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Pleasantville Residents Divided on Assisted Living Proposal

By Anna Young

Pleasantville residents were deeply divided last week on whether Sunrise Senior Living should build an assisted living facility at the United Methodist Church property even as most speakers agreed a facility would benefit the community.

Community members packed the village board's June 12 meeting eager to discuss the proposal during a roughly four-hour meeting.

"I have seen a lot of changes, things change and you have to accept change," lifelong village resident Toni Emerson said. "Sunrise would be another type of residence, and being 85 years old, I'd like a little consideration for people my age."

While many seniors who spoke agreed that an assisted living facility would help them remain in the village, some residents continued to appeal to the village board

to oppose the request for a zoning code amendment that is needed for the project to advance.

"There's only one honest answer to Sunrise and that is to say no," said resident Mark Markarian. "It's zoned for single-family and that's what it should be."

Sunrise has proposed the three-story structure be built into the elevation of the site to make it appear a smaller building.

Plans call for the site to contain 40 parking spots, including two handicapped accessible spaces. The proposed building, which would accommodate about 90 residents, would be surrounded by a variety of small trees, shrubs and groundcovers to help the structure blend into the residential neighborhood.

Sunrise must obtain a zoning code change from the village board to add a new floating overlay district before it is *continued on page 2*

Special Permit Sought for Automated Airport Garage in North Castle

By Martin Wilbur

A proposed parking structure at Westchester County Airport that has been discussed for nearly a decade is gaining traction in North Castle after the project has been reduced in scope and is more environmentally friendly.

The application for Park Place at Westchester County Airport, proposed for 11 New King St., calls for an automated facility housing up to 850 vehicles on the 2.5-acre site of an underutilized office building, said William Null, the attorney for applicant 11 New King Street LLC. The original plan was for 1,450 spaces.

On June 5, the North Castle Planning Board approved a findings statement concluding the project would be environmentally palatable, in part because

it would mitigate stormwater runoff that has plagued New King Street and significantly reduce impervious surfaces. It would also be consistent with the town's Comprehensive Plan.

Null said the need for the facility has been justified by studies done for his client as well as by the town's independent consultants. The airport currently has about 1,100 spaces and has 150 auxiliary parking spaces at SUNY Purchase.

Using industry standards, an airport serving as many travelers as Westchester County Airport should have at least 3,500 spaces, said Jeffrey Brown, one of the 11 New King Street LLC partners.

"We're very confident there's a need at the airport, there's a need for this facility that's a benefit here for both the community and for *continued on page 2*

Diploma Day



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Horace Greeley students pose together just prior to Sunday afternoon's 86th annual graduation ceremony in Chappaqua. Please see next week's special 2017 graduation section, packed with photos from seven different ceremonies.

Tentative Teacher's Contract to Save Block Scheduling for Westlake HS

By Neal Rentz

Block scheduling at Westlake High School may get a reprieve for at least the next two years.

Mount Pleasant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Guiney announced at the June 14 Board of Education meeting that the district had come to a tentative contract settlement with the Mount Pleasant Teachers Association (MPTA) for 2017-18 and 2018-19.

Progress has been made on a new contract over the past two weeks. The agreement calls for continuation of block scheduling, Guiney said.

A Mar. 3 e-mail from the board to district residents stated that block scheduling at the high school was at risk of being scuttled for next year because



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Mount Pleasant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Guiney, with Board of Education President Christopher Pinchiaroli, announced last Wednesday that the district has reached a tentative contract settlement with its teachers' union. The agreement will be voted on by the union next week.

there was no new contract with the teachers' union.

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able to pursue site plan approval from the planning commission.

Despite Sunrise representatives spending the last year working with village officials to create a proposal that addresses neighbors' concerns, residents from the properties on Maple Hill Road continued to urge the board to vote against the petition.

"If this were in a different location, you wouldn't have this type of opposition," said Eileen West, a resident of Foxwood Condominium located across the street from the site.

Maple Hill resident Bill Stoller said since the proposal is essentially the same project proposed by Benchmark Senior Living there is no need for the board to continue evaluating the application.

In 2014, the controversial vote to rezone the church's property for the 87-unit Benchmark project failed despite support from three of five village board members. Neighboring property owners who have strenuously opposed both proposals, had submitted a valid petition requiring a supermajority vote for approval. Mayor Peter Scherer and Trustee Steven Lord

opposed the rezone.

Despite the opposing views, several residents, including Scherer and Lord, continued to compare the Sunrise proposal to Benchmark and several other applications in the village over the years. The comparisons irked Trustee Colleen Griffin Wagner who has supported continued evaluation of the Sunrise Proposal.

"I've heard the name Benchmark tonight more than I've heard the name Sunrise. That bothers me because we're still talking about an old project," Wagner said. "I still do not know enough. I want the process to move forward so everybody in the community can hear what it is that this project is and a lot more people are interested in this and

they deserve to hear the full application."

Sunrise's Senior Vice President Jerry Liang added that each project should be considered on its own merits.

"Negative impacts should be evaluated within the context of actual data and actual reports that have been created," Liang said. "We respectfully suggest that an application be considered and be heard such that the application itself can be reviewed by experts so that an informed discussion on facts and circumstances can be had."

Scherer said that the board has to digest the material and consider public opinion before deciding if it is willing to accept the application.

Tentative Teacher's Contract to Save Block Scheduling for Westlake HS

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Guiney said the union is scheduled to vote on the contract next Friday. The board could then vote on the agreement at its June 28 work session.

She said she would be "very thrilled" if block scheduling would remain in place for the upcoming school year.

Under block scheduling, classes meet for a longer period of time than traditional class periods but students do not take all subjects every school day.

Board of Education President Christopher Pinchiaroli said when block scheduling was implemented a few years

ago, district officials noticed language in the contract limiting teaching time to a maximum of 126 minutes without a break. As a result, the district and the union agreed to additional pay and support for teachers, he said. That agreement, in the form of a side letter, is set to expire on June 30.

Guiney declined to provide further details about the tentative contract last week because it has not been approved by the union or the board.

The MPTA's 217 members include teachers, teaching assistants and school nurses.

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our client to build this on industrial district land," Null said.

Last week the applicant appeared before the North Castle Town Board to make the case for a required zoning text amendment that would make automated parking a special permit use in an industrial zone.

Brown explained that automated parking would limit the frequency of cars being repeatedly being started, making the facility

more environmentally friendly than a conventional garage. A traveler driving their car to the airport would pull their vehicle into a container at the garage that would then be moved to different locations or levels, eliminating the need for attendants to move vehicles around the facility.

Since the project was proposed in 2009, technology advances have made automated parking increasingly more efficient, Brown

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Q: How does radiation therapy work?

A: Used primarily on basal or squamous cell skin cancers, the therapy relies on electron beam radiation to kill cancer cells. Radiation oncology has a long history of use and tends to work exceptionally well for skin cancer – the success rate is over 90%. Cancer cells respond to treatment by dying and falling off – which is why side effects may include redness, dry skin, itchiness, or peeling skin. Within a few weeks, healthy skin cells grow and usually leave no trace of treatment.

Q: I'm a little worried about exposing myself to radiation – is the therapy safe?

A: It's very safe: Radiation therapy precisely targets the cancer, resulting in minimal side effects and little or no damage to the surrounding tissue. Surrounding tissue, such as the eyes or sinuses can be protected by lead shields during the brief radiation treatments.

Q: What's the best way to find a good radiation oncologist?

A: Ask your dermatologist for a recommendation. Ideally, you'll get an oncologist who works closely with your dermatologist and, if necessary, a plastic surgeon. At Northern Westchester Hospital all medical professionals involved in your care consult together to develop an individualized treatment plan for your diagnosis. Be sure to check that the oncologist has experience using radiation therapy for skin cancer and remember that, if at any time you don't feel comfortable with your choice, you may seek another opinion.

Astorino, Local Governments Work on Shared Services Plan

By Martin Wilbur

Officials from virtually all of Westchester's municipalities convened for the first in a series of forums with County Executive Rob Astorino and county department heads last Thursday to create a shared services plan to reduce taxes.

The meeting at the County Center was the first step for Westchester to comply with Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Shared Services Initiative that was implemented earlier this year. The initiative forces municipalities in each county to submit a plan to the state by Sept. 15.

"We're all in the same boat. We're all dealing with very difficult expenses, most of which are out of our control (and) an electorate that at this point is averse to tax increases," Astorino said shortly after the start of the more than hour-long brainstorming session which was moderated by Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett. "I think all of us have held the line on taxes or stayed within the cap. I know we're all trying very, very hard."

Under the state's timetable, each county in the state must develop a countywide shared services plan to submit to its county legislators by Aug. 1, said Robert Altery, Astorino's deputy chief of staff. A minimum of three public hearings must be held followed by the Board of

Legislators approving a final plan by Sept. 15, he said.

Then the county executive would submit the plan to the state Division of Budget and it would be presented to the public by Oct. 15. If a county fails to submit a shared services plan or if it is rejected by the state, then that county would have to repeat the process next year, Altery said.

Representatives from Westchester's cities, towns and villages along with some school officials presented ideas that could be incorporated into the plan and also spoke of the challenges facing their communities. Most said their municipalities and school districts already share services, some rather extensively.

North Salem Supervisor Warren Lucas said he sees potential savings by aggressively partnering with other towns in three main areas: insurance, communications and technology.

"If somehow we can get together and do these we'll save a large amount of money," Lucas said. "When I look back, that's how we're able to save most of it."

Some savings could also be realized through environmental initiatives. Scarsdale Mayor Dan Hochvert said the village was the first to try a food composting program that can be expanded to other communities to



Representatives from throughout Westchester met last Thursday to exchange ideas and formulate a countywide shared services plan. The state is requiring that every county submit a plan by Sept. 15 to help trim local taxes.

reduce the amount of trash and garbage costs. Meanwhile, Harrison Supervisor said the county and its local communities could explore single-stream recycling.

Several officials said it is also time the municipalities and the county turn to the state and ask for relief. Pound Ridge Supervisor Richard Lyman said his town last year spent \$347,000 for train station maintenance, and the town doesn't have a train station. Westchester municipalities paid about \$25 million to the MTA for that expense, he said.

Lyman suggested the county inform the state that the expense should be derived from Metro-North commuters and incorporated in its ticket prices rather than extracting it from all taxpayers.

"I think when the fallout of something

is paid for by the user, the user demands a little bit more accountability from the provider," Lyman said.

Pleasantville Superintendent of Schools Mary Fox-Alter said since the 1940s the state's school districts have been partnering through their regional BOCES for services, particularly in special education. Furthermore, her district and the Village of Pleasantville have shared a variety of services for years. She said she would have to carefully review where else the district could collaborate.

Byram Hills Superintendent Dr. William Donohue said his administration and board of education meet monthly with the North Castle town officials. The two entities would like to do more service sharing but state laws place limitations between towns and school districts regarding contracts, he said.

Plunkett encouraged municipal and school officials to include all ideas in each of their submissions to his office. There will be additional meetings through the end of July to formulate the plan to meet the deadlines.

"These ideas have been on the table for many years," he said. "I think the idea is let's bring them together, let's see what's reasonable and feasible going forward, and if it can work than we'll be able to do it."



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The Dodgers from KLBS Softball won the league championship for the third- and fourth-grade division last Saturday at Rasor Field in Katonah. The Dodgers defeated the Blue Jays 8-4 in a six-inning thriller. Having lost last spring's championship game in heartbreaking fashion to the Angels, the victory for the Dodgers was all the sweeter.

