



P'ville Faced With Reducing Scope of Memorial Space Civic Project

By Anna Young

Pleasantville officials weighed their options last week to reduce the scope of the Memorial Plaza civic space project after learning the plan is now overbudget at an estimated \$2.7 million.

Following a six-month schematic design process, landscape architect Jamie Maslyn Larson, of Wagner Hodgson Landscape Architecture, returned with a completed master plan cost projection to reconstruct the more than half-acre space at the west end of Memorial Plaza.

The village had planned to contribute \$750,000 to supplement a \$1.5 million state grant to cover the Memorial Plaza project and the Manville Road streetscape. Officials requested Larson provide an outline with alternatives for the civic space work costing \$1 million, \$1.5 million and \$2 million.

"My take on it (is) \$2.7 million is too

much and going back to \$2 million feels like we have to do it," said Mayor Peter Scherer. "These numbers are stratospherically high."

The current Memorial Plaza design calls for lawns, plazas, plantings, lighting and the construction of an ADA accessible ramp from the train station waiting area to the plaza and parking lot. The ramp requires reconstruction of a portion of the lot.

In an August e-mail to Village Administrator Eric Morrissey, Larson noted the most expensive items are exterior improvements, that include a plan divided into four sections for different uses. The design contains a multiuse plaza, a casual porch, a flexible lawn and a Bosque.

Paving, trees, plantings, curbs, seating and the relocation of the war memorials would also prove costly. She added that

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Mount Pleasant Town Board Approves Controversial Cell Tower

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Pleasant Town Board unanimously approved a 156-foot cell tower at the town's leaf composting facility on Pocantico River Road despite strong objections from several neighboring residents.

The wireless telecommunications facility will be built by the Danbury-based Homeland Towers company. The monopine tower, which is camouflaged to look like a pine tree, will support up to four levels of antenna mounts from different wireless companies, according to Homeland Towers representatives.

The tower will be 150 feet to the top of the antenna array with the branching accounting for another six feet. Ground equipment will be located at the base of the

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NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Mount Pleasant resident Marlene Van Hegan last week raised opposition to the 156-foot cell tower that will be located at the Pocantico leaf-composting facility on Pocantico River Road. The Town Board voted unanimously to approve the tower.

A Day for Book Lovers



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Large crowds of youngsters lined up last Saturday to speak with some of their favorite authors at the sixth annual Chappaqua Children's Book Festival. Nearly 100 authors and illustrators took the time to interact with their fans and sign books as part of the day. There were also many other activities for children and their parents on a glorious early fall afternoon. For more coverage, see page 17.

Ex-Greeley Teacher Violates Probation; Spending Weekends in Jail

By Anna Young

The former Horace Greeley High School drama teacher who pleaded guilty last year of sexually abusing his students has been spending weekends in the Westchester County Jail after he violated the terms of his probation.

Christopher Schraufnagel is being incarcerated for four weekends after New Castle Town Justice Douglas Kraus discovered that the popular former teacher had applied for and taken a job as a bartender at Tauk Kitchen + Bar in Armonk using his married name – Christopher Evers – which he never used before.

Schraufnagel obtained the job and worked in close proximity to alcohol while undergoing court-mandated



Christopher Schraufnagel

alcohol treatment, according to the court. He was later fired from the job once the restaurant's owner learned of his history.

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electrical expenses, including a special light pole, and construction costs contribute to the elevated price tag.

Morrissey said during last Monday's Village Board work session that the \$2 million design would keep the project largely intact but would alter the materials used and the aesthetics. He said Larson

suggested reducing the granite paving and scope of the south porch, changing the light poles to a standard model and eliminating the gas fire pit.

"I think it's important that if we're going to spend all this money that it actually looks nice, that the aesthetics has to be nice," Trustee Joseph Stargiotti said. "I don't feel I necessarily need granite, it can look pretty in concrete. I was never in love

with the gas fire pit anyway."

Morrissey said the \$1.5 million alternative would impact the project. Under that scenario, Larson suggested officials leave the war memorials, flag poles and bike shelter in the current locations and eliminate the scope of the south porch and the ADA ramp.

While the overall project area would be reduced from 29,000 to 20,000 square feet,

Morrissey affirmed the redesign would need a newly constructed ADA ramp.

The \$1 million alternative would change the project goals and conceptual approach so significantly that the civic space would require substantial rethinking.

"The \$2 million option feels like we made some sacrifices," Scherer said. "But it doesn't feel like we've cut into the flesh of the project."

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tower and will be enclosed within an 80-foot by 40-foot fenced area.

During a three-hour public hearing last Tuesday night, neighboring residents said the tower would be an eyesore that would reduce property values and pose potential health risks.

"We're going to live with this problem," said Marlene Van Hegan, whose property is about 400 feet from the site.

She called on town officials to consider an alternate location away from residences. The town should contact another company that would be willing to construct a cell tower on another site, Van Hegan said.

A petition was signed by 27 neighboring residents opposing the tower, said resident Leo Chang, whose two unimproved lots and house are located next to the composting facility. He said he already sees the mulching site once the leaves fall off

the trees and that the tower would degrade his family's quality of life.

Public safety won't be improved by the tower and with 5G service ready to be introduced, the tower is unnecessary, Chang said.

"What's the need?" he asked rhetorically.

Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said realtors and assessors have informed him that cell towers in neighborhoods do not affect home values. Furthermore, it isn't known when 5G, the next advancement in cellular communications, will be added to the area. If in the future the tower is not needed, Homeland Towers would take it down, he said.

Fulgenzi said the town-owned composting facility was the proper location to improve cell phone service in the area, particularly for first responders.

"We have to make sure our emergency personnel can communicate with

hospitals" and other facilities, he said.

Homeland Towers President Manny Vicente said the tower is "needed more than ever" because of the increased use and dependency on cell phones, even with the potential introduction of 5G in the area, he said.

Robert Gaudioso, an attorney representing Homeland Towers, said the tower would be well within Federal Communications Commission radio frequency emissions standards for cell towers. The tower would pose no health threats to residents, he said.

Resident Joel Kasin said a more appropriate location for the cell tower would be at the site of a pump station on Route 9A, away from homes.

However, "dead spots" in cell phone coverage in the area of town near the composting facility makes that location most desirable, Fulgenzi responded.

Mount Pleasant Police Chief Paul Oliva said after he examined the proposal he concluded the tower will improve communication for police and emergency medical services.

Councilwoman Laurie Smalley said the cell tower would also provide needed cell phone coverage for students in dormitories on the campus of Pace University. Without cell service in their rooms, they are often unable to communicate with emergency responders, she said.

Resident Sheldon Marcus leveled sharp criticism at the Town Board for its review of the project. Telling board members that they favored the tower before last week's hearing, Marcus called the hearing "a sham."

The board did not respond to Marcus's comment.



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Today, the pressures on young people are intense. Getting into college is more stressful. Social media ramps up the stress. Everyone's projecting their best self on the Internet, creating an unrealistic standard to live up to. In many teens, that badly damages self-esteem.

