glazed chicken, macaroni and cheese and dessert.

Dan Rooney's Sports Pub is known for its pub food, late Happy Hour (9 to 11 p.m.), train-car dining room, growler selections for take-home beer purchases, live betting cage, a two-lane bowling alley and 40 large-screen television sets.

Brunch is served on Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 3 p.m., which includes Belgian waffles (\$10), biscuits and sausage gravy (\$10), cheese omelet with fries or salad (\$12), corned beef hash topped with a sunny-side egg (\$12), frittata (\$12) and a Bloody Mary or mimosa (\$5 each).

Empire City Casino's Dan Rooney's Sports Pub is located at 810 Yonkers Ave. in Yonkers. For more information and reservations, call 914-457-2457.

Saltaire Oyster Bar & Fish House Introduces Wine Wednesdays

By Jerry Eimbinder

In April Saltaire Oyster Bar & Fish House in Port Chester began Wine Wednesdays, a free wine-tasting event every Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the restaurant's marble bar.

This new program offers participants an opportunity to try new wines and a better understanding of how to couple the right wine to different types of food.

Attendees receive the wines in four special tasting glasses on a placemat identifying the wines, which change weekly. An accompanying a la carte menu provides suggestions for appropriate pairing of the menu items offered that evening with the four featured wines. The recommended matching is done by Executive Chef Bobby Will.

Guest sommeliers will be present at each event to answer questions.

The wines to be served this week are Secret Identity rosé, Sidekick Cabernet Sauvignon, Sidekick Chardonnay and Heroine Chardonnay.

Below is the schedule is the selections and where the wines originate for

upcoming Wine Wednesdays.

May 11: Lafita Rothschild, Chile, Argentina and Bordeaux.

May 18: Terlano, Alto Adige, Italy.

May 25: Rosé, from Italy, Austria, France and Spain.

June 1: Catena, Argentina.

June 8: Coastal Italian wines, Tuscany, Sardinia and Sicily.

June 15: West Coast pinot noir, Oregon, Sonoma and Santa Rita Hills.

All Wine Wednesdays offerings can be purchased at Wine at Five, a wine retailer in Rye.

Will, a Port Chester resident, graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park. Before joining Saltaire, he was the executive chef at Fathom Restaurant in Bar Harbor, Me.

Saltaire Oyster Bar & Fish House opened last August in the renovated Willet House Building, built by the Westchester Grain Company in 1903. It is located at 55 Abendroth Ave. in Port Chester. Call 914-939-2425 or visit www.saltaireoysterbar.com for more information.

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Veterans Seek Emotional Solace Through Songwriting Retreat

By Martin Wilbur

Veterans who have seen and experienced the horrors of war are a small subset of today's American population.

While many citizens can perhaps empathize with their plight, few can truly understand what many of these veterans have endured.

SongwritingWith: Soldiers, an Austin, Tex.-based nonprofit organization that was founded in 2012 by singer-songwriter Darden Smith, works to bridge the gap and foster greater understanding between the military and civilian communities while providing veterans an outlet to express their emotions, said Executive Director Mary Judd.

As the name of the organization suggests, the main function of SongwritingWith: Soldiers is to bring veterans together at one of several weekend retreats around the United States each year. They partner with professional songwriters who guide them in developing their lyrics for the story they want to tell. The songwriters then put music to the veterans' words.

During the course of the weekend completed songs are performed and recorded, Judd said. There are also peer support groups, creativity workshops and main dinner and concert. Veterans

do not need any musical background to participate.

Judd, a middle school classmate of Smith's growing up in Colorado who partnered with him to execute his idea for the organization, said the songs can address any topic related to the soldiers' experiences while in the service. In the roughly two dozen retreats completed to date, Judd said beautiful and powerful messages have been written, from what the soldiers see, hear and smell, to the loss of friends, the time away from family and the longing to return home.

"I've said these are like the Civil War Diaries of our time because these are the stories we would not be hearing," Judd said.

For the first time since forming, SongwritingWith: Soldiers will be holding a retreat this month in the New York metropolitan area. From May 13-15, the retreat convenes at the Edith Macy Conference Center in Briarcliff Manor.