Pictured top row, left to right, are head Coach Steve Grasso, assistants Ed Reder and Adam Stone and KLBS Vice President Jim Falino. Not pictured is Assistant Coach Gregg Leff. Top row of players, left to right, are Samantha Reder, Maggie Grasso, Alana Park, Casey Leff, Sophie Nahmias and Mia Jacobowitz. Bottom row of players, left to right, are Amanda Altholz, Sadie Rothfleisch, Sienna Greco, Farah Ganesan and Maddie Stone. Not pictured is Hayes Dorgan.

"A great season capped off with winning it all," Coach Grasso said. "Each and every girl contributed something to this championship, as a coach you can't ask for more than that."

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said. Furthermore, travelers could contact garage personnel to let them know when they are scheduled to return so their could be near the exit when their plane lands.

"It's clear to us nobody would endure the pain and suffering and inconvenience to go to SUNY (Purchase) and wait for the van and be outside if they had other choices," Brown said. "They're not doing it because they are confident they can get a spot at the airport when they need it."

Shuttle vans would be available at the proposed New King Street garage for the two- to three-minute drive to the terminal.

Despite the planning board's recent findings statement, the Westchester County Planning Board issued a letter to the town and the applicant objecting to the project because additional parking isn't needed and the structure would pose risks to the regional water supply.

"In fact, the current airport garage is significantly under capacity with daily vacancy rates of nearly 50%," the June 7 county planning board letter stated. "When combined with the fact that airport parking is now provided at Purchase College (which opened after this parking project was initially proposed), an additional parking option in this location is not needed."

Null said he was puzzled by the response

because it runs counter to the airport's Master Plan, which outlines a need for more parking.

Although the garage has been linked by some opponents to the controversial airport expansion issue, there is no connection between the two, said Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto.

"When people oppose this concept they really focus on the expansion of the airport and this is not what this project is concerned with, and by going there it's just sort of muddying the waters," DiGiacinto said.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro said it would make little sense for an applicant to spend millions of dollars over eight years to mislead officials regarding need because it would then be impossible to recoup the investment.

"It wouldn't be logical for somebody to produce a study to support a conclusion that nobody wants and to invest \$17 million, then find their data is faulty," he said. "That wouldn't connect."

The public hearing on the zoning amendment was closed. The town board could vote on the amendment at its June 28 meeting. Site plan approval from the planning board and the special permit from the town board would still be needed for the project to be built.

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Protestors March to Make Sure Trump National Pays its Property Taxes

By Erin Maher

The 350 demonstrators who gathered outside Trump National Golf Club early last Wednesday evening weren't there to celebrate President Donald Trump's 71st birthday.

Instead they were protesting the president's attempt to drastically reduce his property taxes on his sprawling 147-acre golf course and community with a "Pay Your Taxes March" in Briarcliff Manor.

The event, which was organized by three local groups – Indivisible Briarcliff-Ossining, Trumpgolftaxes.com and Left of Main Street – called for Trump to pay his fair share of local taxes on the property. It was also part of a nationwide #SadBirthday March, with anti-Trump protests addressing a wide range of issues.

Trump and the Town of Ossining are currently embroiled in a legal battle over the current \$15.1 million assessment, as Trump hopes to reduce that figure to \$7.5 million.

The action isn't Trump's first attempt at trimming his assessed property value. In 2015, Trump filed a grievance to lower the property's assessment to \$1.4 million.

The 300-acre Sleepy Hollow Country Club, according to organizers, has also severely underestimated its assessed property value, the protests charged.

According to organizer and Briarcliff Manor resident Audrey Gelfand, whatever

taxes Trump doesn't pay must be made up by the town's property owners, thereby raising taxes on others and negatively impacting town services.

"Private golf courses are currently being valued based upon municipal golf course values," said Gelfand. "This drastically reduces what they pay. So this affects municipalities throughout the state."

In 2017, Trump is expected to pay nearly \$500,000 in property taxes for Trump National. Should the Town of Ossining lose the lawsuit, it could be forced to refund \$450,000.

Battling the president, a well-heeled property owner, has posed a major financial undertaking, said Briarcliff Manor resident and march organizer Laura Maglietta.

"For us to defend our suit, it costs money," Maglietta said. "It costs money for the school district, it costs money for the town, it costs money for the village."

When Gelfand and Maglietta learned about the lawsuit in March, they began researching the issue.

"This is a problem with all private golf courses throughout the state," said Maglietta.

Organizers decided to draw attention to the tax issue and alert the public. They met with Ossining and Briarcliff Manor officials several times before scheduling the march for June 14, Flag Day as well as Trump's birthday.



ERIN MAHER PHOTO

Protestors gathered outside Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor last week.

Protestors met near the basketball court next to Atria Field on Van Lu Van Road with signs, birthday hats and balloons. As the march moved onto Pleasantville Road, cars honked in support as marchers chanted "Fair is fair, pay your share."

Not all who marched would be directly impacted. Rye resident Barbara Eckstein took to the streets in support of local taxpayers.

"Citizens of these communities will have their taxes raised and I don't know if it's quite fair for them to pay that burden," Eckstein said.

The march continued across Pleasantville Road, up Poplar Road and ended with a gathering on Dalmeny Road outside the gates of Trump National. Protestors were greeted by a band that went by the name

Resist playing "Hit the Road Jack" as the crowd rallied around a truckbed decked out in bunting.

Speakers included Village of Ossining trustee candidate Omar Herrera, Town of Ossining Supervisor Dana Levenberg, Board of Legislators Majority Leader Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) and Jaron Benjamin, vice president for community mobilization for Housing Works, an advocacy organization that fights to help those who are homeless and suffering from AIDS.

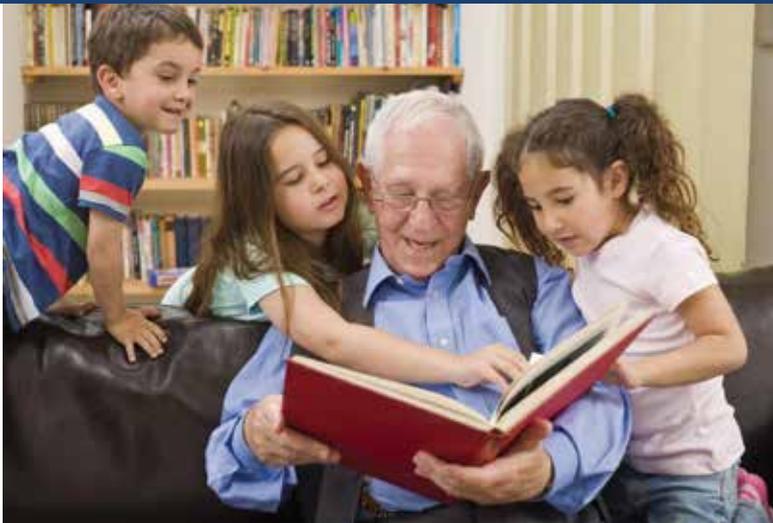
The speakers also touched on other issues. Herrera brought up the plight of Diego Puma, a 19-year-old Ossining High School student who was recently taken into custody by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on the day of the prom. The federal government is looking to deport him and his mother to their native Ecuador.

Borgia, who on several occasions had dealt with Trump in her former role as Ossining supervisor, said public demonstrations on critical issues are important for democracy.

"What makes America great again is events like this, really," Borgia said. "Keep up the fight."

While it is unknown if Trump heard about the protest, according to organizer Gelfand, his son Eric and wife Lara might have, as they live on the property.

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Man Found Guilty of Attempted Murder in Chappaqua Deli Shooting

By Anna Young

The man accused of trying to kill his former boss outside a Chappaqua deli last summer was convicted of attempted murder last week.

The jury spent nearly an hour last Tuesday deliberating the fate of Dr. Hengjun Chao of Tuckahoe in Westchester County Court in White Plains.

In addition to second-degree attempted murder, Chao was also found guilty of first-degree criminal use of a weapon and assault in the revenge shooting.

On the morning of Aug. 29, 2016, Chao fired a 20-gauge shotgun at Dr. Dennis Charney, the dean of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital, outside Lange's Little Store &

Delicatessen on King Street.

Charney suffered a significant shoulder injury and has been experiencing seizures as a result of the gunshot.

Chao, 50, a former research assistant professor and lab director at the school, in the was fired following nearly three years of investigation into claims of research fraud on his part. A committee that included Charney terminated Chao in May 2009.

Charney's family, who been present during court proceedings, held each other closely following the jury's announcement.

Chao's family had no reaction but congregated outside the courtroom asking Defense Attorney Stewart Orden what they should do next.

"Our client is very disappointed and



A jury found Hengjun Chao guilty last week on all three charges, including attempted murder, for the shooting last August at Lange's Little Store & Delicatessen in Chappaqua.

a prevalent issue, he thought he could fire the gun, get arrested and go on trial to tell his side of the story.

"I had no intent to kill or injure Charney, just shoot and get arrested," Chao said during the trial.

During his testimony, Chao accused Charney of being "a fraud."

Chao was fired following nearly three years of investigation into claims of research fraud on his part. A committee that included Charney terminated Chao in May 2009.

Chao faces up to 25 years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for Aug. 16.

John Jay Homestead Market Open Through October

The John Jay Homestead Farm Market featuring more than 40 vendors is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Oct. 28. It is located at 400 Jay St. in Katonah.

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we look forward to a very vigorous appeal," Orden said.

When Chao testified in his own defense, he admitted to shooting Charney, but insisting that he did intend to injure him. During direct examination, Chao said he was aiming to hit Charney's coffee cup.

His plan was to get arrested to bring public attention to Charney, who he thought to be a fraud in the medical field. He said that with gun violence such

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Grunthal, Markus Running for Another Term in Mount Kisco

By Neal Rentz

Veteran Mount Kisco trustees Peter Grunthal and Anthony Markus will be running for re-election, joining Mayor Michael Cindrich on the Democratic Party ticket this fall.

Grunthal served on the village board from 2003 to 2010 and returned in February 2014 to replace the late George Griffin Jr.

Hoping to make Mount Kisco "the most attractive place to live and work," he said he would strive for major downtown developments to attract people to move to the village. Improved infrastructure and sustainability issues

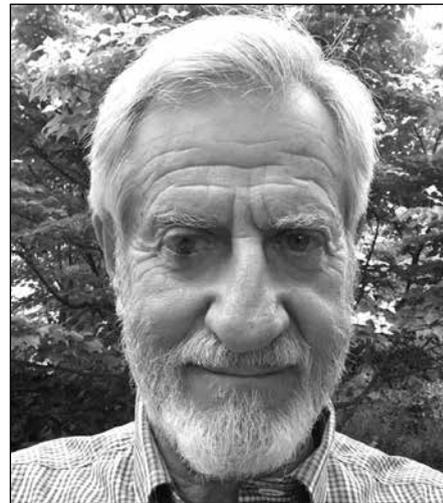
are also priorities.

He cited the village's solid financial footing under the current administration as a key accomplishment.

In addition to his service on the board, Grunthal has been active in many other areas, including spending time on the Economic Development Council, the Conservation Advisory Council, the Energy Advisory Panel, the Fire Volunteers Pension Plan Investment Committee and the Byram Lake Committee. He was also the village representative to Sustainable Westchester and chaired a task force to streamline the planning and building permit process, Grunthal said.

Grunthal, 74, is a retired consulting actuary. He also taught management and economics at Fordham University.

Markus, 56, a partner in the law firm of Markus and Sheridan, said he and his village board colleagues have a record of accomplishment. Similar to Grunthal, Markus said the village's fiscal health, which included saving residents more than \$1 million since police consolidation with the county, has been a strong benefit to Mount Kisco.



Peter Grunthal and Anthony Markus are running for re-election for the Mount Kisco Village Board.

Markus said helping the downtown business district is one of the board's stiffest challenges.