Q: What signs should I look for?

A: Look for changes. Has your child has been texting you every few days, then for a week... silence? Do they sound less open? Have they gained or lost a lot of weight? Stopped grooming themselves? After doing well initially, are they failing classes?

Q: What can I do to help?

A: Your relationship with your child in college will echo the one you had with them in high school. So work on that before your kid goes away. Have frank chats about your worries, even if you're doing all the talking.

Establish an understanding before they leave home. For example, agree to text every three or four days. Once they're at school, it helps to communicate with their friends, but never behind your child's back. That erodes trust – and trust is vital as you monitor how they're doing. Your gut tells you something's wrong? Be transparent with your child. Say, "You don't sound like yourself. What's going on?" If they insist they're fine and tell you not to visit, assert yourself as the parent: "I'm sorry. I'm paying for this. I'm coming up."

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Harckham, Women's Rights Advocates Press for Reproductive Health Act

By Martin Wilbur

Supporters of the proposed Reproductive Health Act 40th gathered in Chappaqua last Friday with Senate District candidate Peter Harckham urging the importance of swinging the Senate to the Democrats to pass the legislation.

Harckham was joined by Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul and other Democratic women officeholders at the Chappaqua train station the day after dramatic Senate Judiciary Committee testimony from U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford, one of the women who accused him of sexual assault.

Harckham said passage of the Reproductive Health Act in New York is essential because it would codify Roe v. Wade in the event the landmark 1973 decision is overturned by the Supreme Court or portions of the ruling are weakened. Although New York State legalized abortion in 1970, it remains in the penal code instead of the health code, which could make it easier to curtail or deny abortions, he said.

The Democratic-controlled Assembly has approved the legislation multiple times but Senate Republican leaders have repeatedly thwarted it from reaching the floor for a vote, giving cover to their legislators, including 40th state Senate District incumbent Terrence Murphy, Harckham's opponent next month,



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

State Senate hopeful Peter Harckham stands with Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul and Democratic women elected officials and other advocates of the Reproductive Health Act.

supporters argued.

The Murphy-Harckham matchup is seen as a key race in the Democrats' quest to wrest control of the Senate.

"If it's not this Judge Kavanaugh it will be the next Judge Kavanaugh," Harckham said. "Who is to protect our daughters, our wives, our sisters, our partners? Will it be Sen. Terrence Murphy? I don't think so."

Hochul pledged that if the Democrats win the majority in the state Senate they would pass the Reproductive Health Act in the first 30 days of 2019. Other legislation, including passage of the Child Victims Act, would follow, she said.

"We have strongly believed for a long time that we need to protect the women of this state against the whims of Washington because we have said for years, you never know when the Supreme Court flips, Congress flips, when the presidency flips," Hochul said. "Ladies and gentlemen, they have all flipped and they have flipped on their heads. It's a very topsy-turvy time right now, an unsettling time. It's a very somber time if you're a woman in this country."

In addition to abortion rights, contraception rights could also be in jeopardy of being hollowed out, said Catherine Lederer-Plaskett, president and chair of the Westchester Coalition for Legal Abortion.

She said that the legislation approved in 1970 during Republican Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's administration and with both houses of the legislature controlled by the GOP, has not been updated to reflect changing times.

"We have not moved women's health into the 21st century and we must do that," Lederer-Plaskett said. "The only way we can do that is by making the majority of

the Senate a Democratic majority. We are working hard to do that but without every single person out there voting to make the Senate majority Democrat, we will not get the Reproductive Health Act."

After reaching out to Murphy last week, his campaign released a prepared statement calling Harckham's press conference "a desperate attempt by my opponent to distract voters from the facts."

Murphy's statement pointed to his sponsorship of the women's equality agenda, the state's new sexual harassment law and new legislation to protect victims of rape and domestic violence as evidence that he has supported issues important to women.

"It's easy to score a headline, but it is harder to actually deliver, and for (the) past four years I'm proud of all I have done for the people of the 40th Senate District," Murphy's statement read.

New Castle Councilwoman Ivy Pool said last week's events in Washington makes the races for state legislature this year, including the Harckham-Murphy battle, critical battles.

"It's been a stunning reminder that women's equality is not inevitable and that we need elected officials at every level of government who see us, who hear us and who believe us when we tell stories of our own kind of experience," Pool said.

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At a Sept. 4 probation hearing, Judge Kraus ordered Schraufnagel to spend four consecutive weekends at Westchester County Jail in Valhalla starting Friday, Sept. 14. He reports to jail on each Friday and is released late Sunday.

David Engelsheer, the attorney for four of the plaintiffs in a civil suit against Schraufnagel, said the former teacher disregarding the terms of his probation once again shows his contempt for authority.

"This character flaw should have been

evident to the (Chappaqua) administration and school board and should have alerted them to his pedophilia," Engelsheer said. "Had they been paying attention these children would not have been seriously and permanently injured."

In June 2015, following allegations of improper contact with several of his students, Schraufnagel was suspended with pay until he resigned his teaching post after 12 years on the job. The popular drama teacher was arrested in October, 2015 and charged with a third-degree criminal sex act, a felony, and six

misdemeanor charges.

The following month he pleaded guilty to endangering the welfare of a child and sexual abuse, both misdemeanor charges. Schraufnagel admitted to abusing three of his 15-year-old students at Greeley between 2011 and 2015.

Last year he was sentenced to three years' probation and mandated to register as a Level 3 sex offender.

Seven students and their families have also filed a civil lawsuit against Schraufnagel and the Chappaqua School District, describing how students were subjected to his sexual, verbal and physical abuse and harassment while on school grounds. He also provided illegal drugs and alcohol to students, the suit alleges.

With Schraufnagel in jail for the first time since his arrest, community members buzzed about his violation on social media. Some shared their unease over the former New Jersey resident, who is now living in a Valhalla homeless shelter, and him seeking employment so close to where his offenses occurred. Others felt his probation should have been converted into a prison sentence.

Kraus didn't want to alter the probation schedule yet for Schraufnagel, who is supervised by his probation officer, according to the New Castle justice court. If he commits another violation,

his probation can be converted into a jail sentence.

Sandy Sjogren was one of many Chappaqua school district parents who complained to Tauk's owner in June after learning about Schraufnagel's employment at the restaurant. Sjogren said owner Francis Leone was shocked after she explained Schraufnagel's criminal history and he was later fired. She then contacted his probation officer after learning he provided his married name to obtain the job.

"We all felt like he was taunting us by working there so close to where his victims lived (and) with the high likelihood that someone would bump into him," Sjogren said. "I think his plea bargain should have become null and void and he should be doing more jail time. He is a danger to society."

Chappaqua school officials have been at the center of controversy over the scandal. Nearly two dozen anonymous fliers circulated in downtown New Castle last month criticizing the school district for allegedly trying to invalidate claims that Schraufnagel sexually abused students.

School officials have yet to make a statement regarding the fliers and the ongoing lawsuits the district is facing.