Two nights before the start of the retreat on Wednesday, May 11, the Jacob Burns Film Center will hold a special program for SongwritingWith: Soldiers, featuring performances from Smith and Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Mary Gauthier. Documentary filmmaker Jon Siskel and veterans will share stories, photos and film clips about their experiences. Additionally, there will be a slide presentation of veterans' portraits by



SongwritingWith: Soldiers founder and singer-songwriter Darden Smith embraces a veteran at a previous retreat. The organization had scheduled a weekend retreat in Briarcliff Manor May 13-15 pairing veterans with professional songwriters.

Michael O'Brien in the Jane Peck Gallery.

Lori Zakalik, marketing manager and digital media specialist for the Jacob Burns, said the film center looked forward to hosting the event for SongwritingWith: Soldiers. Whether it is through music or film, songwriters and filmmakers long to tell a story.

"In the context of using these mediums, the mission is to transform lives," she said. "It seemed like a natural fit."

Judd said at a typical retreat there are about 12 veterans and four songwriters. In addition to Smith, Grammy Award-winning songwriter Gary Nicholson, country music artist James House and Terry Radigan are the songwriters for the

Briarcliff retreat.

Typically, attendees are recommended through local veterans' groups. Veterans and other residents from the area volunteer to help make the weekend run smoothly.

Most of the veterans who attend the retreats served in post-9/11 conflicts, Judd said, although there have been some that have included servicemen stretching back to the Vietnam War. She stressed that the retreats are not music therapy but a way for the veterans to express their emotions.

"What we find is that stereotypes are busted, common bonds are discovered," Judd said. "Our program has been life changing for everyone involved - from the soldiers to the songwriters to the staff and volunteers."

The public is invited to the Jacob Burns event for free, providing there are tickets remaining. Those interested in attending can RSVP to ssoliman@burnsfilmcenter.org with the subject line SW:S at JBFC. Include first and last name and the number of tickets requested in the e-mail. There is a four-ticket limit per person.

For more information on SongwritingWith: Soldiers, visit www.songwritingwithsoldiers.org.

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Tuesday, May 3

Elder Law Series. The second of a three-part series on planning for the future for people in the early stages of retirement or already retired. This month's topic will be "Avoid the Ten Greatest Gaffes in Retirement and Estate Planning." Phelps Memorial Hospital Center's auditorium, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937.

Wednesday, May 4

Master Networker Meeting. Join this high-energy interactive membership network of learning-based, service-oriented entrepreneurs and business leaders. Come be a guest any Wednesday to learn more about this world-class business training and referral program. Mount Kisco Coach Diner, 252 E. Main St., Mount. 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: Contact Julie Genovesi at 303-929-7203 or e-mail julie@eurobella.net or just drop in.

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.

Spirituality Workshop: The Eastern Spirit for the Western Mind. A workshop on spirituality presented by the Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen, coordinator of pastoral care at Phelps. Explore some of the values and practices of Eastern traditions and how they enrich our lives. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center auditorium, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 9 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Ellen Woods at 914-366-3937 or e-mail ewoods@pmhc.us.

Baby Time. A fun interactive lap-sit story time that includes songs, rhymes and a few very short stories. The experience gives babies an opportunity to socialize and parents a time to share. Recommended for newborns through 12 months old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday and Wednesday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Pound Fitness Program. A 45 minute full-body jam session that combines cardio, Pilates, plyometrics and isometric movements and poses with the excitement and euphoria of drumming. Using lightly weighted drumsticks called Ripstix, you'll rock your entire body into beautiful shape while torching calories, isolating core muscles and strengthening coordination and balance. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10:15 a.m. \$20. Every Wednesday. Also Saturdays at 11:15 a.m.

RSVP required. Info and registration: Contact Peggy at 914-960-4097.

New Mommy Meet-Up. A great way to get out of the house, meet new friends and enjoy time with your baby. For babies up to eight months old and their moms. Rompereer Indoor Playground at World Cup Nursery School and Kindergarten, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 10:15 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday through June 24. Info: Contact Kim Bremer at 914-238-9267 ext. 20.

Toddler Storytime. Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.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.

Preschool Storytime. This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Mind Games. A fun way for seniors to help stimulate their minds and improve cognitive functioning by playing group games. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center's boardroom, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937.