"Although many new businesses have recently opened in the village, we must engage in concerted efforts with the business community to attract more establishments to open in Mount Kisco," Markus said.

Other initiatives would include supporting village capital contributions

to improve the commercial districts, updating the Comprehensive Plan and collaborating with the Economic Development Council to help the local economy.

Calls placed to Republican Committee Chairman John Francan regarding any potential opponents have not been returned.

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Fulgenzi, McCarthy War of Words Continues in Mount Pleasant

By Neal Rentz

The infighting between Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi and Councilman Denis McCarthy ramped up a notch last week after the two officials bickered over transparency and the process surrounding a recent town hire.

McCarthy, who failed to receive the town Republican Committee's nomination last month and has vowed to force a primary in September, has questioned the town's efforts to better communicate with residents, the subject of an article in the June 6-12 issue of The Examiner.

While McCarthy applauded the effort of Councilman Nicholas DiPaolo, he has been sharply critical of Fulgenzi, charging that the supervisor has been ineffective at getting public meetings videotaped. There had been a period of about eight months where meetings were not shown on the town's public access channels.

McCarthy also said the town board has left the public in the dark regarding issues discussed in executive session and failed to properly publicize the vacant receiver of taxes position. That job is now held by Grace Papa on an interim basis.

"The basic premise of all democratic-republic forms of government is to properly notify the public of any pending government action in order to encourage public input and comment," McCarthy stated. "Unfortunately, this board has failed to uphold this basic premise on several occasions, most recently by failing to properly notify the public of the vacancy for the receiver of taxes position. The majority of the board

neither communicated the existence of this vacancy nor was willing to explore the most qualified applicant, but instead decided to keep the position as a political one."

Fulgenzi took issue with McCarthy's comments, saying he failed to understand his job as councilman and hasn't been a team player. He is also frequently unresponsive in communicating with other board members, he said.

"I did not want to go down this road with Denis, but if he is going to continue to spew lies and deception to try to improve his position then he will need to be corrected," Fulgenzi said. "His statement about executive sessions is full of inaccuracies. The board is required to go into executive session when sensitive information about an employee is being discussed. That is the law to protect an employee's information and privacy."

Fulgenzi said McCarthy has been unfamiliar with town employees as opposed to the remainder of the board, accounting for his comment that he didn't know Papa. The majority of the board concluded she was well-qualified, he said.

Requests for positions are often received from existing employees and town residents seeking employment. Being familiar with existing employees and many residents is crucial to serving, Fulgenzi said.

"He had a friend he wanted to promote. Four out of five members agreed with our choice. We made sure through the advice of the town attorney that the process was followed correctly," Fulgenzi said.

Last week, McCarthy also accused the



NEAL RENTZ PHOTOS

Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi and Councilman Denis McCarthy squared off verbally last week.

town board of retaliating against him. He said his postings related to some of these issues had been abruptly removed from the town board's Facebook page.

Tensions escalated during the June 13 town board meeting when the board voted 3-1 to appoint Danielle Drake as second deputy town clerk at a \$49,991 salary. Drake would take over the duties of the town clerk and the first deputy if they are unavailable, said Town Clerk June Scova.

McCarthy objected to the board's process in the hiring, saying it failed to make a motion during the public portion of the meeting and stating it was headed into executive session. It also didn't identify the general topic that would be discussed, he said.

"I strongly believe that the process and procedures of government are more important than the outcomes.

If the process is compromised there is no democracy," McCarthy said.

Furthermore, he said the newly created position was unnecessary and officials failed to justify its need to the public.

"Thank you for your civics lesson," Fulgenzi said to McCarthy moments before the board vote on the resolution.

The supervisor described McCarthy's comments about the lack of broadcasts of town meetings as "ludicrous." Fulgenzi explained that the interruption in showing the meetings was a result of needed equipment being mistakenly removed by individuals working at Valhalla High School that would have allowed the meetings to air. When the town learned of the cause of the problem, new equipment was obtained and installed at town hall, he said.

Fulgenzi added that the town does not control broadcast schedules, but when there are problems the cable companies are contacted.

Earlier this month Fulgenzi said town website improvements, posting videos of board meetings on the site, e-mailing meeting agendas and creating an emergency alert system for residents have been examples of improved communication with the public.

Tackling the Challenges of Providing Housing, Economic Viability

By Martin Wilbur

When the issue of low- and middle-income housing arises in local communities, most of the time the considerations are for relatively short-term planning.

But last Friday afternoon, a northern Westchester affordable housing advocacy group along with its supporters and elected officials gathered to discuss a regional plan to explore meeting the county's housing, economic and transit needs years into the future.

Allied Community Enterprises (ACE), the housing development arm of A-HOME, held an interactive forum at the Katonah Village Library called What's the Big Idea? where the group of roughly 50 attendees addressed how Westchester can meet its challenges and reach its planning goals for the next generation and beyond.

Moses Gates, the director of community planning and design for the Regional Plan Association (RPA), which is scheduled to release its Fourth Regional Plan for the tristate area containing big-picture goals before

the end of the year, said Westchester's population will continue to age and grow more diverse over the next 20 to 25 years.

RPA, which addresses planning issues large and small in the 31-county region encompassing the northern half of New Jersey, New York City, Long Island, the Hudson Valley and western Connecticut, has been looking for bold ideas to help shape segments of the region.

"(We're looking for) things that are ambitious, things that aren't necessarily going to happen in five years, but we're not trying to put a colony on Mars or anything," said Gates. "We're trying to do things that are feasible ideas and we describe it as we're trying to get to the spot where it is reasonable that it will be started by 2040. That's kind of the solutions we're shooting for."

Among the challenges planners face is the fragmentation of policymaking. While the tristate area is one region, there are 782 local governments, each with its own set of regulations, constituencies and political pressures

that often conflict with putting together an effective regional plan, Gates said.

There is also the reality that the average household will spend about 40 percent of its income on housing costs, a trend that impacts low-income households the most, he said. Also, the county's population will continue to edge up with a projected 1.1 million to nearly 1.2 million depending on economic development.

ACE Board member Peter Russell said as the demographics of the region, including Westchester, shift, the area is in the midst of profound change. As a result, local officials have been striving to be in line with the region's goals of integrating multifamily housing, business and mass transit into walkable downtown areas.

"We're really trying to highlight some of the things that are unique about each community and build on that," Russell said. "I really think this three-way nexus of housing, transportation and economic viability, I think we have to pay more attention creating jobs in these communities."

Bedford Supervisor Chris Burdick said the mission for him and his fellow officials is to take what was discussed during Friday's forum, share them with their municipality's planning and permitting boards and planning directors.

"It's not an instant success. We're not going to have a solution tomorrow," Burdick said. "It's long process and you have to stick to it."

While opposition to change is usually a constant for most communities, Burdick and Pound Ridge Supervisor Richard Lyman said officials can turn that into a positive.

"Sometimes it's not always a negative consequence to have opposition," said Pound Ridge Supervisor Richard Lyman. "It makes a project better."

Gates said an encouraging sign for Westchester is that there has been a willingness, compared to other parts of the tristate area, to adjust its zoning to allow for multifamily development and mixed income housing to meet the needs of future generations.

Police Blotter

North Castle Police Department

June 9: Report of a hit-and-run accident on Middle Patent Road at 8:29 p.m. The caller reported that the other vehicle fled and headed northbound on Bedford Banksville Road. No injuries were reported. The caller described the other vehicle as a white BMW convertible operated by a white male.

The vehicle should have heavy front-end damage. No further description was given. The responding officers checked the area for the vehicle with negative results.

June 10: Report of an assault on Overlook Court at 3:20 a.m. The caller reported a physical altercation with her husband that occurred at about 10 p.m. on June 9.

June 10: A caller reported at 3:56 a.m. that he returned to his North Broadway residence to find his door and multiple items inside damaged.

June 10: A complainant reported finding a small safe discarded on the side of the roadway on Nichols Road at 3:45 p.m. The responding officer took photographs and secured the property.

June 11: Report of a lawnmower on fire on Upland Lane at 1:50 p.m. The Westchester County Department of Emergency Services dispatched the Armonk Fire Department. The responding officer arrived and extinguished the fire.

June 11: Multiple callers reported a brush fire on the center median on Route 22 near Old Post Road at 2:41 p.m. The dispatching officer notified the Westchester County Department of Emergency Services, which dispatched the Armonk Fire Department. The fire was extinguished.

June 12: An anonymous caller reported a young white male wearing only boxer briefs walking on Old Orchard Street at 12:46 a.m. who appeared to be disoriented. The responding officer determined that the party checked okay.

June 14: A caller reported at 9:51 p.m. that a vehicle stood at the light at Virginia Road and the Bronx River Parkway through four traffic cycles. The caller stated that her passenger got out of the car and knocked on the window. The occupant appeared to be intoxicated.

Pleasantville Police Department

June 10: Police investigated a reported incident of fraud from a Pleasantville resident at 10:12 a.m. The complainant reported identity theft resulting in a loss of \$24,800. The case remains under investigation.

June 13: Police received reports that a suspect was using stolen credit cards at the Exxon Station on Pleasantville Road. The case is under investigation.

June 13: A 27-year-old Spring Valley man was arrested on Memorial Plaza at 5 p.m. for driving with a suspended registration.

June 16: At 3:26 a.m., police received reports that a parked car's windshield was broken outside The Thirsty Scholar on Bedford Road. The case remains under investigation.

Man Charged With Sexual Abuse in No. Castle Town Hall Incident

A 34-year-old Bronx man was arrested last week after forcibly touching a woman in the North Castle Town Hall rear parking lot earlier this month.

Kolawole Ogunsuliere was charged with third-degree sexual abuse, a Class B misdemeanor, and second-degree harassment, a violation, for allegedly touching

the 27-year-old victim, on June 1 at 10:23 a.m., according to North Castle police. The two parties apparently did not know each other, police said.

Ogunsuliere was arraigned in town justice court and released on \$100 bail. He is due to appear in court on July 11.

—Martin Wilbur

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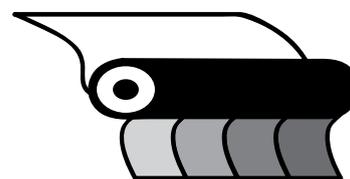
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Editorial

Shared Services Initiative Nothing More Than a Band-Aid

Westchester County officials will have a busy summer trying to devise a shared services plan to cut costs and taxes that will be accepted by the state.

Following Gov. Andrew Cuomo's directive earlier this year, municipalities throughout the state are forced to complete the same task. This exercise must be overseen by each county and submitted to the state by Sept. 15.

There's only one problem with the governor's plan: cities, towns, villages and school districts have been actively engaged in the sharing of services for nearly a decade now, and in some cases, a lot longer than that.

In recent years, necessitated by the Great Recession, then the reality of the tax cap, municipal and school officials have had no choice but to aggressively find ways to partner with nearby governments.

Service sharing and the cap may slowed tax escalation, but guess what? Six years after the tax cap was passed into law and nine years after the onset of the recession, Westchester County is still the most heavily taxed county in the United States.

That's not to denigrate the benefits of sharing services. The practice is a

legitimate way to trim costs, and in some instances, improve service.

But if Cuomo thinks that shared purchasing of computer equipment or road salt is what's going to make New York State, and in particular Westchester, more affordable, he is out of touch with reality.

What will make an impact on taxes is consolidating the big-ticket items that all levels of government may one day have to consider. Otherwise, this Shared Services Initiative is little more than a time-consuming exercise.

In 2010, the Town of Ossining, and in 2015, the Village of Mount Kisco consolidated their police departments with the county. Mount Kisco has estimated that in two years it has saved more than \$1 million. That's real savings. It's not feasible for every community, but does Westchester really need about 40 different police departments?