Famous Dance Photographer to Launch New Book in Chappaqua Oct. 14

Scattered Books, in conjunction with Friends of the ChappPAC, the Chappaqua Arts & Culture Committee and Artistry Dance Project, will be hosting a live presentation by famed dance photographer and social media legend Jordan Matter while launching his new book, "Born to Dance."

The event will take place at the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. All tickets come with a seat to the live presentation plus a signed book and a selfie/photo with Matters. VIP ticketholders will enjoy a

private meet and greet prior to the presentation at 4:30 p.m. as well as front row seating.

Dancers attending the event can enter their name into a lottery to go on stage with Matter for photos following the presentation. Anyone who isn't able to get tickets can come to the venue and still get a signed book beginning at 5:45 p.m. or order a signed book, which can be mailed, from Scattered Books at info@scatteredbooks.com.

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Local Expert Gives Tips on What to Do When Confronting Bears

By Neal Rentz

Westchester residents have grown accustomed to sharing the local habitat with a variety of wildlife, including deer, foxes and coyotes.

Recently, there have been frequent reported bear sightings to local authorities, a trend that one expert said residents should expect to continue.

Budd Veverka, director of land management for the Mianus River Gorge, a nonprofit nature preserve and conservation organization in Bedford, spoke at New Castle Town Hall for a Sept. 24 forum to help local residents keep themselves and their families safe.

Of the three types of North American bear – brown, black and polar – the Hudson Valley is home to the black bear, the smallest of the three species, Veverka noted. The bears have been native to western Massachusetts. Typically bears in western New York State don't cross the Hudson.

"We are on the edge of bear country," he said.

On average, adult male black bears grow to 300 pounds, while mature females are generally about 180 pounds, he said. Both can run as fast as 30 miles per hour, he noted.

Veverka said the bear population in this region has been on the rise, making the likelihood of continued sightings high.

"The bear population is expanding due to good reproduction and low mortality, particular where hunting and lack of food are not factors," Veverka said. "Bears prefer contiguous forested habitat, and have been found to avoid high population urban and suburban areas, but as the population expands in to suitable areas of northern Westchester and Putnam counties, transient and young male bears will be seen in populated areas more often."

Though bears can be frightening to anyone who sees or encounter them, Veverka said they are usually solitary animals that spend most of their time searching for food. As a result, outdoor birdfeeders should be brought inside, particularly in areas that have attracted bears, he said. Outdoor grills should be kept clean and stored inside whenever possible.

If a person is walking in the woods and spots a bear close by they should back away and let them pass, Veverka said. He stressed that people should never attempt to run from bears because



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Budd Veverka, director of land management for the Mianus River Gorge, discussed the large number of recent bear sightings in the area and what the public can do to protect themselves from black bears during a Sept. 24 discussion at New Castle Town Hall.

of their speed, but stand up tall.

"Yell at them," Veverka said. "They're going to walk away."

If a bear is spotted in the backyard, Veverka suggested banging together two metal garbage can covers.

"They don't want to be confronted," he said.

This year, black bears have been repeatedly spotted locally. In New Castle during the past month, there have been at least a half dozen postings on the police department's Nixle alert of bear sightings, the most recent on Saturday in the vicinity of Croton Dam Road and Pinesbridge Road. There have also been sightings from Mount Kisco to Pawling, North Castle and Pound Ridge.

"They love to swim and they love to spend time in water," Veverka said.

Black bears hibernate for four months every winter, Veverka said. However, even in hibernation they are very aware of when humans are nearby, he said. They are also omnivores.

"They pretty much eat everything," he said.

For more information about black bears and what can be done to protect property and one's safe, visit the state Department of Conservation's website at www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6960.html.

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No. Castle Opens Scoping Session for MBIA Site Rededevlopment

By Martin Wilbur

The North Castle Town Board opened the scoping session last Wednesday for the redevelopment proposal of the MBIA property in Armonk as officials and the developer's representatives reviewed the issues that must be studied.

Airport Campus, the partnership which owns the 38-acre parcel at 113 King St., hopes to build a multifamily building containing 151 one- and two-bedroom rental units, 22 townhouses and a 125-room hotel at the site. This summer, the Town Board had issued a positive declaration triggering a more robust environmental review under the state Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and declared itself lead agency in overseeing the project's review.

Aaron Werner, the technical director for AKRF, one of the applicant's professionals, went over the list of potential environmental impacts that will be part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The areas

of study include land use, zoning and public policy; soils and topography; stormwater management; vegetation and wildlife; historic and cultural resources; visual resources and community character; facilities such as parks, schools and emergency responders; infrastructure and facilities; air quality; noise; and construction.

Werner said there will also be three required summary chapters in the DEIS.

While town officials didn't go into much depth last week, board members quickly touched on some of their initial key concerns, including the potential height of the multifamily structure, impact on the local police and volunteer fire department and how this proposal could affect the town in conjunction with other projects being considered in Armonk.

Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto said with all the proposed development in and around the hamlet she was worried about overburdening the

volunteer fire department, which could force the town to consider paid firefighters.

"We have another large project, IBM, we have some smaller projects, but these are definitely going to impact our police department and our volunteer fire department," DiGiacinto said.

Mark Miller, an attorney for Airport Campus, assured the board that issue will be thoroughly addressed.

"I guarantee we will be reaching out to police, fire, ambulance, sitting down with them, going through our project with them both from a population standpoint and a programmatic standpoint and getting input from them on what they perceive as issues that we will need to address," Miller said.

The only resident who spoke during the scoping session was Armonk resident Richard Steuer, who urged the board to make sure that development does not change the town.

With all the proposals coming before the board, North Castle is under pressure and there are questions about how this application, the IBM plan and others will affect downtown parking and the town's character, he said.

"This isn't Scarsdale, it's not Yonkers and it's not the Bronx and we're just concerned that that's not what it becomes," Steuer said.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro said the board understands the delicate balance in trying to maintain the town's best qualities with attracting new development, which generates fresh sources of revenue.

Officials recently finished spending two to three years updating the town's Comprehensive Plan and the message was clear that many residents didn't want to much to change, he said. However, services need to be maintained and taxes must be kept reasonable.

One of the key issues addressed in the Comprehensive Plan was what to do with the town's corporate campuses, said Director of Planning Adam Kaufman. Communities across Westchester and the region have been grappling with that issue and transforming those properties into multiuse sites.

"This type of development is consistent with what we've adopted in our Comprehensive Plan," Kaufman said.

The board decided to keep open the public scoping session to allow verbal comments to continue at the Oct. 10 meeting. The board also accepted a request from representatives of the nearby Swiss Re site asking that the written comment period be kept open until Friday, Oct. 26.



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Officials Weigh New Footbridges at Armonk's Wampus Brook Park

By Martin Wilbur

North Castle officials appear ready to move ahead with the replacement of the two footbridges at Armonk's Wampus Brook Park although there is no estimate cost for the work.

The Town Board last week approved the expenditure of more than \$48,000 for engineering services related to replacing the pedestrian bridges, which go over a stream on the side of the park closest to the Hergenhan Recreation Center. The resolution will pay Kellard Sessions Consulting \$21,700 for civil engineering services and Grossfield Macri \$26,800 for structural engineering services.