The Explorers Club. A new literacy/activity program this fall. Join Miss Debbie to explore a new theme each week (science, art and more) through literacy and hands-on activities. Come read, discover and create. For children five to seven years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Registration required. Info and registration: www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Knitting at the Library. Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels. For ages 10 and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-864-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Zumba Toning With Amy. Sculpt and

tone muscle groups while dancing and shaking toning sticks to the sassy sizzling rhythms of the Zumba. Toning sticks provided. PFX Fitness, 10 Castleton Rd., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Drop-in fee: \$12. Every Wednesday Info: E-mail olin.amyj@gmail.com.

Breast, Ovarian and Gynecological Cancer Support Group. Northern Westchester Hospital at Chappaqua Crossing, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Meets the first Wednesday of every month. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Comedy Bang! Bang! Live! This special live performance of the popular podcast and television show, featuring Scott Aukerman and special guests doing an improvised program with plenty of character drop-ins. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Thursday, May 5

Catch the Migration Early Morning Walk. Come for an early morning walk to catch the spring bird migration in the area. Beginners welcome. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 6:30 a.m. Free. Walkers will meet in main parking area. Info: Visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org.

"The Business of Politics." Politics is big business, generating billions in spending each year. The Business Council of Westchester, in partnership with Hudson Valley Economic Development Corp., is presenting a highly informative program that examines politics from a business perspective. Featuring an impressive panel of political pundits and practitioners. Pace University, 861 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 to 10 a.m. \$25. Info: 914-948-2110 or visit www.thebcw.org.

Knitting Circle. This group is open to everyone who has an interest in knitting. Live, love, laugh, learn and have fun together during these creative journeys. Come share patterns and ideas and celebrate creative spirits together while enjoying the ancient art of knitting. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday and Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887.

Toddler Storytime. Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Preschool Storytime. This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities

to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Mahjongg Club. Intermediate players welcome. Participants must bring their own set. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-864-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Fall Prevention at Home. Learn how to make your home safer to prevent falls. Presented by Sheetal Shenoy, certified therapists in vestibular (balance) therapy. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center auditorium, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3700.

Storytime Playgroup. Come hear a story and music and join in on playtime with toys and books. Children, parents and caregivers will make new friends and share time together. For children one to four years old; with a caregiver. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2 to 2:45 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Gaming Old School. Join old school gaming enthusiasts to play board games like a kid again. Open to all ages. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Read to Rover. Dogs love listening to stories. Come meet Rover and read your favorite story. For children five years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

"Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body." The Alzheimer's Association will present an educational program about the four lifestyle habits associated with healthy aging: diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement. The discussion will cover how these habits keep your brain and body healthy as you age, and ways to incorporate these habits into daily life. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548.

"Poverty, Inc." This documentary focuses on the flawed system of development and international aid, illustrating how the current giving paradigm doesn't work, providing clear examples and practical solutions on how to improve upon it. Followed by a Q&A featuring Magatte Wade, entrepreneur and TED Global Africa Fellow, Shari Turitz, vice president for programs at American

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Meditative Life Series Makes Return to the Jacob Burns

By Neal Rentz

In an age of exploding media and technology, people are increasingly turning to meditation, sometimes to help them better understand life and the world around them.

Jacob Burns Film Center Programming Director Brian Ackerman said even he has taken up the practice.

"For the last four years I've done meditation daily," he said.

But to meditate, Ackerman said, a person needs to "make that space happen."

For nearly three weeks this month, the Burns is making the time and space to host the return of "The Meditative Life: Consciousness, Spirituality ... and the Kitchen Sink," which runs from May 6-25 at the Pleasantville film center. The nine-documentary series touches on a variety of topics, including consciousness and spirituality, not just meditation, Ackerman said.

This is the fifth time the Burns has presented 'The Meditative Life.' Ackerman said some years there aren't enough films to put together a meaningful series.

The series will kick off this Friday, May 6 with "Dying to Know: Ram Dass and Timothy Leary," which was directed by Gay Dillingham. The 2015 work documents the lives of Leary and Richard



"Dying to Know: Ram Dass and Timothy Leary," the 2015 documentary directed by Gay Dillingham and featuring Leary, shown above, is the opening night film in "The Meditative Life: Consciousness, Spirituality ... and the Kitchen Sink" series, which returns this week to the Jacob Burns Film Center.

Alpert who looked at consciousness through their experiments with psychedelics as psychology professors at Harvard University in the 1960s.

Leary's and Alpert's lives took very different turns following their experimentations. Leary became known as the "LSD guru" and was described by President Richard Nixon as "the most dangerous man in America," Ackerman said. Alpert moved to India, led a drug-

free life and became a spiritual leader who changed his name to Ram Dass, he said.