Here are a few other steps that could be considered.

1. Mandate Relief. The thinking with the tax cap was that there would be political pressure for mandate relief. Well, that didn't work out too well. But state legislators and Cuomo have shirked

their responsibility by ignoring hundreds of mandates, many likely obsolete. How about a task force that examines only outdated or useless mandates?

2. Medicaid. If just one mandate – the county's share of Medicaid – is picked up by the state, that would account for \$210 million in savings, one-ninth of Westchester's budget.

3. School District Consolidation. The third rail of service sharing and what some political observers believe Cuomo ultimately is shooting for in refusing to consider mandate relief. Since school districts account for roughly two-thirds of the property tax bill, it would make sense in exploring consolidation.

The chance of that happening, of course, is zero. But if it were to be considered, there would need to be a handful of districts, not including the larger city school systems, in Westchester. In Putnam, where there are six relatively small districts, a single countywide district makes sense.

Everyone wants lower taxes, but unless policymakers have the courage to address the large issues, everyone is fighting over nickels and dimes.

Letters to the Editor

Immigrants Continue to Contribute Positively to Our Communities

I was appalled by the president's immigration stance. We came as productive immigrants, after narrowly missing the Holocaust because of an issue as benign as religion. I, therefore, actively campaign against intolerance of any kind. Good people come in all colors and bleed the same. I was taught that you may not like someone, but not because of their religion or ethnicity.

My mother was a steady blood donor. She was presented with a ribbon of honor, which is in my possession. It was her way of honoring the country that save us from a horrible fate, and gratefully so.

It's true that we must do some re-educating. Before the Soviet Union broke up, they sent us the very worst. While they may not have been criminals, their behavior was both uncivilized and unreasonable. Someone came to me very agitated saying, "They are growing corn on the front lawn." That is the least of what they did. For instance, lines were not for them. They'd come from the street and get to the front of the line much to the agitation of others.

My husband tutored a wonderful teenager. At the end, the youngster handed him a small package. How

touched we were. Out fell \$100. No way would we accept such a generous offering, for the mother worked hard, long hours at the local hospital. We merely accepted a small table centerpiece as a token of their appreciation.

So we must see the good that many immigrants contribute to our society. We merely must show some how to behave in our society. With patience and education, we can succeed.

Herta Newberger
Mount Kisco

Failure to Take Stand on Airport Plan Doesn't Align With District's Needs

There is a comment in the article regarding the airport privatization proposal and Ms. Cunzio's ability to be independent from Mr. Astorino. ("Board of Legislators' District 3 Candidates Set for November," June 13-19.)

Those of us around the airport will clearly be affected the most by the

privatization plan. Even Legislator Gelfarb, a Republican from Rye, has clearly come out against the plan. Ms. Cunzio claims to be undecided on airport privatization. I don't think there is a large outcry from District 3 that they want privatization of the airport. In fact, you would have trouble finding a single person.

Ms. Cunzio does not align with the needs of her district. I don't see how Ms. Cunzio claims to be independent; she seems to be very much in line with Mr. Astorino, even more than Mr. Gelfarb.

Karen Tam
Purchase

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Guest Column

Taking Care of the Caregiver: 5 Tips for Nurturing Yourself This Summer

By Jennifer Rajewski

Dubbed the “sandwich generation,” those in their mid-thirties and forties are in a unique position. Though sometimes we’d prefer the phrase to refer to an affinity for ham and mustard on rye, it actually alludes to how this group of people is “sandwiched” between two sets of responsibilities: raising young children while simultaneously caring for aging and ill parents.

Caregivers in this position can quickly be worn thin; one minute Suzy has soccer practice and Davy has violin lessons, the next Dad has fallen down again or has been forgetting to take his medication. With the mountain of responsibility growing larger each day, caregivers may start to feel exhausted, overwhelmed and alone. This is why it is vitally important for caregivers to remember to take care of themselves.

As a registered nurse and the leader of Partners in Care, a licensed home care agency affiliated with the Visiting Nurse

Service of New York, my colleagues and I help family caregivers manage caring for elderly family members, which in turn allows caregivers to take much-needed time for themselves.

We hope these tips will help you find some ways to take a little time for yourself this summer. Remember, if you don’t take care of yourself, you won’t be healthy enough to take care of your loved ones. It’s okay to put yourself first once in a while, and summer offers the perfect time to refresh.

1. Accept Help. Sometimes it feels like we have to do everything ourselves, especially when it comes to family, but we must remember we cannot do it all alone. Getting help from others is not a sign of weakness, and may actually play a vital role in sustaining personal care for your loved one. Write down some specific things people can do, such as picking up prescriptions, dropping off a meal, chauffeuring to a doctor’s appointment, etc. Keep a running list of go-to tasks

people can help with so when they offer, you have an answer.

2. Take a Break From Caregiving. With warm weather and shorter work hours, summer offers the perfect reason to take some time for yourself. Remember, everyone needs the opportunity and time to recharge, even the most devoted of caregivers. Although formal respite programs like those offered at Partners in Care are hard to find in some communities, it may be possible to get your family member into an adult day care program that will be beneficial for your loved one and provide you with some time to yourself. And, along with my first tip, remember that if someone offers help it is okay to ask if they can stay with your loved one for an hour or two.

3. Find a Community. Again, you are not in this alone. There are many people experiencing the same worries and stresses as you, and they can offer the opportunity for a support system and sounding board so you don’t feel so

isolated. Reach out to other caregivers and look for opportunities to give and receive support. Recognizing that the work you do is important and that you’re not alone in your situation will help you reap the most positive benefits from your caregiving.

4. Stay Positive. Think actively about the positive aspects of caregiving. If your family member is able to communicate, talking about the things in life you’ve shared can be rewarding for both of you. Take time to look at old photos or videos, chat about people you love or reminisce about trips you’ve taken. Using this time to strengthen your connection to one another can help you feel good about the work you’re doing and give your loved one a chance to express their thanks too.

5. Don’t Feel Guilty. At the end of the day, know that you are doing all you can as a caregiver and should never feel guilty. You love and care about this person, and even if they can’t show it, both they and everyone around you knows this deep down. You are a human being and are doing as much as you can.

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Letters to the Editor

Mount Kisco’s Leadership Has Been Just Fine Under Mayor Cindrich

I am writing to respond to a letter that was in The Examiner last week regarding leadership in Mount Kisco. Let’s set the record straight.

Under Mayor Cindrich’s leadership, we have a less than 1 percent tax increase (.65 percent to be exact). By refinancing debt, he has saved the taxpayers \$1.2 million and Mount Kisco has a superior AA2 bond rating. The mayor contracted with the county police, saving another \$1 million a year, and as a result, there is more police coverage, presence and better response time than ever before.

Now, let’s talk about the lawsuits. The town was sued years ago under the last mayor. The village acquired the

land were the senior housing facility is proposed, as part of that lawsuit. Mayor Cindrich wants this facility to be built, not only because we need it, but because the revenue from it is in excess of \$4 million with an additional \$1 million annually in taxes. Without this income, we will have to borrow \$4 million and it will cost an additional \$2.5 million in interest. Are taxpayers willing to pay \$400,000 or \$500,000 more each year to cover this loan?

Regarding the empty stores, Mayor Cindrich has repeatedly met with landlords to try to get them to lower their rent. You cannot make them lower the rents. And by the way, what is the

chamber of commerce doing? Isn’t this their charge? Don’t blame the mayor!

Finally, request for a change is not enough. When people or political parties have no platform, they say “we need a change.” Well, that’s not enough.

Are we willing to place our town in the hands of a candidate that has had no experience in governing municipalities and had never served on any volunteer board in Mount Kisco? I think most taxpayers’ answer would be no.

**Grace Murphy
Mount Kisco**

Coverage of Mount Kisco Senior Housing Plan Has Been Biased

Your editorial coverage of the proposed sale of public land on Kisco Mountain has been biased in favor of the developer and lacks thorough research.

In your June 13 editorial, you wrote that our village board’s decision to postpone their authorization for the mayor to sign a sales option contract with HFZ “looks suspicious.” Although apparently aware of the intensely negative public reaction to this proposed sale and development, you impugned the honesty of our village officials with innuendo, attributing their decision to hold a public hearing to some “concealed” motive, rather than to the obvious caution of local politicians faced with hundreds of angry voters.

You have consistently minimized this public resistance, reducing a town-wide outcry to “some vocal opposition.” You also stated “...the merits of the project are not up for debate.” According to whom? It is those “merits,” both the threats to the local environment and quality of life, which finally created a public reaction that could not be ignored.

Two of your front-page articles about this matter led with the litigation threats by HFZ, followed by press release-like expositions of HFZ’s narrative. Only much later in the articles did you even mention any contrary views, including the opposition of environmental experts and the village attorney’s

statement that the threatened lawsuits were baseless. You did publish Trustee Karen Schleimer’s clear analysis of the project’s history and legal issues; however, in the June 13 edition and elsewhere, you failed to check the facts when uncritically repeating the claims of HFZ’s representatives.

The misuse of litigation by big developers to force small towns to accept unsustainable development is a growing problem, so why did you give HFZ an unquestioning public platform on this matter?

**John Rhodes
Mount Kisco**

Chappaqua Resale Shop to Feature Father’s Day Specials

Fantastic Finds, an upscale resale shop at 400 King St. in Chappaqua, announced last week that throughout the month of June all men’s clothing and accessories are on sale for 20 percent off.

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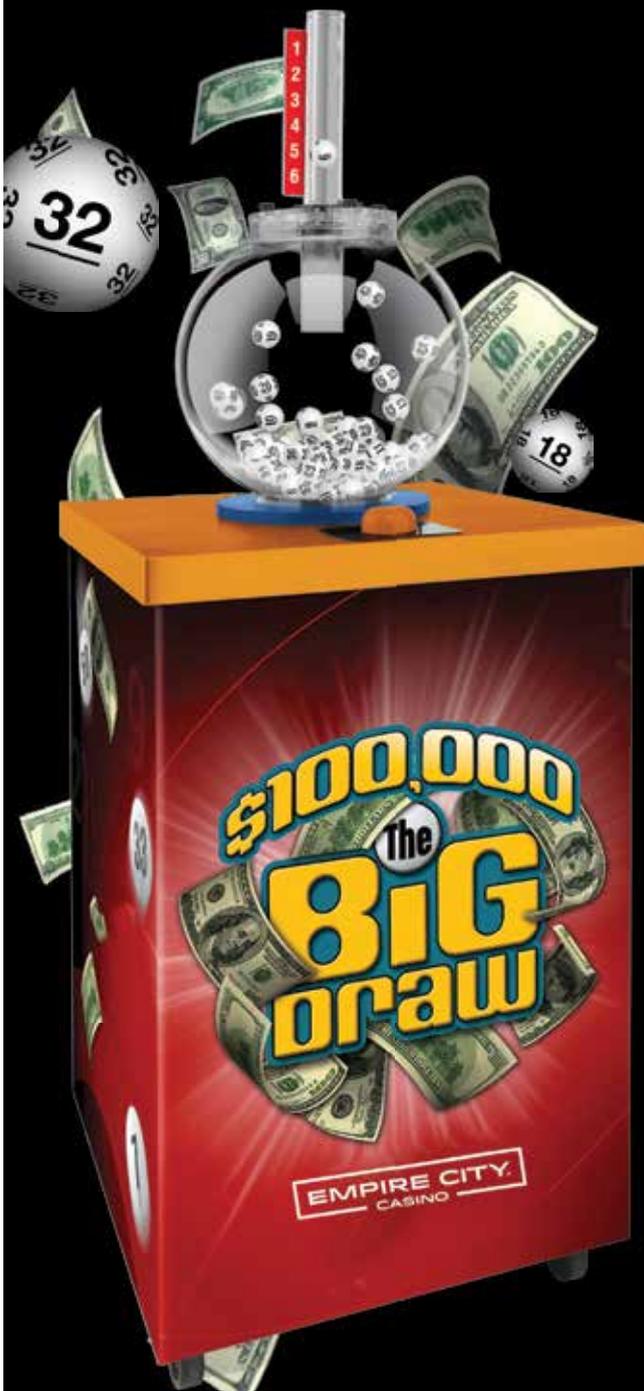
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Pleasantville Poet Thrills at Seeing His Works Published

By Martin Wilbur

For those who know Pleasantville resident Jim Zimmerman, it's natural that they might associate the creative side of his life with music.