Although there are currently no estimates for how much the footbridges may cost, Supervisor Michael Schiliro said he wanted to make sure that the board wanted to go through with the commitment.

"We're just spending a lot of money before we're making the bridges," Schiliro said. "I'm not saying we shouldn't spend it. These numbers jump out at you and they're footbridges."

Matt Trainor, superintendent of Recreation & Parks, said the spans have deteriorated to the point where replacement rather than repair is needed. The issue is what type of materials and design should be used, similar to a decision the board needed to make when it committed to building the new gazebo at the park.

"Do you want to get a simpler bridge that you can buy that might be standard size that you can sort of drop in, or do you want to get into the original design and all of that?" Trainor said. "So that's certainly up for discussion."

One of the two wood bridges was donated to the town by the Armonk Lions Club decades ago.

Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto said whatever the town chooses to do it will cost more because there are environmental constraints imposed by the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) as a result of the bridges being located in a state wetlands.

"This water eventually ends up in the Long Island Sound...we don't think of this as a waterway," DiGiacinto said. "We think of this as our cute little pond, but it's a very important body of water."

Since the town doesn't even have a rough estimate of how much the new bridges will cost, it is important for officials to have alternatives presented to them, Schiliro said.

It was not mentioned when the engineering services are expected to be completed.

Town Hires Help for Budget

The board agreed last week to retain a familiar face to help the town through its development and deliberations of the 2019 budget and in personnel management decisions.



One of the two bridges at Wampus Brook Park in Armonk that needs to be replaced.

Dawn Donovan, a former comptroller and director of finance for the town, will work on an hourly basis to assist the board, Schiliro said. She will be paid \$100 an hour.

"So she's going to help us with that and many people in the town knew her, remember her and certainly the department heads that were here then know Dawn," he said. "She's very capable and professional."

Donovan worked for North Castle starting in 2010 before leaving to take the comptroller's position in Eastchester three years later, he said. She still works for that municipality.

The move was made necessary following last month's decision by the board to let former town administrator Joan Goldberg leave upon the expiration of her contract last week. During her six years as administrator, Goldberg, a former Yorktown comptroller, took the lead regarding budget matters.

Schiliro said that the town plans on appointing an interim administrator within the next four to eight weeks before searching for someone to fill the post permanently. North Castle has also been without a personnel manager since March.



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P'ville School District Joins Coalition to Fight IRS Tax Regulations

By Anna Young

The Pleasantville School District has joined a coalition of Westchester municipalities gearing up to challenge proposed regulations created by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that would prevent residents from paying their local taxes as charitable donations.

The Board of Education passed a resolution last Tuesday to support

confronting the IRS on the regulations that severely limits taxpayers to make what would be charitable contributions to their local governments or schools.

The new federal tax code signed into law last year by President Donald Trump put a \$10,000 cap on state and local tax deductions. State lawmakers passed legislation in March that was designed to help residents who were disadvantaged

by the new federal tax law. This allowed municipalities and school districts to set up charitable reserve gift funds to which taxpayers would contribute instead of paying their property taxes.

In return, they would receive tax deductible credits equal to 95 percent of their donations.

But the IRS issued proposed regulations in August that would severely restrict homeowners from taking advantage of the deduction. Under the proposed regulations, a taxpayer who makes payments or transfers property to an entity eligible to receive tax deductible contributions must reduce their charitable deduction by the amount of any state or local tax credit the taxpayer receives or expects to receive.

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale) is currently spearheading the alliance by working with the law firm of Baker McKenzie to file public comment with the IRS and possibly a federal lawsuit if the proposed regulations become final. The board unanimously agreed to financially support Paulin's effort and authorized the expenditure of \$1,000 to the Chicago-based law firm.

"What we're trying to do here with this resolution is to say that we don't agree with the regulations and we want to formally comment on this and we're going to donate legal fees to the law firm

who will be spearheading this," Board President Angela Vella said. "If we don't try to challenge these regulations we might not be allowed to and it's worth it to make sure that we have the option."

Officials emphasized that the proposed regulations provide insufficient clarity as well as unfair distinctions. They believe it's necessary to demand changes to the regulations to provide additional clarity for school taxpayers and to explain and remove any arbitrary distinctions that would effectively and unfairly disadvantage Pleasantville property owners.

Neighboring municipalities, including North Salem, New Castle and Bedford, have also joined the coalition. Pleasantville is the first school district in Westchester to sign up.

"The important point to make here is that we have a fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of this community and the taxpayers of this community to investigate as much as we can the ability for them to save money like other states are doing," Trustee Larry Boes said. "Regardless of what position you may have on the topic itself is irrelevant, because it's really our fiduciary responsibility to try and save you money."

U.S. Air Force Quintet in Free Oct. 13 Concert at ChappPAC

The United States Air Force Heritage Winds woodwind quintet will perform a free concert at the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center in Chappaqua on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. Heritage Winds is the woodwind quintet component of the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band. As professional airman-musicians, its members are dedicated to using the power of music to honor veterans, inspire patriotism, communicate the Air Force story and recruit those who are interested in serving our nation.

The quintet offers innovative programming that covers a wide array of musical styles. The ensemble embraces the full range of the quintet repertoire while also exploring various instrument combinations. The creative use of ensemble and instrumentation, combined with new arrangements and compositions, ensures that Heritage Winds provides audiences with a unique concert experience.

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Mount Pleasant Approves Vape Shop Restrictions

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Pleasant Town Board voted unanimously last week to place restrictions on the locations vape shops can open and operate.

Under the law, a new vape shop must receive a special use permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals and must be renewed every three years. The town's two existing vape shops are not subject to the new measure.

New shops will only be permitted in the Office Business and General Commercial zones.

The legislation defines vape shops as a retail outlet with at least 25 percent

of its retail space devoted to selling or distributing electronic cigarette or vapor products, including electronic cigarettes, vape pens, dissolvable and vaporizing liquids, oils or gels, mods, atomizers and coilheads and vape tanks.

Vape shops are prohibited within 500 feet of the lot line of any park, playground, library or religious institution and within 2,000 feet of any school's lot line. No more than one vape shop will be permitted on any lot or within 1,000 feet of another vape shop.

The law's goal is to protect minors, said Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi.

"(It has) become a very serious

situation not only here but around the country," Fulgenzi said.

Within the past year, the Village of Pleasantville and the Town of New Castle have adopted laws regulating vape shops. During the summer the county also passed a legislation raising the age for purchase of nicotine and vaping products.

"It's a health and safety issue," said Councilwoman Laurie Smalley.

During last week's public hearing, Maureen Kenny, director of the American Lung Association of the Northeast's POWR Against Tobacco program, said she supported the vape

shop legislation and hoped the Town Board would consider more tightly regulating the sale of all tobacco products. The legislation does not include all "tobacco specific stores," Kenny said.

Tobacco use among youth has been on the rise because more youngsters are using electronic cigarettes, she said.