The opening night film, narrated by Robert Redford, includes interviews conducted over a 50-year period. Following the screening, Dillingham will take part in a question-and-answer session.

One of Ackerman's favorite films in the series is "Taiga," a 2014 documentary directed by Hamid Sardar-Afkhami that



"Taiga," the 2014 documentary about Mongolian sheep herders directed by Hamid Sardar-Afkhami, will be screened on May 8 as part of "The Meditative Life: Consciousness, Spirituality ... and the Kitchen Sink" series.

is scheduled to be screened on May 8. It explores Mongolian sheep herders who live a nomadic life working in the vast open spaces of their native region. Through following one family, the film highlights the tradition, connection to nature and the threats to their way of life.

After the screening, Ackerman will conduct a Q&A with Sardar-Afkhami via Skype.

The Jacob Burns Film Center is located at 364 Manville Rd. in Pleasantville. Call 914-747-5555 or visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org for information, including ticket prices and the full schedule.

Happenings

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Jewish World Service, and Laura Rossi, executive director of Westchester Community Foundation, and a community reception. Part of the ongoing film series Community Matters: Local Issues, Discussion, Action and sponsored by Westchester Community Foundation. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org. Also available at the box office.

"**Mr. Smith Goes to Washington.**" The Frank Capra Film Series concludes with the screening of this 1939 classic. Walk-ins welcome. The Schoolhouse Theater, 3 Owens Rd., Croton Falls. 7:30 p.m. \$10. Info and tickets: 914-277-8477 or visit www.schoolhousetheater.org.

"**Once Upon a Pastime.**" A musical portraying the life of Mac McCarty, a one-time great baseball prospect, from the early loss of his father to his own trials filling that role with his daughter Sandy. Following a career-ending injury, Mac and his childhood friend Shep open The Bullpen, a baseball-themed bar in Florida. They struggle but survive until a mysterious and menacing character, T.C. Raymond, ignites a series of events which threaten their existence. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 8

p.m. \$40. Also May 6 at 8 p.m. and May 7 at 2 and 8 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

Hoff-Barthelson Music School's Recital Series. Pianist Glen Kirchoff will be joined by guest artists Désirée Elsevier, viola and James Ognibene, clarinet. Included on the program are three works for piano by Federico Mompou, Haydn's "Divertimento in D Major," performed with Elsevier, and Mozart's "Klavier Trio KV 498 (Kegelstatt)" with Elsevier and Ognibene. Program subject to change. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 8 p.m. \$18. Seniors (65 and up): \$15. Students (18 and under): Free. Info and tickets: 914-723-1169 or e-mail hb@hbms.org. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

Friday, May 6

Barre Balance and Core. A new demo for the 50-and-over population to improve balance, strength, flexibility and stability. Using your own body weight, light hand weights and a ballet barre, this class will help improve balance, core strength and stability for functions of daily living. A free trial is available. Addie-tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 9:30 a.m. \$12. Every Friday. Info: Contact Amy Olin at 914-643-6162 or olin.amyj@gmail.com.

Zumba With Amy. Low-impact Zumba for the older active adult or beginner. Addie-tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11 a.m. Drop-in rate: \$12. Every Friday. Also Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Info: 914-643-6162 or e-mail olin.amyj@gmail.com.

Senior Open House. Residents of New Castle and beyond have an opportunity to explore the programs and services offered to adults 60 years and up. Refreshments will be served. All seniors and those with family members over 60 who are interested in getting themselves or loved ones involved in exciting and supportive programs are welcome. Refreshments will be served. New Castle Community Center, 10 Senter St., Chappaqua. 12 to 2 p.m. Free.

Info: Contact Brittany at 914-238-6391 or e-mail bneider@mynewcastle.org.

PlantFest. Teatown's 25th anniversary plant sale featuring a variety of vendors, a demonstration by "Nick the Knife," whose sharpening skills will bring any dull and rusty tool back to life, and a screening of "Pondemonium" while customers can leisurely shop while enjoying music, wine and local craft beer with "Small Plates" offered by Peter Pratt's Inn. Teatown Lake Reservation, 1600 Spring Valley Rd., Ossining. 4 to 7 p.m. \$10. Info: 914-762-2912 or visit www.teatown.org.