That would make sense since as a young musician in the 1970s he performed alongside some big names in the music industry such as Seals & Crofts, Nancy Wilson and David Bromberg, among others. Locally, he was also one of a group of village residents who helped make the Pleasantville Music Festival a reality in 2005.

But trace Zimmerman's life to high school and he has had another longtime passion – poetry. Dylan Thomas, Langston Hughes, and in college, Gary Snyder were some of his favorites.

When he tired of the music industry and incessant touring and songwriting, he returned to school to become a psychologist, which has been his profession for more than 30 years, but he also rediscovered his love of poetry.

While he occasionally dabbled with some writing, in recent years, Zimmerman has been making up for lost time.

"With poetry you can write it, if you want to send it out to see if it gets published you do, if not, you keep them," Zimmerman said in explaining the difference between writing music and poetry.

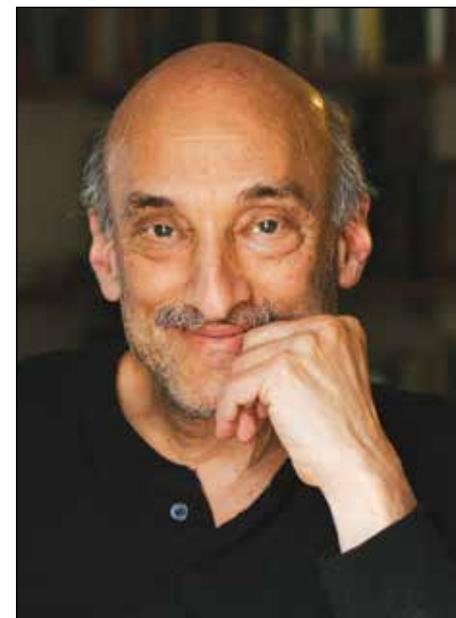
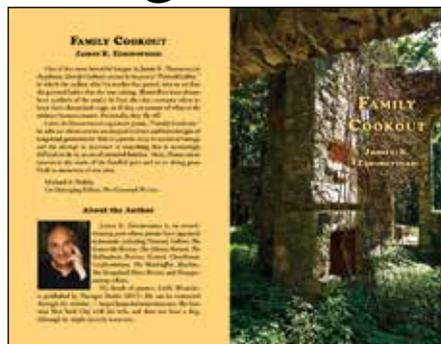
His growing portfolio of works enabled Zimmerman to take the step to try and get some of his poems printed. In 2015, after he had a few published by Passager Books, which specializes in publishing writers over 50 years old, he was invited to submit a manuscript in celebration of the company's 25th anniversary.

That book, "Little Miracles," included poems that deal with largely with existential issues and mortality.

Last year, Zimmerman's second collection "Family Cookout," was published, and was recognized by The Comstock Review, capturing a Chapbook award. Many of the poems were loosely based on multiple generations of his family life.

"I find it really fascinating as a process," Zimmerman said of poetry writing. "I also, I used to as a songwriter, I hated to have to edit myself. With poetry, I had a difficult time with that, which is really interesting, and it takes into account different parts of your brain."

Not only has he presented his poems on the printed page, but on Friday evening he will do so in a public forum. Zimmerman will participate in a poetry reading of his works at The Village Bookstore in Pleasantville with fellow Westchester poet John Allman. The reading gets underway at 7 p.m. at the bookstore, which has been carrying both of his books.



Jim Zimmerman of Pleasantville will be reading poems from his two books, "Little Miracles" and "Family Cookout" at The Village Bookstore this Friday evening.

Even as his collection grows, Zimmerman said it's challenging getting published. He addresses so many different thoughts and topics in different styles that it's difficult to pitch. Sometimes he'll write vertical poems, that have just a few words on a line

"I find it challenging to come up with a collection because publishers expect a collection to have some coherence," he said. "Some poets will write a collection

based on one theme."

Now that Zimmerman has been discovering his poet's voice, keep on the lookout for

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When Color Can Mean More Money When Selling Your House

It was in the same week that my wife looked up from the lifestyles section of the newspaper and asked, "Did you know that green is the most soothing color to paint a room?" that my painter Joe Pascarelli had visited my home and said, "This place needs some color!"

At first, I had to disagree with Joe's assessment, but then I started thinking about the possibility of a pale green for the bedroom.

Just as all the apartments I ever rented in New York City were invariably painted an off-white, my current living environment, a condo with two bedrooms and an office, is one color – off-white – and I intended to keep it that way. This unicolor approach expands the space and serves as a backdrop for all the paintings and prints assembled from a lifetime of collecting.

But earlier in the month, a study about color done by Zillow blew me away. It demonstrated how a fresh coat of paint in the right color – inside or out – may help sell a home for more money.

According to the analysis, homes



By Bill Primavera

with walls painted in shades of blue or light gray may sell for as much as a \$5,400 premium. If you are about to sell your home, that certainly is something to think about.

As a realtor, I've always been instructed to advise seller clients to neutralize colors as much as possible, but now I'm not so sure. For instance, if your bathroom is currently painted anything but blue, think again. Homes with blue bathrooms, often found in hues of powder blue or light periwinkle, sold for \$5,440 more than expected, the highest sales premium of all colors analyzed.

Zillow's 2017 Paint Color Analysis looked at more than 32,000 photos from homes sold around the country to see how certain paint colors impacted their sale price on average, when compared to similar homes with white walls.

A home's exterior color may also have an impact on its sale price. Homes painted in "greige," a mix of light gray and beige, sold for \$3,496 more than similar homes painted in a medium brown or with tan stucco. The colonial

home I sold recently was painted "greige" for more than 40 years, but I have no way of calculating how its color might have influenced the final sale price. Because the last paint job was such a good one, it lasted for more than 15 years. During that time, the color had oxidized to the point where it appeared to be a pale green. For all we know, that may have had a negative effect on the sales price.

For a pop of color, homes with front doors painted in shades of dark navy blue to slate gray sold for \$1,514 more. Readers of this column would know that for years I've been advocating for use of burgundy on front doors, based on feng shui considerations. So who or what are you going to believe?

Some colors may actually deter buyers. According to the study, homes with darker, more style-specific walls like terracotta dining rooms sold for \$2,031 less than expected. However, a lack of color may have the biggest negative impact as homes with white bathrooms sold for an average of \$4,035 below similar homes.

A totally contemporary home that I sold some years ago had a wonderful flow from living room to dining room with one pinkish off-white color that gave the space a very open feel. When

the new owners moved in, they closed in and separated that space with a very intense gold in the living room and a burgundy in the dining room. It was especially claustrophobic because the dining room had a wood paneled ceiling. It was clearly a case where color alone transformed the environment negatively.

In the Zillow article, Svenja Gudell, the service's chief economist, said, "Color can be a powerful tool for attracting buyers to a home, especially in listing photos and videos. Painting walls in fresh, natural-looking colors, particularly in shades of blue and pale gray, not only make a home feel larger, but also are neutral enough to help future buyers envision themselves living in the space."

Fresh paint definitely helps a home sell faster, but why not choose the "right" colors to make it sell for more?

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Mike Risko Celebrates Global Make Music Day This Wednesday

Mike Risko Music brings the worldwide Make Music Day Celebration to local residents with Make Music Ossining/ Briarcliff this Wednesday, June 21.

Make Music Day is an annual one-day event where free, live musical performances, opportunities to make music and other musical events take place around the world on the longest day of the year. Musical festivities locally coordinated by Mike Risko Music are part of this global celebration of music making taking place in more than 750 cities.

Inspired by France's Fête de la Musique, Ossining and Briarcliff are the first and only communities in Westchester to be celebrating this event, which has steadily grown. This year there are 25 local host venues that are participating.

Mike Risko Music is inviting everyone to join in the global music celebration. If you aren't participating as a performer, you can be an audience member. Or simply make music in your backyard.

The exciting day will start off at the Mike Risko Music School at 144-146 Croton Ave. with a light breakfast and morning jam session with the Mike Risko Band and friends. Participants then can help the team spread music throughout the community during the day. People can meet there and join their Flash Mob as they go on a tour of all the venues participating in the event.

Community members can download the free Make Music Day App on their iPhones and/or follow the musical lineup and check out all the shows and pop-up concerts planned. The complete list of musical events can also be accessed through the website. The Flash Mob will check in throughout the day on the Make Music Ossining Briarcliff Facebook page, which you can follow and try to meet up with them.

"By hosting and organizing this international event we are taking the two things we love, music and business, and marrying them together which enables us to support so many fellow businesses in this area in addition to promoting the music world," Risko said. "Making music positively affects the community at large and we are excited

to officially kick off the summer by turning our community into a stage and celebrating the many talented musicians all over the area."

This event is presented by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation and has members and partners from coast to coast opening their doors and bringing together their communities' celebrations of Make Music Day. According to NAMM, making music has been shown to strengthen social connectivity, reduce stress, lower blood pressure, stimulate memory, and is

integral to a well-rounded, enjoyable life. By participating in Make Music Day, Mike Risko Music is one of more than 50 communities across the United States encouraging every form of music making while community members band together and play in free public concerts.

For more information on Make Music Day, visit www.mikeriskomusicschool.com/makemusicday.html.

Mike Risko, with his wife Miriam, have organized free local music performances this Wednesday in celebration of Global Make Music Day.



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Chappaqua Girls Turn Family Health Issue Into Fundraising Effort

By Martin Wilbur

Being diagnosed with diabetes can present an assortment of challenges and the need to make significant lifestyle changes.

A set of Chappaqua twins have undertaken a fundraising campaign to make the lives of some of the most severely impacted diabetics a little easier.

Charlotte and Sophia Spiegel, who are both completing seventh grade this week at Robert E. Bell Middle School, decided to raise money for Heads Up Hounds, a Nebraska-based nonprofit that rescues canines from shelters and trains them to become Diabetic Alert Dogs (also referred to as DADs) in about six months.

The dogs can sense dips or spikes in blood-sugar levels of the person who they are specially trained to serve, allowing the patient to take action to stabilize their levels before a medical emergency arises.

The sisters' effort was part of their Mitzvah project in advance of their Bat Mitzvah last month. What makes their effort all the more personal is that four family members, including their father, Glenn, who was diagnosed last winter, have Type 1 diabetes.

"I think part of the reason why we

got so connected to it is because when our dad got it, it kind of reinforced that (diabetes) actually runs in our family," Sophia Spiegel said. "I mean we can get it."

Charlotte and Sophia first learned of Diabetic Alert Dogs when their cousin, Joey, was paired with one last year. Joey, now 25, has been a diabetic since childhood. The dogs are trained through the scent of the person they will eventually be paired with.

With many Type I diabetics, problems with blood-sugar levels can occur overnight while they are fast asleep. That had been a concern with their cousin who is now teamed up with his dog, Mozzy.

"The diabetic alert dog would wake him up if his insulin is low and he would wake him up," Charlotte said.