Fulgenzi said officials would welcome that, adding the Town Board could amend the vape shop legislation to include stores that sell tobacco.

Northern Westchester Hospital to Hold Teddy Bear Clinic, Health Fair Oct. 13

Doctors and nurses from Northern Westchester Hospital will offer teddy bears and stuffed animals free medical checkups and demonstrate applying casts, sutures, x-rays and fixing boo boos at a free Teddy Bear Clinic and Health Fair on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. The last tour departs at 11:15 a.m. and bilingual tour guides will be available to provide tours in Spanish.

The program is designed to help lessen the fear that children may face when they have to be taken to a hospital or physician. Kids, parents and Teddy Bears – dolls are welcome as well – will enjoy games and healthy snacks; learn about hand hygiene and avoiding germs; receive

tips on nutrition and exercise; take ambulance tours; get tips from local police; hear health and safety lessons; get a daVinci Robot demonstration; and participate in activity crafts sponsored by the Junior League of Northern Westchester.

All children and Teddy Bears must be accompanied by an adult. The event is free but registration is required. Northern Westchester Hospital is located at 400 E. Main St. in Mount Kisco. Park and proceed to the north entrance.

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Police Blotter

County Police/Mount Kisco

Sept. 24: Report of a parked car damaged by a hit-and-run driver in a South Bedford Road parking lot at 12:39 p.m. A witness took down the license plate number of the vehicle that left the scene. An investigation is continuing.

Sept. 24: Police responded to an alley off East Main Street at 1:14 p.m. on a report that a man was sleeping there. The man, who was not ill or in need of medical assistance, was advised that he had to leave the property. He left voluntarily.

Sept. 24: A Grove Street resident reported at 4:33 p.m. that his landlord used a set of keys to enter his apartment while he was home without any notification or permission.

Sept. 25: A Grove Street resident reported at 9:14 a.m. that someone broke the rear passenger window of his car while it was parked on the street overnight. There was no entry into the car and nothing was taken.

Sept. 25: Police responded to an East Main Street bank after employees reported at 1:36 p.m. an irate customer was causing a disturbance. The customer finished his business and left the bank after an officer's arrival.

Sept. 25: An officer on patrol observed

a flooding condition on Radio Circle at 3:37 p.m. The Mount Kisco Highway Department was notified.

Sept. 25: Police responded to the Boys & Girls Club on East Main Street at 6:38 p.m. on an activated fire alarm. It was determined that an odor of burnt popcorn had set off the alarm.

Sept. 26: Report of an elderly, disoriented woman walking on Barker Street in her bathrobe at 12:09 p.m. Neighbors detained the woman, called police and remained with her until officers arrived. The woman was taken to Northern Westchester Hospital for evaluation.

Sept. 27: Police responded to Beverly Road at 9:31 p.m. on a report that a man was passed out behind the wheel of a car. The subject was awakened by officers and he reported that he was suffering from a severe headache that had made it impossible for him to continue driving. He was taken to Northern Westchester Hospital.

North Castle Police Department

Sept. 21: A male employee at Mariachi Mexico on Main Street reported an unruly party yelling at the chef at 8:20 p.m. The responding officers reported that the matter was adjusted.

Sept. 24: A Rock Cliff Place resident stated at 9:31 a.m. that she is having a table delivered via truck to her residence and she is expecting a dispute with her neighbor. The complainant has had prior incidents with her neighbor and would like an officer to respond. The responding officer reported that the table

was delivered without incident.

Sept. 25: An officer on patrol arrived at Whippoorwill Crossing at 9:59 p.m. with a Con Edison employee and stated that a utility pole was on fire. 60 Control was notified and responding. The fire was extinguished and Con Edison has shut down power to the location.

Obituaries

Doris Schellhas

Doris W. Schellhas of Tarrytown, Pleasantville and Valhalla passed away Sept. 29.

She was 93.

The daughter of Alfred and Ethel Wood, Schellhas was a graduate of Alexander Hamilton High School. She married the love of her life, Herbert Schellhas, on Apr. 19, 1958, in Tarrytown. Before having children, Schellhas worked for the Sonotone Company in Elmsford and later resumed her career working for the Presbytery of Hudson River until she retired in 2008.

Her greatest joy was her family. Always a lady, she will be remembered for her sweet smile and pleasant nature.

She is survived by her children, Linda Mahony (Robert Dutra), William Schellhas (Nancy Carlson Schellhas)

and Debra Sanchez (Wilfredo Sanchez). She also leaves behind her loving grandchildren, William Mahony (Brittany Morgan), Kevin Mahony, Robert Schellhas, Alexander Sanchez and step-granddaughter Sheena Sanchez Cruz. Her sister, Marion Wheeler, predeceased her.

The family received friends at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville on Oct. 1. The funeral service was scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 2 at noon at Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, located at 400 Bedford Rd., followed by interment at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Presbyterian Church of Pleasantville, Smile Train or the charity of your choice.

George Piccorelli Jr.

George "Georgie" D. Piccorelli Jr. of Katonah passed away on Sept. 26 at Westchester Medical Center. He was 39.

Piccorelli was born on Sept. 26, 1979, in Mount Kisco. He is survived by his parents, Dr. George and Kathy Piccorelli; his brother, Matthew; his daughter, Angeleghna, and her mother, Jennie Rigano; and by a large family who loved him dearly.

The family received friends on Sept. 30 at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Oct. 1 at Holy Innocents Roman Catholic Church in Pleasantville. George was laid to rest in All Souls Cemetery surrounded by his family.

Pleasantville Man Must Register as Sex Offender for Spying on Nanny

A Pleasantville man was sentenced Tuesday to having to register as a sex offender for placing a hidden camera in a bathroom inside his home to spy on his family's teenage nanny.

Daniel Switzen, 45, a former CNBC director, was also given five years sex offender probation by County Court Judge Susan Cacace, according to the Westchester County District Attorney's office.

The father of two children hid a camera



Daniel Switzen

inside a tissue box, which was discovered by the victim, law enforcement authorities stated. Switzen admitted to placing the camera in the bathroom to capture the victim and her friends on video.

He was arrested in November 2017 for unlawful surveillance and pleaded guilty in May.

A Sex Offender Registration Act hearing is scheduled for Nov. 13.

—Martin Wilbur

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Gubernatorial Candidate Banks on Public's Desire for Hope and Change

By Martin Wilbur

Larry Sharpe senses the discontent in the state's electorate. Fed up with high taxes, public education that fails too many students or is prohibitively expensive and a state government with little transparency, he believes he can tap into that disillusionment by offering fresh solutions to recurring problems facing New Yorkers.

Sharpe, 50, an ex-Marine, businessman and executive coach, is the libertarian candidate for governor in this year's election. While third-party candidates are often dismissed by large swaths of the electorate, he said he has at least one major attribute over two-term incumbent Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Republican Marc Molinaro.