Genevieve Goings in Concert. Known to Disney Junior fans as the hip train conductor from "Choo Choo Soul," Goings will perform songs from her debut album "Do You Know?" Her fun and funky music teaches life skills in a fresh and engaging style that connects with young children. Includes a meet-and-greet after the show. Presented by the Briarcliff PTA. Briarcliff High School's Dr. Frances G. Wills Auditorium, 444 Pleasantville Rd., Briarcliff Manor. 6 p.m. \$20 online. \$25 at the door. Tickets: Visit www.briarcliffpta.org. Info: E-mail aschwartz@briarcliffschools.org.

Country Line Dance. Dancing followed by a complete dinner. All proceeds go to the scholarship fund at Fox Lane High

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, ANNUAL MEETING, SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION, LIBRARY ELECTION AND VOTE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of

the Chappaqua Central School District, Westchester County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on the Budget at the Commons at the Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, New York, on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2016-2017 school year.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for School District purposes during the 2016-2017 school year (the Budget), including the tax exemption reporting form, exclusive of public moneys, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours, effective April 14, 2016, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at each of the District's school houses and the Administrative Offices.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual District Meeting, Election of Members of the Board of Education and Library Trustees and Vote on the School District and Library budgets, will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at the Gymnasium of the Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, New York, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

A. To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education, 3-year terms each, commencing July 1, 2016 and expiring on June 30, 2019.

B. To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for School District purposes for the 2016-2017 School year (the Budget).

C. To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds for the 2016-2017 fiscal year of the Chappaqua Central School District Public Library (the Library Budget).

D. To elect one (1) member to the Board of Trustees of the Chappaqua Central School District Public Library, 5-year term, commencing July 1, 2016 and expiring June 30, 2021 and one (1) member for a term effective upon taking the oath of office and expiring on June 30, 2017.

E. To vote on any other proposition legally proposed.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education and office of Library Trustee must be filed with the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2016. Vacancies on the Board of Education and Library Board are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence address of each signer and the name and residence of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained from the Dis-

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district Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at her office at the District's Education Center, 66 Roaring Brook Road, Chappaqua, New York.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that registration of voters is required pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law. If a voter has registered to vote with the School District and has voted at an Annual or Special School District meeting within the last four calendar years, (after January 1, 2012) s/he is eligible to vote at this Election and Vote. If a voter is currently registered to vote with the Westchester County Board of Elections, s/he is also eligible to vote in this Election and Vote. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Registration may be done on any business day at the Office of the District Clerk, during business hours, at the Education Center at 66 Roaring Brook Road, Chappaqua, up to May 12, 2016, five (5) days prior to the election and vote. Any person possessing all of the following qualifications may register to vote:

1. Is a citizen of the United States; and
2. Is eighteen years of age or older; and
3. Has resided in the School District for a period of thirty days immediately preceding the day of the Election and Vote.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the register of voters so prepared shall be led in the Office of the School District Clerk and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, beginning May 12, 2016, except Sunday. Said register will be open for inspection at the polling place on the date of the election and vote.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Meeting, School District Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of

the School District Clerk. A completed application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election, if the ballot will be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on May 17, 2016.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Registration shall meet at Horace Greeley High School on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, during the hours of voting as aforesaid for the purpose of preparing a register of qualified voters for meetings to be held subsequent to such election and vote.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection by qualified voters of the district in the said Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, until the day of the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized to amend the Notice of the Public Hearing on the Budget, Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, from time to time, as in her discretion, such amendment may be required. **BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAPPAQUA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK by: Therese Dell'olio, District Clerk Dated: March 9, 2016 To Be Published: April 22, May 3, May 10, 2016**

THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CLEARSTONE WEALTH STRATEGIES, LLC were filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 24,

2016. Office location: Westchester County, New York. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to **45 Knollwood Road, Elmsford NY 10573**. Purpose is: to operate a financial advisory service and wealth management service and to do all lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be organized.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ARIZONA HOLDINGS GROUP, LLC Arts of Org. filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/15/2016. 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: **222 Bloomingdale Rd, Ste 116, White Plains, NY 10605**. Purpose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SANDS LIGHT CAPITAL, LLC Arts of Org. filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/11/2016. 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: **222 Bloomingdale Rd, Ste 116, White Plains, NY 10605**. Purpose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LUX GLOBAL PARTNERS, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/29/2016. 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: **United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228**. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("LLC") ENYGMA BEAUTY AND WELLNESS PRODUCTS LLC Articles