The significant role played by the Spiegel sisters and others who raise money for Heads Up Hounds and similar organizations is that the training of these dogs is expensive. Depending on the type of dog and the organization involved, they can run from \$8,000 to \$20,000 each, according to the website www.beyondtype1.org. Most of the dogs are acquired free of charge but the person who will be paired with their DAD must pick up the training tab.



Charlotte and Sophia Spiegel's cousin Joey with his Diabetic Alert Dog, Mozzy.



Charlotte and Sophia Spiegel with their father, Glenn, who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes early this year. The girls have raised about \$4,000 for Heads Up Hounds, an organization that rescues and trains dogs to become Diabetic Alert Dogs.

Charlotte and Sophia have raised about \$4,000 through their fundraising project. Although their Bat Mitzvah is over and their project's obligation has been met, they have no plans to stop fundraising for Heads Up Hounds.

"When you do something for charity it makes you feel a little more into it and you definitely want to do stuff like this again," Charlotte said. "It just makes you feel good about yourself because it helps make another person have an opportunity."

Their mother, Allison, said not only have they turned what could have been

be a difficult situation with their family into a positive, but they will be helping other families, including children their age and younger.

"I'm proud that they've turned in something that's been hard on our family and will help others, especially other children because it's hard enough to deal with it as an adult," she said.

For more information on Charlotte and Sophia Spiegel's efforts and to contribute, log on to <https://www.gofundme.com/twinningmitzvah>. For more information on Heads Up Hounds, visit www.headsuphounds.com.

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Jo Cherubini Community Volunteer, Mount Kisco

By Martin Wilbur

Jo Cherubini may have retired in 1990, but that doesn't mean she's been sitting around for the past quarter century or so marking time.

The lifelong Westchester resident has dedicated thousands of volunteer hours at the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry, the Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne and Northern Westchester Hospital, where she can usually be seen on Wednesday mornings at the front desk in the hospital's lobby.

"It just stuck in my mind it's time to give back," said Cherubini, who had worked as a secretary in the athletic department at the Bedford Central School District. "I can do it, I'm well, I'm healthy. I feel like keeping busy is the key to survival. As long as you keep on the move."

Keeping on the move may be an understatement for the 83-year-old Cherubini. In addition to her local volunteering efforts, she estimates having knitted or crocheted at least 1,000 blankets for Tiny Hands in Need and Father O'Hara Churches, two Orange County-based

charities that serve children from needy families and those with cancer, respectively.

Cherubini's dedication to volunteering started innocently enough in 1995. A friend of hers was one of the pantry's founders, so she decided to help out, picking up extra food from various organizations and bringing it to the pantry.

"I'd come every week no matter what - rain, snow, sleet and/or freezing temperatures," Cherubini said. "I would put certain items for certain clients that needed certain items, and I knew everybody by name."

It wasn't long before Cherubini expanded her volunteer efforts. The mother of three grown children and four grandchildren always loved being around kids. That was perfect for her when she was told that Northern Westchester Hospital gave tours to groups of local preschool and kindergarten children.

In her 21 years at the hospital, Cherubini's role expanded to manning the front desk in the lobby once a week. She has helped out on days when Northern Westchester has held blood drives and at the annual

children's Christmas Party. Cherubini has also knitted hats for newborns. Since 1996, she has dedicated more than 4,000 hours of service to the hospital.

"I did all that, and like I said, it keeps me off the street," deadpanned Cherubini, who with a dry sense of humor said she's her own favorite comedian.

Similar to the more than 100 adults who regularly volunteer, Cherubini's efforts help the hospital function more efficiently and are always greatly appreciated, said Ellen Muentener, NWH's director of volunteers.

"She's always ready to give a helping hand," Muentener said. "She's always involved with community outreach as well as carving out some time here for us. She's a pillar of the community."

For her more than two decades of service, Northern Westchester recognized Cherubini in April with the 2017 Mary B. Robbins Beacon of Light Volunteer of the Year with a ceremony and luncheon at Glen Arbor Golf Club in Bedford. Consistent with her selfless qualities, she refused the gift, instead asking the hospital donate to charities, including Rosary Hill Home.

While Cherubini dedicates Wednesdays to the hospital, Tuesdays and Thursdays are devoted to helping cancer patients at Rosary Hill Home. Cherubini, who was



raised in North Tarrytown, also started knitting blankets for babies and young children in 2000 for charity.

Despite her age where her hands can start aching, Cherubini can keep up a rapid pace, completing about a blanket a week.

"I'm here (in Mount Kisco) 50 years. My children went through the Bedford School District and they want me to keep busy," Cherubini said. "They're very proud of my volunteering. It gives me a reason to get up and get dressed and get out."

She and her husband moved from White Plains to Mount Kisco in 1967, after they started a family, wanting their own house in an excellent school district.

Cherubini's still in the same house, not going anywhere and happy to interact with all of the people she's come to know over the years. She's proud to still be independent and works hard to be active and healthy. Volunteering is an important part of that prescription.

"My children are very encouraging to me to remain independent," Cherubini said. "They're there to guide me if it's necessary, but they're very proud of me that I remain independent."

For anyone interested in volunteering at Northern Westchester Hospital, contact Ellen Muentener at 914-666-1925 or e-mail emuentener@northwell.edu.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KA-BAET 3, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 5/25/17. Office location: Westchester County. Principal Office: 660 White Plains Road, Suite 460 Tarrytown, NY 10591. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Process Service address: **660 White Plains Road, Suite 460 Tarrytown, NY 10591. Purpose: Medical Management**

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Where to Turn for Pain Relief When All Else Fails

If you or someone you love suffers from chronic severe pain and nothing has brought relief, you need to know about a surgical procedure, spinal cord stimulation, that can significantly reduce or even eliminate pain. The procedure could change your life.

The Spinal Cord Highway: Where's the Pain-Free Exit?

The spinal cord is the highway for nerve impulses that connect your brain to your limbs and organs. Pain pathways travel in specific locations within the spinal cord. Based on knowledge that the spinal cord can, under certain conditions, turn off the pain signals, medical research has developed ways of influencing the transmission of pain impulses passing through it.

Since the first crude stimulator implant of the early 1970s, highly sophisticated computerized batteries have been developed that deliver individualized electrical impulses to the spinal cord. Today's stimulator implant, which is similar to a pacemaker, can eliminate or significantly reduce chronic pain unresponsive to other approaches.

Medication-Resistant Pain?

Typical candidates are in chronic pain due to a variety of reasons. There can be structural problems, such as a herniated disc, or patients may have undergone several spine surgeries. Most patients referred for spinal cord stimulation are

managed by a chronic pain specialist. Frequently they have tried a host of medicines, including narcotics, but over time, their pain has become increasingly resistant to medications. Many have undergone physical therapy treatments, weight reduction programs and a variety of alternative medicine treatments such as acupuncture.

Understandably these people are desperate. They have run out of options. As part of my consultation, I perform a psychological assessment, since people who are emotionally distraught or depressed because of pain can develop a psychosomatic condition of chronic pain, which responds best to psychiatric care.

Gearing Up for Pain Reduction

Step one is a trial typically performed by a pain management doctor, which establishes the correct place for the stimulator implant. Guided by x-ray, an electrode is placed in the spinal canal. The patient is brought into a state of light sedation in order to provide feedback as to placement. By continuously asking whether the tingling the patient feels as stimulation is increased matches the area of the pain, the doctor finds the sweet spot where the electrode must be placed.

Once the electrode is correctly placed, the patient is sent home to monitor its effect. If pain is reduced by 50 percent or more, the trial is a success and the patient

is now a candidate for permanent placement of a stimulator. I perform this second procedure, which takes about an hour and usually involves an overnight stay in the hospital.

Post-surgery, the stimulator is individually programmed, and over the course of several sessions, it is increasingly fine-tuned to provide the greatest pain reduction. I tell patients that they must look at themselves as a violin and remain tuned up.

Special safety measures are taken during the procedure to avoid damage to the spinal cord. An object is introduced into a relatively tight space and we need to be sure it is not impinging on the cord. In addition, extra steps are taken to reduce the chance of infection due to the insertion of a foreign object into the body.

The Results Are In

Patients have different responses, with most people enjoying pain relief. For some, the implant is a godsend, a miracle, eliminating virtually all pain. In others, pain is reduced by 50 percent. Others have good initial results, but grow resistant to the stimulator. It must be reprogrammed for greater precision or the patient goes on a stimulation "holiday" in which the implant is turned off for a time, then turned



By Dr. Alain C. J. de Lotbinière

back on, in the hope of renewed effectiveness. For a minority, the procedure is a failure.

The battery life in today's implants lasts for about 10 years.

I remember a patient in his 40s, who went to Las Vegas with his wife for a vacation. He was standing on line at a buffet when suddenly one of the trays with a burner to keep the food hot exploded, scalding his arm.

The man developed complex regional pain syndrome, which is an aberrant response to injury (most common in women) in which even after an injury resolves, pain radiates from the area to other parts of the body, all becoming so painful that these areas can't be touched. In this case, the man's entire arm remained so intensely painful, it couldn't be touched, and had to be kept covered to protect it from contact.

Nothing provided relief until the insertion of a spinal cord stimulator. Then the pain subsided and the patient regained use of his hand. He is now doing very well.

Dr. Alain C. J. de Lotbinière is medical director of the Cancer Treatment & Wellness Center and co-medical director of the Gamma Knife Center at Northern Westchester Hospital.

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Tuesday, June 20

Drop-in Tech Help. Drop in for help with any of your technology devices. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.org.

Italian Language and Culture. Mara De Matteo, born and raised in Italy and passionate about her native language, combines lively conversation with grammatical instruction in her classes. She creates interactive lessons on the richness of Italian culture, past and present, through real-life anecdotes, literature, personal memoirs, films and even photography. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Also June 27. Info: 914-273-3887.

Chappaqua Library Board of Trustees Meeting. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave, Chappaqua. 7:45 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779.

Wednesday, June 21

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.

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.

Mommy Meet-up. **Whether you just** gave birth to your first or fourth child, join us and enjoy time to meet and chat with other new moms in the Rompereer Indoor Playground. This is not a structured class, but rather an opportunity to hang out with your new baby. We also invite guest speakers to come and share their expertise

about various topics that interest parents of new babies. World Cup Schools, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 10:15 to 11 a.m. Free. Info: 914-238-9267.

Adult Coloring Club. It's a relaxing, analog stress-reducer that can give you a sense of accomplishment. Coloring also provides a creative outlet to people who may not be trained artists. The library provides colored pencils and intricate mandala patterns, just bring your creativity. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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.

Storytime. For children 18 months to five years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday and Thursday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.org.

Ice Cream Social & Summer Games. Kick off summer and the end of the school year with historic games and ice cream at the Greeley House. Make your own Victorian ice cream and play colonial and Victorian games. All ages. Horace Greeley House, 100 King St., Chappaqua. 12 to 2:30 p.m. Children: Free. Parents: \$5 suggested donation. Registration recommended; walk-ins welcome. Info and registration: Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/ice-cream-social-summer-games-tickets-34073394440.

Meditation Series: Midday Mind Break. Benefits of meditation include increasing focus and memory; increased

health; reduced stress, anxiety and pain; and increased productivity and happiness. Led by Alka Kaminer. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Also June 28. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.com.

Chair Yoga With Alka Kaminer. Experience greater flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and improved balance, strengthening and toning of muscles, better digestion, stress reduction, mental clarity, improved breathing, relaxation and an overall sense of well-being. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Also June 28. Info: 914-273-3887.

Tech Help. Tech help is available and will be provided by local high school students. Drop in with your tablet, smartphone or laptop. A librarian will also be available to assist with more technical questions. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 3 to 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Explorers Club. Read, discover and create! Explore a new theme each week incorporating literacy and a variety of hands-on activities (science, art and more). Recommended for children five to seven years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or 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.mountkisco.org.