"I have actual answers for problems. If you look at the Democrat right now, Cuomo, his entire campaign is, I hate Trump, we have big gun laws," Sharpe said. "That's his entire campaign. I hate Trump, we have big gun laws. Nothing else. None of those things helps the average New Yorker, none of these things helps the average New Yorker to get a better job, come back from North Carolina, retire easier. None of those things.

"The Republican, his entire campaign is Cuomo's corrupt," he continued. "Everyone knows Cuomo's corrupt. It doesn't change anything because he has no answers."

Last Tuesday, Sharpe sat down with a small group of likely voters at the Mount Kisco Coach Diner to detail parts of

his plan.

Key points include elimination of the state income tax in four years by cutting waste, slashing regulations and raising new sources of revenue; overhauling the education system by significantly reducing the number of administrators and allowing schools and districts to set their own curriculum; making sweeping changes to the MTA; and reforming the family courts.

The plan to restore New York is centered around the elimination of the income tax, which Sharpe acknowledged would take a large assortment of moving parts working in synch to achieve.

Revamping the MTA by instituting greater oversight over costs, including creating a Scope Control Board that will supervise the Capital Program Oversight Committee, is essential. He would redirect funds from the MTA's 32 scheduled station renovations to making stations ADA compliant and repaying the \$1.6 billion Cuomo's administration borrowed.

Sharpe also wants to sell naming rights to 16 metropolitan area bridges and tunnels, each for about \$30 million a year. He said major corporations would sign up because their names would be broadcast repeatedly on traffic reports.

"That's better than Super Bowl numbers when you add up all the companies," Sharpe said.

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Libertarian Party nominee Larry Sharpe, left, talks to potential voters last week at the Mount Kisco Coach Diner about his plans to reshape and reinvigorate New York.

businesses with fewer than 50 employees would be enhanced by cutting regulations. He advocates for getting government out of determining minimum wage, eliminating the New York Compensation Rating Board, which allows compensation for work and nonwork-related injuries, and relieving businesses of taxes for two years for hiring ex-convicts.

A key piece of his plan is on renegotiating pension deals with unions, which is breaking the pockets of the state's taxpayers, he said.

Legalizing cannabis and hemp would also provide fresh revenue sources, Sharpe said.

Two attendees at Sharpe's luncheon said

they are receptive to his candidacy. Brian Pang of Pleasantville, said he is attracted to candidates with business acumen. Voters are mistaken if they think that they are throwing away their vote.

"I try to convince them if you want anything to change, then vote for the guy who's actually trying," Pang said.

Mike Salinai of Stony Point, Rockland County, said he doesn't care for either major party and found it appealing that he could have lunch with a candidate for governor.

"I do vote every year for the local elections and what I really vote for are candidates, not party," Salinai said. "But Larry Sharpe's got my vote."

Sharpe, a Queens resident, points to the election of President Donald Trump and the popularity of Bernie Sanders as proof that voters of both parties crave change. In his home congressional district, Sharpe said Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez was another example of voters fed up with the establishment.

"What we know, hope against establishment, hope wins," he said.

Other minor party candidates are Green Party nominee Howie Hawkins and former Syracuse mayor Stephanie Minor on an independent line. The Working Families Party has yet to decide whether it will continue backing Cynthia Nixon who was defeated by Cuomo in the Sept. 13 Democratic primary.

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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by Proceeding In Rem pursuant to Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax Law, Chapter 602, Laws of 1993 by THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANTVILLE in the Year 2014 (for taxes levied in 2013) PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE Index No. 3520/2014

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on Schedule “A” of this Petition, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding.

EFFECT OF FILING: All persons having or claiming to have

an interest in the real property described in this petition are hereby notified that the filing of this petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the captioned above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

NATURE OF PROCEEDING: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

PERSONS AFFECTED: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last

day for redemption.

RIGHT OF REDEMPTION: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereof, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the Village of Pleasantville, Tax Office, 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, New York 10570. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

LAST DAY OF REDEMPTION: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the **7th day of December, 2018.**

SERVICE OF ANSWER: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon

any parcel of real property described in this petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

FAILURE TO REDEEM OR ANSWER: In the event of a failure to redeem or answer by any person having a right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in this petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken in default. Dated: August 13, 2018
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PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SCHEDULE “A”Index No. 3520/2014
STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY

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2014011	Fourteen Lakeview Construction, Inc.	Fourteen, Lakeview Con Inc	106.10-5-87	47 Saratoga Avenue	\$48,310.43
2014013	Vogt, Edward F. Vogt, Louise	Vogt, Edward F.	106.5-1-45	Sarles Lane	\$773.83
2014015	Total Automotive of Westchester LLC	Total Auto of West. LLC	106.5-2-2	52 Depew Street	\$3,891.99
2014039	Cappiello, Barbara		99.15-1-1./106	44 Foxwood Drive	\$4,828.54

*Amount due as of October 23, 2014. Such amount does not include any subsequent years’ taxes, interest or fees.

School Officials to Study Mt. Kisco's Dual Language Program Policies

By Erin Maher

Bedford School District officials will reevaluate last year's integration policies for Mount Kisco Elementary School's single-language program students after parents last week sharply criticized the revamped efforts that have been made.

Since 2015, Mount Kisco Elementary, which has a large population of Spanish-speaking students, has offered parents of children in grades 1-4 who attend the school the choice of a single-language curriculum or to enroll in the Dual Language Bilingual Education (DLBE) program after their child finishes kindergarten.

Last December, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christopher Manno presented trustees with alternatives to help create a more equitable experience for the students. The board supported continuing the policy of allowing parents to decide whether their children are enrolled in the DLBE program or the traditional single-language classroom.

However, there would be enhanced efforts to provide the single-language class students a more comparable experience.

Last week, parents of students in the single-language classroom blasted the integration strategies, arguing that there is interaction with the DLBE for only 30 minutes twice a week for each grade.

Bedford resident Chris Graham said as a result his son wasn't allowed to eat lunch with his friends.

"Integration is an experiment with our kids, who unlike all the other kids at the (district's) other four schools, don't have

a traditional American public school education, at a traditional American public school, which is what we want for kids," Graham said.

The district first reviewed the program in April 2016 amid complaints from parents of children in the single-language classes about being segregated from their peers and failing to receive an equal elementary school experience.

To immediately begin to collect data on the new integration reforms and their efficacy, the board approved creating an ad hoc committee to investigate, and the

board is now accepting members to fill the panel.

Trustee Ed Reder said the board would need to conduct a survey or find another method to learn how the integration process is operating at Mount Kisco Elementary.

Board member Pam Harney said there are likely to be improvements that can be made.

"I do think the board has done our part," said Trustee Pam Harney, who supported the integration. "This just probably wasn't done as well as it could have been. There

were a lot of aspects to changing the program at Mount Kisco Elementary School that (the administration) didn't think of."

Manno also spoke about the difficulties of solving a serious dilemma.

"The dual-language program is a better alternative; however, our model of implementing the dual-language program, having an opt-out and having the phenomena of having a very small number of children's parents opting them out, poses a very real, logistical problem."