of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 112512016. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **The LLC, 8 Castle Heights Place, White Plains, NY 10603**. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF: FORMS TO FINISH HOME INSPECTIONS, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/18/16. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **Forms To Finish Home Inspections, LLC, 1511 Route 22, Suite 104, Brewster, NY 10509**. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LADY BLOW MUSIC ,LLC. ART. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/19/2016. Office Location: Westchester County . SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served to. SSNY shall mail process to **Legal Zoom 7014 13th Avenue suite 202, Brooklyn, New York 11228**. :Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ARENA CONSULTANTS GROUP LLC. Art. Of Org. led with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/14/2016. 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: **Joseph J Arena, PO Box 353, White Plains, NY 10605** Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CARUSO & CARUSO, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/21/2016. 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: **United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228**. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

THIS A LEGAL NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, "LLC" BELLA GLO BEAUTY SPA LLC. Article of organization filed with State Secretary of New York, SSNY on November 19th 2016. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon who process against it may be serve. SSNY shall mail all process to: **570 North Avenue, suite B. New Rochelle, NY 10801**. Propose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SIMON BOYAR SCHOOL OF DRUMS AND PERCUSSION, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New

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School and New York Boys' State. First Friday of every month. Moses Taylor American Legion Post 136, 1 Legion Way, Mount Kisco. 7 to 11 p.m. \$15 per person. Info: 914-241-0136 or contact Commander John A. Graziano at 914-248-7134.

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"AsiFF the Lens Can't Shift: Filmmaking Through Women's Eyes." Seven short films from France, Italy, Poland, Hungary and the United States will be screened, ranging in length from 11 to 23 minutes. Includes two world premieres in addition to films that have won major awards at Cannes,

Berlin, Sundance and other prestigious international film festivals. Followed by a Q&A with actors and filmmakers. Irvington Town Hall Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 7:30 p.m. General admission: \$15. Above the Line tickets: \$30. (Includes admission, special seating and "a cool piece of swag.") Info and tickets: www.asiffestival.com.

Book Signing. Tarrytown resident Jack Viertel's "The Secret Life of the American Musical" hit stores in March. Published by Farrar Straus and Giroux, takes musicals apart, puts them back together, sings their praises, marvels at their unflinching inventiveness and occasionally despairs over their more embarrassing shortcomings, all the while chronicling the ever-changing life of Broadway. Viertel, a Broadway producer for the last three decades, has been involved in musicals that include "The Producers," "Hairspray," "Smokey Joe's Café" and "The Book of Mormon." Arc Stages, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Books will be sold for \$28 (including tax) with 10 percent of the proceeds will be donated to Arc Stages.

"Animals Out of Paper." The Hudson Stage Company presents this uncommon love story of Andy, a high school teacher and avid fan, who pressures the reclusive Ilana, a world-famous origami artist, into becoming an unwitting mentor to a troubled teenage

prodigy. These three intriguingly flawed characters begin to reshape and mold each other's lives in much the same way they fold and crease their paper art. Whippoorwill Hall, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 8 p.m. \$30. Also 6, 7, 13, and 14 at 8 p.m. and May 8 and 14 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: Visit www.hudsonstage.com or call Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006.

Get The Led Out: The American Led Zeppelin. From the bombastic and epic, to the folky and mystical, Get The Led Out, the premiere Led Zeppelin tribute band, captures the essence of the group's music and brings it to the concert stage. The Philadelphia-based group consists of six veteran musicians intent on delivering Led Zeppelin live, like you've never heard before. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$30, \$37 and \$42. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

"Gaslight Tango." Axial Theatre's spring 2016 mainstage production. A professional production of seven one-act plays by metro area playwrights. The original works encompass a vibrant mix of genres, ranging from all-out farce to quirky comedy to full-tilt drama. All deal with the common theme of identities in crisis. St. John's Episcopal Church Community House, 8 Sunnyside Ave., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. \$25. Seniors and

students: \$20. Matinees: \$15 (all tickets). Also May 8, 13, 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 3 p.m. and May 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. Info: 914-286-7680, visit www.AxialTheatre.org, Axial Theatre's Facebook page or e-mail axialtheatre@gmail.com. Tickets: Visit AxialGaslightTango.BrownPaperTickets.com.