Summer Solstice Latin Jazz Concert. Welcome summer with the Purchase College Latin Jazz Quintet. Have nibbles, light refreshments and a cash bar. For members, the first drink is on us! Bring your family and friends for a relaxing and fun night. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. RSVP recommended. Info: E-mail jessica.denaro@purchase.edu. RSVP: Visit www.jazzysummersolstice.eventbrite.com.

"Is Bannerman's Island Haunted?" Historian and guide Thom Johnson recounts the fascinating history of Bannerman's Island, with its castle-like structure looming in the Hudson River. Originally built to resemble a Scottish castle and to safely store military armament, learn the fascinating story of this mysterious island and its abandoned arsenal. Presented by The National Maritime Historical Society and the Chappaqua Public Library. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Program at 7 p.m. Suggested donation: \$5

to \$10. Info: 914-737-7878 or visit www.seahistory.org.

Art Series: Marisa Merz and ArtePovera. Turin-born Marisa Merzis is known for her incredibly dynamic sculptural work in the Arte Povera style. Arte Povera began in the 1960s as a radical artist; she was the only female to be accepted into the Arte Povera family. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Separation/Divorce Support Group. A new group for men and women separated, in the process of separating or post-divorce. Establishes a safe place where attendees can deal with the pain and loneliness brought about by the ending of a significant relationship. This nondenominational group will use the 12 Steps to focus on its members and the choices made to cope and adjust. Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 15 S. Bedford Rd., Mount Kisco. \$10. Every Wednesday. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Contact Ilene Amiel at 914-980-0898 or e-mail 12stepdivorcegroup@gmail.com or visit www.meetup.com/Mount-Kisco-12-step-Separation-Divorce-Support-Meetup.

"The Philadelphia Story." On the eve of Tracy Samantha Lord's (Katharine Hepburn) wedding to a wealthy but boring man, her ex-husband, C.K. Dexter Haven (Cary Grant), shows up. After a little blackmail, a lot of verbal jousting, a midnight swim and a healthy dose of Jimmy Stewart's charms, there's no telling who Tracy will end up with at the altar. From legendary director George Cukor, it is one of the all-time funniest Hollywood comedies. Presented in 35mm film. Followed by a reception featuring wines courtesy of Castello Banfi, Montalcino Tuscany. Part of the Retro Revival Series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$15. Non-members: \$20. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Thursday, June 22

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 Whippoorwill 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

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Pace Seeks Answers on How to Retain its Students

By Anna Young

More than 200 college and university employees gathered at Pace University last Friday for the first-ever retention conference to provide insight and solutions on how to support students as they work toward earning their degree.

With many institutions throughout the country addressing student success and the effects it has on first- and second-year retention rates, Pace provided several workshops and lectures throughout the day to help address the issue.

"It is our collective responsibility to make sure that all of the students that enter our institutions, whether they are two-year or four-year, have the tools to succeed both in college and outside of college once they graduate," said Sue Maxam, assistant vice president for student success. "We have an obligation to help our students succeed to the best of our abilities."

Uday Sukhatme, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, added that if a student drops out before graduation the university has likely failed.

"It is our moral duty to give every admitted student the best shot at success," he added. "We must use all available resources in as optimal a manner as possible in order to make sure students get the help they need when they most need it."

During the event, keynote speaker Scott Evenbeck, president of Guttman Community College in New York City,



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Left to right, Scott Evenbeck, Uday Sukhatme and Sue Maxam, three of the speakers at last Friday's conference at Pace University focusing on keeping college students in school.

explained the successful techniques and practices he has implemented since his college opened in 2012. With a mission to support student achievement in a dynamic, inclusive and intellectually engaging environment, Evenbeck explained that prior to enrollment, students are encouraged to visit months earlier for several informational sessions.

"I'm absolutely convinced that if all American colleges have students come for a session the winter before and then they come again for individual sessions

that we would see a 5 percent increase in retention," he said.

Students are also not allowed to enroll following the enrollment deadline.

Mount Kisco Child Care Center Introduces Kids to Recycling

By Ashlin Leen

The Mount Kisco Child Care Center has recycled a ton of stuff.

Well, almost a ton.

The center's recycling program, implemented in November 2015 by faculty member Richard Monetti, has nearly reached its goal of collecting 2,000 pounds of recyclables.

"I found out that every ton saves three metric tons of carbon from the atmosphere, and working here I'm always throwing stuff away like papers, toys and cardboard boxes, so I thought, well, let me start doing something," Monetti said.

He was inspired by a recycling program at Rippowam-Cisqua School in Bedford and decided to begin a similar initiative at the Mount Kisco Child Care Center on Radio Circle.

Students and faculty have embraced the idea. Every day during the afterschool program, a group of students collect the recyclables from boxes in each classroom and weigh them. This has quickly become a favorite activity for many of the children.

"I like the program because I love nature," said one eight-year-old at the center.

Teachers are encouraged to recycle by devising special incentives. The material for one project, a trophy made completely out of garbage, was found in the recycle bins. The classroom that collected the most recycling got the trophy.

Evenbeck added that the college doesn't help anyone if the deadline is ignored.

As a college with limited majors, students must enroll full-time during their first year and are required to take specific courses related to the city in order to combine new knowledge with their existing knowledge. Additionally, while no remedial classes are offered, extra time is scheduled for students to build their skills.

Evenbeck added that in order to keep students enrolled, the administration structured the school calendar providing year-round education to avoid an additional cost for summer and winter semesters.

Assessments are also conducted 10 times throughout the year to analyze the learning rubric, student achievement, student belonging and the value of the curriculum in order to provide a hands-on environment where students can succeed.

"When you put all these things together, you can move the dial and the students will succeed," Evenbeck said.

Treasure Trove



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

North Castle town officials and the Armonk Chamber of Commerce watch as Tasteful Treats & Treasures Gift Baskets owners Rose and Jennifer Colonna cut the ribbon after moving from their Banksville warehouse to a retail location at 144 Bedford Rd. in Armonk. Established in 2002, Tasteful Treats & Treasures create gift baskets for all occasions.



ASHLIN LEEN PHOTO

Mount Kisco Child Care Center faculty member Richard Monetti with some of the children at the center's afterschool program. In the past 19 months, the center's children and staff have recycled nearly one ton of materials.

Staff member Patty Black said the children have been extremely passionate about the program and take it very seriously.

"In the office, we all have recycling boxes under our desks," Black said. "These boys come in every night, and if I throw a piece of paper in the wrong garbage pail, they point it out to me. I'm very aware of what I'm doing now."

While the program has encouraged the children at the Mount Kisco Child Care Center to recycle, Monetti said he's optimistic that the program can influence others as well.

"I think there is more we can do, he said. "Hopefully, other businesses can realize that recycling is a painless way to do something environmental."

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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: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.org.

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.mountkisco.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.mountkisco.org.

Author Talk. Don Winslow, The New York Times bestselling author, discusses his new book "The Force," which is scheduled for release this week. The novel explores the greed and violence, inequality and race, crime and injustice, retribution and redemption that reveals the seemingly insurmountable tensions between the New York City Police Department and the diverse citizens it serves. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

"L.O.V.E.R." The world premiere of this play written and performed by television and soap star Lois Robbins. A delightfully comic and poignant riff of the foibles of love from a grown-up woman's point of view. The Schoolhouse Theater & Arts Center, 3 Owens Rd., Croton Falls. 8 p.m. \$38. Seniors: \$38. Also, June 23 and 24 at 8 p.m. and June 25 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-277-8477 or visit www.schoolhousetheater.org.

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Friday, June 23

Zumba. Low-impact Zumba with Amy. A great dance fitness workout for those who like to sweat, sizzle and tone while moving to the beat of exhilarating rhythms with a low impact/high intensity approach. A perfect class for those who need to protect vulnerable body parts such as knees, shoulders and back. Try a free trial class. Addie-tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. Drop-in rate: \$12. Every Friday. Also Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Info: Call or text the instructor at 914-643-6162.

Play Days at Jay. Pack a picnic and spend the afternoon at John Jay Homestead. Explore the six discovery centers and help volunteers collect eggs from the chicken coop. Education staff will lead a short hands-on activity. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 12 to 2 p.m. Free. Fridays through Oct. 27. Info: 914-232-8119 or visit www.johnjayhomestead.org.

Pride in Shabbat Event. A Kabbalat Pride Shabbat featuring LGBTQ speaker Alyx Bernstein, storyteller from Mosaic of Westchester and a congregation member. Several Beth El members will also march two days later at the 2017 Pride March in New York City. Beth El Synagogue Center, 1324 North Ave., New Rochelle. Cocktails at 6 p.m. Services at 7 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.bethelnr.org/pride.

School's Out Summer Movie: "Grease." Celebrate the start of summer vacation and enjoy dinner from a variety of food trucks. Bring a blanket and stay for a screening of this summer favorite on the front lawn. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. Lawn opens at 6 p.m. Screening at dusk. \$5 per car. Rain date: June 27. Info: Visit www.johnjayhomestead.org.

Poetry Reading. John Allman and James K. Zimmerman will read from their books of poetry as well as new works. Come and listen to great poetry and enjoy the ambiance. Refreshments will be served. The Village Bookstore, 10 Washington Ave., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-8322 or visit www.jameskzimmerman.net.

Friday Night Cinema: "The Whole Shebang." Fireworks won't be the only thing going boom this summer. Watch Stanley Tucci in this funny and poignant film about family fireworks, both literal and figurative, as the business struggles to survive and the family struggles to stay together. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

The Smithereens and Willie Nile Band. Best known for writing and playing catchy 1960s-influenced power pop that inspired countless alternative rockers,

The Smithereens gained popularity with the album "11." Their first album of new material in 12 years, "2011" and produced by Don Dixon, features 13 new tracks and finds the seminal New Jersey rockers picking up right where they left off: with irresistibly catchy hooks and rapturously fuzzed-out guitars. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$38, \$43 and \$48. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Almost Queen. The most authentic Queen show since the days of QUEEN themselves. A deliberate four-piece band, Almost Queen delivers a live show consisting of signature four-part harmonies and genuine costumes while recapturing the live energy that is the ultimate Queen experience. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 8 p.m. \$33 to \$44. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

Spotlight Theatre Presents "A Broadway Review." Spotlight Theatre Productions was started more than 20 years ago by its founders Pat Concilio and John T. Leonard. Headquartered in Putnam Valley, their mission is having an all-volunteer, nonprofit local community theater. Spotlight Theatre has produced about 40 Broadway musicals. This production is a montage of some of their showtunes and dances of the past two decades. Whipoorwill Hall, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 8 p.m. Adults: \$21. Children (under 12) and seniors: \$17. At the door: \$25. Also June 24 at 8 p.m. and June 25 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 845-526-3461 or visit www.stpny.com.

Saturday, June 24

Pleasantville Farmers Market. The largest year-round farmers market in Westchester and voted Best of Westchester in 2014, 2015 and 2016 by readers of Westchester Magazine. There are 56 vendors, many of whom you won't find anywhere else, and seven nearby parking lots located in the heart of downtown Pleasantville. This week, kids can join the Pleasantville Garden Club from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Gypsy Swing La Pompe Attack will perform from 10 a.m. to noon and Chef March Walker of Harper's will provide the chef's demonstration from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The market is a dog-free environment. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday through Nov. 18. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Chappaqua Farmers Market. 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.

Practice Tai Chi With Larry Atille. Learn specific feldenkrais and chi kung breathing techniques for deep relaxation and apply them to tai chi movement. This is a hands-on class that will be geared to the level of experience of the class and challenge all participants. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a floor mat or towel. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Meditation Workshop. Michael Cardillo will help you reach peace and a clear vision in meeting your life's goals. An AA member, he will share his knowledge and meditation techniques. Open to all. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to noon. Free. Every Saturday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.org.