Repaving Schedule to Impact Two Pleasantville Streets This Week

Busy sections of Pleasantville will experience closures over the next week as the village completes a paving project.

This Wednesday, Oct. 3, Wheeler Avenue will shut at 10 p.m. for the work to be done, likely sometime the next day. All cars must be off the street, which will remain closed until the repaving is completed.

Milling and paving will occur overnight on Marble Avenue starting on Thursday, Oct. 4 through Sunday, Oct. 7. Work will begin each night at 10 p.m. Street closures will be intermittent.

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Letters to the Editor

Electing Harckham Only Way to Get Key Legislation Passed

We all know that state Sen. Terrence Murphy takes personal credit for everything positive that happens in Albany, whether or not he had anything to do with it. Now, he's spun an even more egregious fantasy by claiming that he, himself, brought Democrats and Republicans together to achieve these accomplishments. Yes, that's Terrence Murphy, the great conciliator.

And he actually expects us to believe that! C'mon Mr. Murphy, we're just not that gullible.

But if you're such a genius at bringing warring factions together, Mr. Murphy, how about dragging your Republican

colleagues along to pass the bills on women's health, universal healthcare, election reform, immigration, ethics reform, gun safety and all of the other legislation passed by the Democratic Assembly that was left to die in Senate committees by you and your Republican collaborators? You never mention that, do you?

We can end this logjam by replacing Mr. Murphy and his henchmen in the Senate with good Democrats who care more about you, their constituents, than they do about the special interests who pour millions into their campaigns.

Such an individual is Pete Harckham

who is opposing Mr. Murphy in the 40th Senate District.

Pete is an experienced legislator who, with like-minded associates, will free this much-needed legislation from committee limbo and get it enacted for the benefit of you, your family and all New Yorkers.

Vote for your interests. Vote for Pete Harckham on Nov. 6. It's a decision you'll never regret.

Joel E. Gingold
Croton-on-Hudson

Senator Murphy Earns the Support of Law Enforcement Community

As the president of the Affiliated Police Associations of Westchester (APA), and as president of the Yonkers Police Benevolent Association (PBA), offering my association's endorsement to an elected official is not a decision I take lightly. I understand how this decision will affect the more than 4,000 officers I am proud to represent. This is an obligation I take very seriously.

With that said, I am proud to have both of these organizations endorse and support state Sen. Terrence Murphy in his bid for re-election to New York State Senate's 40th District. Simply put, he stands with us. He has been a leading

voice in raising awareness on the opioid epidemic, has helped protect our kids from dangerous sex offenders and has been an amazing advocate for my fellow police officers and all first responders.

In a show of true solidarity with law enforcement officers, Sen. Murphy was a sponsor of a bill demanding no parole for cop killers. We as police officers put our lives on the line every day, and we do this proudly to protect those we serve. We maintain social order and allow society to live peacefully, and when someone murders one of our own, we demand strong punishment. Sen. Murphy gets it. He understands us and is on our side.

For once, we have a voice who puts himself above politics and gives himself to the people he represents. That is why we endorse him and that is why we are asking all of our brothers and sisters in law enforcement, our friends and our family members to vote for Terrence Murphy on Tuesday, Nov. 6. On behalf of our more than 4,000 law enforcement members, I say it again and I say it proudly, Terrence Murphy is our guy!

Det. Keith Olson
President, Affiliated Police
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President, Yonkers PBA

Murphy is a Leader Who Fights for Working Class Families' Concerns

I am a proud labor leader in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties. I fight every single day to protect hardworking families who are struggling to survive in New York State and so does state Sen. Terrence Murphy.

Sen. Murphy embodies the kind of leadership and trust that we can believe in. He doesn't play partisan politics but fights for the issues that matter most to working class families. That's why Teamsters Local 456 and other

organizations such as the Building and Construction Trades Council of Westchester and Putnam counties proudly stands behind him for re-election.

Sen. Murphy was one of the first people with the courage to take on the tough issues like the opioid crisis that is affecting all of our lives and the impact of the closure of Indian Point.

Finally, Sen. Murphy's work ethic is unmatched. He makes himself available

not just to leadership but rank-and-file members from every corner of our region. We are lucky to have Sen. Murphy in office and the Teamsters will be committed to working day and night to make sure he's sent back to the state Senate this November.

Louis A. Picani
President & Principal Officer,
Teamsters Local 456

Commitment to Community Would Make DiLeo a Strong Village Trustee

I can confidently recommend Gina DiLeo for the position of trustee for the Village of Mount Kisco. Gina's family immigrated from Italy over 50 years ago and she was born and raised in Mount Kisco. Both of her parents were active members of the Italian American Club of Northern Westchester, which Gina is still involved in, and her mother was a member of the Fire Department

Ladies Auxiliary. Gina is a supervisor for 911 dispatch center and has been a member of the Mount Kisco Volunteer Fire Department for over 25 years. She worked along with a team of volunteers to build Mount Kisco's 9/11 Memorial monument and reflecting pool. She is heavily involved in the maintenance and the memorial services each year.

Volunteer work is in Gina's DNA and

there is no doubt in my mind that she will successfully fill this position. The 4MK party is revitalizing Mount Kisco and her selflessness and honorability will be a tremendous asset to them and Mount Kisco your very special #biglittlevillage.

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**Emily Garnett,
Attorney/Breast Cancer Support Advocate
Mt. Kisco**

By Martin Wilbur

Emily Garnett is looking forward to joining several thousand participants at FDR Park in Yorktown this Sunday for her first Support-A-Walk.

She has assembled a team of about 50 people to make the three-mile trek around the park to help raise funds for Support Connection, a nonprofit organization which provides support services to women with breast and ovarian cancer.

Before last November, Garnett had never heard of Support Connection. Today, no one is a bigger supporter.

It has been nearly a year since the 33-year-old Garnett, an elder care attorney, was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. The shocking discovery had come right after she and her husband Christian and their now three-year-old son Felix had moved into their Mount Kisco house following relocation from the city.

Garnett has been used to researching topics for clients and put that skill to good use when she needed it most.

"I was like I need to talk to someone and try and figure out what the resources are around here, what we can do, what they can do for my family at Support Connection and they just welcomed us with open arms," Garnett said.

Starting with the meeting in early December, Garnett has attended all but one of the organization's monthly breast, ovarian and gynecological support group gatherings at Northern Westchester Hospital's Chappaqua Crossing location.

Garnett said it has been critical for her to go to a place where she doesn't have to be strong for her family and have the support of others who are going through a similar experience.

"I started going right away because it's really important to have a community you can depend on that's not your partner because your partner is also traumatized and I really needed a place where I could be really frightened," Garnett said. "We go down the scariest rabbit hole and I can be there by myself but not be alone."

Being frightened is easy to understand, particularly when Garnett's diagnosis came seemingly out of nowhere. Last fall, she had no symptoms and went to her primary physician for a routine visit. The doctor found what he believed was a lump and sent her for imaging, which confirmed his suspicion.

She went for a second opinion at Memorial Sloan Kettering and doctors there found Garnett had metastatic breast cancer, having entered her bones.