Saturday, May 7

Pleasantville Farmers Market. The market shares space with the Pleasantville Garden Club, which holds its annual plant sale, and selling seedlings, annuals, perennials and, of course, items for Mom. Pleasantville Farmers Market is the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, and the one voted "Best of Westchester" in 2014 and 2015 by the readers of Westchester Magazine. Rain or shine. The market is a dog-free environment. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Chappaqua Farmers Market. Bringing locally-raised and produced food to the community in a weekly market, creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. Chappaqua train station. Chappaqua. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org.

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York (SSNY) on 3/31/2016. NY office location: Westchester County. 5503 Manor Drive Peekskill, NY 10566. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is **United States Corporation Agents, INC., 7014 13th Ave., STE. 202 Brooklyn NY 11228.** Purpose: any lawful act or activity

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Truth in Advertising is Not Easily Discerned on a Wine Label



By Nick Antonaccio

Last week's column focused on truth in advertising on the labels of a bottle of wine. I received several comments on the confusion of consumers, thinking they could, and should be able to, rely on the printed information on every wine they purchase.

Readers have asked how they may navigate through this maze of contradictory terms and definitions. There is no easy way. Much of the granular information consumers seek is included on a bottle at the whim of winemakers.

Several wine importers have addressed this issue. In their efforts to provide truth-in-advertising, they affix their own labels on the backs of imported bottles. One such importer is Serge Doré Selections here in Westchester. Each back label informs the consumer of the blend and composition of the wine, details on the terroir of the source vineyards, descriptive terms on the wine's aroma and taste, and other information to assist

the consumer in making an educated choice. I find this practice very helpful in navigating the caveat emptor landscape.

Last week I promised additional information on the labeling for the alcohol content of wines. I read a study that focused on the legitimacy of the stated alcohol percentage on bottles of wine from around the world: "Splendid Mendax: False Label Claims About High and Rising Alcohol Content of Wine." It was conducted by a team led by Professor Julian Alston of the University of California-Davis and published in the Journal of Wine Economics.

After analyzing government data on measured alcohol in nearly 100,000 bottles of wine produced over an 18-year span and then comparing these against the stated alcohol content on the bottle labels, they stated that there are discrepancies between the two sources. The title of the study is an immediate spoiler alert. I focused on the major findings:

1. Over the timeline of the wines analyzed, the average level of alcohol rose from 12.7 percent to 13.5 percent.
2. The advertised alcohol content, on average, understated the actual levels by 0.42 percent.

What conclusions did they reach?

As for rising alcohol levels:

1. A natural conclusion is to blame the increase on climate change. But the researchers rejected this popular notion as it applied to the specific wines and period analyzed.

Warmer temperatures make for sweeter grapes, and sweeter grapes produce more alcohol. However, according to the researchers, "... it would take a whopping 20-degree increase in the average temperature...to account for a 1 percentage point increase in the average alcohol content of wine."

2. The researchers concluded that the reason for the higher levels is winemaker preferences. It's not nature, it's man.

Winemakers are able to tweak their alchemy (length of fermentation, tweaking of blending formulas) in order to successfully achieve a consistent flavor and aroma profile from one year to the next. The trending consumer preference for more fruit-forward wines has driven certain winemakers to manipulate their wines.

As for winemakers understating alcohol levels:

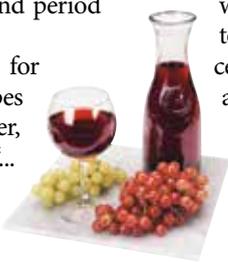
1. The study concluded these misstatements were, and continue to be, deliberate. First, it is important to note that many countries and regions permit

this practice; it is not necessarily illegal. Tolerances for mislabeling are wide. For example, United States law allows a 1.5 percent allowance for wines at or under 14 percent alcohol. This provides a margin within which winemakers market to consumers who perceive that certain levels connote higher value and quality. Ironically, winemakers freely admit to this legal practice, all in their efforts to preserve market share.

2. Tax avoidance is another reason. In the United States, winemakers are taxed on their wine production. The tax rate is \$1.07 per gallon for wine with 14 percent alcohol or less, and \$1.57 per gallon for wine with 14.1 percent to 21 percent alcohol. It's up to the revenueurs to try to assess, and prove, tax avoidance.

Just as with many aspects of consumer products in the United States, the truth is whatever the regulators say it is. And as always, caveat emptor rules the day.

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