Adult Salsa Class. Addie-Tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. Free. \$12. Every Saturday. Also Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Info: 917-215-1720 or visit www.addie-tude.com.

Teaching Trails: A Community Path for Environmental Education. Join guided trail experience through the woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own heat. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Also June 25. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Float Like a Butterfly. Join a naturalist on a short walk to the native plant meadow. Learn about the life cycle of a butterfly and discover the epic migration Monarch butterflies complete every year. If you're lucky a butterfly might even land on you. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Wolves of North America. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why this is a special time for packs in North America. Whether the wolves are living on the Arctic tundra or the high desert of the southwest, wolf families are out searching for prey as they prepare for the birth of this year's pups. Guests will visit ambassador Wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and the center's critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 2 p.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also June 25. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

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your pae to a pain-free life. Presented by Dominique Daly. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Saturday Night Jazz at Chappaqua Station: Erik Lawrence & Mala Waldron Quartet. With a hat tipped to New York's musical renaissance, Chappaqua Station welcomes local and international musicians to the historic train station. Think intimate lounge setting, warm bourbon glow, farm fresh cuisine and an inclusive spirit of Westchester's vibrant culture. Chappaqua Station, 1 Station Plaza, Chappaqua. First seating 7 to 8:30 p.m. for \$10 per person for table reservation. Second seating 9 to 10 p.m. for \$5 per person. First come, first served at bar with no cover charge. Tickets available through Eventbrite. Info: 914-861-8001 or visit www.chappaquastation.com.

Aimee Mann in Concert. With Mann's recently released album "Mental Illness," she returns to a more musically soft-spoken but still lyrically barbed approach as heard in the album's lead single, "Goose Snow Cone." The album shows off Mann's rich, incisive and wry melancholia in an almost all-acoustic format, with a "finger-picky" style inspired by some of her favorite '60s and '70s folk-rock records. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m.

\$38 to \$68. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicchall.org.

Sunday, June 25

Pack Chat for Kids. This is the best introduction to wolves for families with young children. Kids will learn about the mythology surrounding wolves and the important role of wolves in the natural world. This is an exciting time for wolves as they are searching for prey preparing for the birth of this year's pups. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 11 a.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

African American Heritage Festival. Music and dance, arts and crafts and food vendors. Bring blankets and folding chairs. Rain or shine. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx Parkway, Valhalla. 12 to 7 p.m. Free admission and parking. Info: 914-231-4033.

"The Lady With the Lapdog." Sklar, an acclaimed voice actor, narrator and natural storyteller, will read this Anton Chekhov story. If you haven't heard Sklar read live before or if you want to know more about this story, don't miss this program. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-

3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Family Teaching Garden Series: Spring Harvest. Families may also volunteer to help in the Giving Garden, where food is grown to be donated to those in need. Last of a seven-session series. Presented by InterGenerate. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 4 to 4:45 p.m. \$20 per family. Advance registration required. Info and registration: 914-232-8119 or visit www.johnjayhomestead.org.

Monday, June 26

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 Monday. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: Contact Tina Campbell at 914-441-1383 or e-mail tinacampbell@masternetworks.net or just drop in.

Sixth Annual Golf and Tennis Classic. Enjoy a great day of golf and tennis, fine dining, awards, entertainment and a fabulous auction at one of the most beautiful clubs in Westchester. The Music Conservatory of Westchester will also hold a star-studded awards ceremony in which it will honor Rock and Roll Hall of Famer

Darlene Love and Oscar nominee Chazz Palminteri and his wife, Gianna. It will also award a longtime member of our board of trustees, Laurence Keiser, for his leadership. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Conservatory's Music Therapy Institute. Brae Burn County Club, 39 Brae Burn Drive, Purchase. 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Info: 914-761-3900 or visit www.musicconservatory.org. Tickets: Visit www.mcwevents.org.

Young Explorers Story Time. Nature discovery for youngsters. Enjoy a nature-themed story and discover the wonders of nature while exploring fields, forests or landscaped grounds. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme weather conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. For children three to five years old; with a parent or caregiver. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$9 per child. Non-member: \$12 per child. Every Monday. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Belly Dancing. Learn this captivating Middle Eastern dance and enrich your cultural knowledge. Whether you want to dance professionally or just have fun and get in shape, this is the place to start. Josie's International School of Dance, 42 Memorial Plaza, Level B, Pleasantville. 7 p.m. \$20. Every Monday. Info: 914-332-8670 or visit www.josiedance.com.

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United States Bucking the Declining World Alcohol Consumption Trend



By Nick Antonaccio

We live in a world of constant change.

We live in a world of constant effort to validate the latest definition of the term "news."

We live in a world of tumultuous business plans and

evolving business paradigms.

And we live in a world of constant trendsetting.

This week I'd like to focus on the last point above. Not because I choose not to address the other shifting paradigms noted above, but because it is a topic I feel most comfortable

relating to the world of wine and spirits. Trendsetting is no less dynamic than any of the other above considerations, yet it is more reasonably quantifiable in my sphere of writing this wine-centric column.

So, herewith my topic this week.

There are sea changes evolving in the consumption of wine and spirits. Trends, patterns and demographics are constantly in a state of flux, but the last few years have identified a significant change in the drinking habits of the world and, in particular, the United States.

In my weekly research, I came across a

report by a wine and spirits research firm, IWSR, that tracks the sales of alcoholic beverages across world markets. In its recently released 2016 annual report, they found that the world is drinking less alcohol, and at an ever-increasing rate.

The global market for alcoholic drinks shrank by 1.3 percent, compared with an average decline of just 0.3 percent the previous five years.

Some of you may be surprised by this report. There is a growing perception that alcohol consumption – and its negative side effects – are on the rise. Likewise, a number of you may be disappointed: there is growing perception that alcohol consumption, specifically wine consumption, is on the rise for the medicinal benefits wine confers on our immune systems.

Let's drill down into the major categories analyzed: beer, spirits and wine.

Beer sales worldwide are down 1.8 percent, triple the rate of the last five years. Leading the decline is Russia, down nearly 8 percent. Beer continues to be the most popular alcoholic beverage, accounting for 75 percent of all alcohol sales worldwide.

Spirits sales are led by vodka, which declined by 4.3 percent. As with reduced beer sales, Russia led the pack with a startling 9.3 percent decline, yet it remains the largest market for vodka

sales. Overall, spirit sales were led by gains in gin, tequila and whisky, contributing to a slight increase in year over year worldwide sales.

Wine sales were basically flat, with a 0.1 percent decline worldwide. But when I drilled down, I found that sparkling wine sales increased by 1.8 percent, while all other wine sales (the dominant portion of the wine market) declined by 0.5 percent.

With these global statistics as a benchmark, let's measure the state of alcohol sales in the United States.

Overall alcohol sales fared much better than on the global front, with a statistically minor drop of 0.1 percent. Why did the United States market fare so much better than the global market? Let's drill down into the major categories again.

Beer sales were an anomaly. Overall, sales declined 1.5 percent. This was largely attributed to the top domestic brands, notably Bud Light. The imported beer segment increased by a whopping 6 percent, led by Mexico's Corona brands.

Spirits sales rose 2.6 percent. This strong presence in the United States market was attributable to the growing popularity of whisky (up 6.4 percent), be it blended or single, rye or corn mash. Vodka continues

its growth track, up by 2.3 percent, led by Tito's and New Amsterdam. But keep an eye on tequila's growth (7.4 percent) and Cognac's resurgence (18.8 percent growth).

Wine sales achieved their 22nd consecutive year of growth (1.7 percent). The most significant growth component was sparkling wines (7.2 percent); still wines increased by 1.1 percent. Wines priced at \$10 and up experienced sales growth of a whopping 7.2 percent.

The world's citizens are curbing their alcohol consumption, while Americans continue their post-recession irrational exuberance. Is this a sign of the economic

and political anomaly the United States is experiencing compared to many other countries? Only time will tell.

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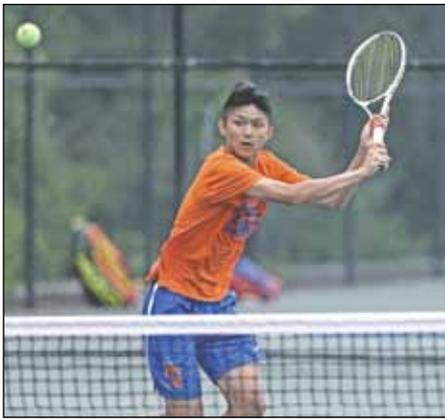
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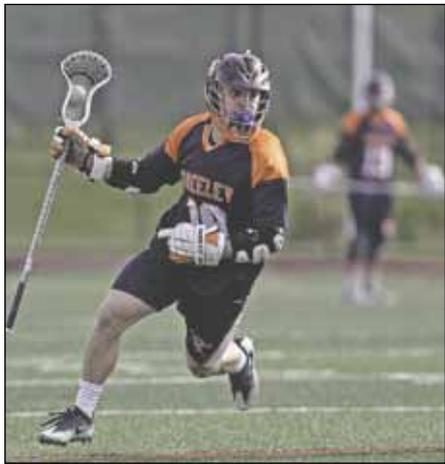
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James Wei hits a backhand volley during doubles play at the sectional championships. He and partner Dylan Glickman went on to win the state championship.



Matt Nagler controls the ball in Greeley's game at Fox Lane High School in mid May.



Sami Miller delivers a pitch to the plate for the Quakers in an April home game.



Danny Meringolo moves toward the cage for a shot in the Quakers' road game vs. Arlington that was decided in overtime.



Ryan Jendzejec is on his way to winning the 800 at the Westchester County Championships.



Quaker shortstop Ashley Rosenberg waits for the umpire's decision on a force play at second base vs. visiting Fox Lane.

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HORACE GREELEY Spring 2017 A Look Back



The Quakers' Kathryn Graham takes the ball up the field in a game against Arlington.



Claire Hotchkin competes in the 400 at the county championships at Harrison High School.



The Quakers' Luke Queiroz prepares to hit a backhand in his first-round singles match at the sectional championships.



Standout southpaw Brandon Neck fires a pitch during a Quaker home game early in the season.



The Quakers' James McGetrick scampers home with a run against visiting Fox Lane.



Julia Arrese tries to get to the goal during the Quakers' road game vs. Briarcliff.



Spencer Lowitz reaches for a forehand return during a doubles match at the league championships.

BRIARCLIFF Spring 2017 A Look Back



Sophia Gelard rounds the corner as she speeds toward the finish line in the 200.



The Bears' Jack Ryan delivers a pitch during his midseason no-hitter against Pleasantville.



Ryan Gallagher is on his way to winning the 3200 at the Westchester County Championships.



Nick Cebel heads toward the front of the cage during a Bears home game.



Teresa Marinaccio pitches the Bears to the championship in the annual Booster Club Tournament.



David Levitt concentrates on a forehand return during a home match at first singles.



The Bears' Julia Dalessandro moves the ball up the right sideline in a home game early in the season.



Zach Vincent (left) and Jack Reish do some celebrating after a Briarcliff goal in the Section One, Class C championship game.



Camron Fash searches for an open teammate as he runs with the ball behind the cage.



Jordan Ricciardi goes on the attack during a road game against Mahopac in early April.



Jackie Contento hits the ball to left field during the Bears' annual Booster Club Tournament.



Aleena Hussain hits a tee shot during a late-season golf match vs. Scarsdale at Metropolis Country Club.



Bears slugger Jake Hardy runs the bases in a victory over Dobbs Ferry at Dutchess Stadium.

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