"It is the single scariest thing you can imagine other than someone telling you your child had died," Garnett said. "It was frightening in that vein. I'm not saying it's comparable but imagine getting that kind of news. It's shocking beyond belief."

She started treatment in December, undergoing hormone therapy and targeted therapy. Doctors put Garnett's body into menopause and she underwent a hysterectomy to remove any chance of estrogen being produced.

The targeted therapy was taking a drug called CDK4/6, an inhibitor for the treatment of breast cancer. Garnett takes one pill each morning for three weeks, before taking a week off.

She has some occasional fatigue and pain in her joints but not enough to prevent her from keeping up with her son. It was recommended for Garnett to put her son in



preschool so she could go to her appointments and give herself extra time to rest.

While her prognosis is unclear at this point – there is a wide range of outcomes for metastatic breast cancer with the median survival rate at four years – Garnett has had some encouraging news following her fourth scan.

"It was stable but a little bit better than stable, showing decreased tumor involvement," Garnett said. "So that's great, that's what we want to hear."

After having her life turned upside down, Garnett's mission, aside from tending to her health and her son, is to work toward increasing funding for metastatic breast cancer. It is one of the least funded types of cancer research with an estimated 2 to 5 percent of cancer research funding being used for that purpose.

Having become heavily involved in Support Connection and Sunday's walk has served Garnett extremely well.

"I just absolutely love the community up here," she said. "The people we have found that have come together for us, both through Support Connection and through the walk and through our involvement in it, I just feel so fulfilled being able to be part of an organization."

To learn more about Support Connection and Sunday's Support-A-Walk, visit www.supportconnection.org.

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Thousands Flock to Chappaqua Children's Book Festival

By Martin Wilbur

You couldn't ask for a better day than last Saturday for any outdoor activity, whether it was a day in the park or choosing which books to buy at the Chappaqua Children's Book Festival.

The sixth annual festival was bigger than ever, impressing first-time visitors and authors as well as returnees.

"This is our first year and we heard all about it from our friends who are authors and illustrators and they said this is the best festival to do," said Denis Markell, a Brooklyn-based author of books for middle school age children who attended with his wife, Melissa Iwai, an illustrator and author. "It gives us a chance to meet our friends, who we don't get a chance to see that often, and our readers, which is the most important thing."

As soon as the grounds of Robert E. Bell Middle School in downtown Chappaqua were cleared of students on Friday afternoon, organizers went to work setting up the tents where the 97 authors and illustrators were seated and talked to their young fans, said Dawn Greenberg, the festival's executive director.

About 20 Boy Scouts came out early Saturday morning to unload and arranged the roughly 10,000 books that were shipped in for sale, she said.

Greenberg and her legion of volunteers were so busy during the six-hour festival



A parent takes time to sit down and read a new book to his child during last Saturday's Chappaqua Children's Book Festival.

that it was difficult for her to appreciate how much the event meant to the several thousand visitors as well as the authors and illustrators.

"I have a hard time absorbing it sometimes," Greenberg said. "I have to pull back and just enjoy the moment. You can feel that books are having a renaissance, a rebirth. We all are so worried that our kids are so digitally hooked. Kids can still love a book in their hands."

That certainly was the case for those in the crowd who make the pilgrimage to the festival each year. Sofia Adams, a sixth-



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTOS
Author Vicki Cobb speaks to a young fan.

grader from Yonkers, came to the festival for the third time.

"Probably meeting and like really talking with them and getting the books signed," Adams said of her favorite part of the festival.

Her aunt, Liz Galvin, a sixth-grade teacher in the White Plains School District stocks up on books each year from the festival for her students and family members. She said she liked Chappaqua's festival more than some others because it is so family oriented.

"We go to BookCon in New York City but this is more personal, I think," she said.

There were activities for children, tables from a wide variety of organizations, food trucks, entertainment by the Mike Risko Band and the Great Chappaqua Bake Sale. The bake sale not only gave visitors a chance to snack on some sweets but it raised more



Children and parents had the chance to line up and speak with their favorite authors and have them sign the books that they bought.

than \$17,000 to combat childhood hunger.

But the focus last Saturday was on the books. For parents, it was a fun day, even for those with reluctant readers.

"I think the best thing about this is spending time with your family and friends from the neighborhood and meeting all these different authors," said Chappaqua resident Steven Garcia while holding a stack of books he bought.

Author Ammi-Joan Paquette said it's her favorite festival to attend because of how well run it is.

"I think it's really well-organized," she said. "The volunteers put a lot of effort into it, they bring in a lot of people. Everyone really gets involved. I think it's the perfect mix of everything."



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Mirror, Mirror on the Wall ... Please Expand My Space

As a realtor, I'm always conscious of creating the look of greater, more open space with my listings and in my own home. The most accommodating vehicle to accomplish this is through the strategic placement of mirrors.

When the wicked queen wanted verification of who was the fairest of all, she turned to her trusty mirror and, when it betrayed her, Snow White got the business.

Mirrors have always been about vanity, from the time Narcissus gazed into a still pond that reflected his beauty.

But in meeting the demands of homebuyers today, mirrors may be more important than ever as an affordable illusion of greater space.

As far back as 6,000 BC, mirrors were made simply by polishing stone, such as obsidian, a naturally occurring volcanic glass. Polished copper was used as early as 4,000 BC in Mesopotamia and Egypt and bronze mirrors were made in China from 2000 BC. Metal-coated glass mirrors are said to have been invented in modern day Lebanon in the first century AD, the same time that glass with a gold leaf backing was being made in Rome.

The mirror that most closely resembles what we use today, glass coated with a tin-

mercury amalgam, was invented in Venice, the capital of mirror making for many centuries.

Until the mid-19th century, mirrors were a luxury item afforded only by the wealthy. With the invention in 1835 of the silvered-glass mirror by Justus von Liebig, a German chemist, mirrors became more affordable when the process was adapted for mass manufacturing.

Through the centuries, mirrors have held all sorts of curiosities and suspicions. For instance, in our country's early days, particularly in the South, mirrors were covered in a house

where a corpse was waked. The belief was that the soul of the dead would become trapped in a mirror left uncovered.

Mirrors falling from walls or cracking mysteriously were said to be haunted. And feng shui believers have all sorts of fun placing mirrors to achieve good energy flow. As examples, they should never be placed directly across from the main entrance, and should be used sparingly in bedrooms if you expect to sleep.

For accessorizing, mirrors really come to play. When my wife and I operated an antiques shop, we would hunt for old frames and stick a mirror into them to get two to three times the price than for the



By Bill Primavera



BILL PRIMAVERA PHOTO

The Home Guru's favorite mirror, discovered in a New England barn almost a half-century ago, was recently restored to welcome guests in his foyer.

frame alone.

While the most popular placement of decorative wall mirrors in the home is over a fireplace, one of my favorite decorating tricks is to create shelving with a mirrored back. This is particularly effective for displays of crystal, both cut and in natural shapes that look like sculpture. And, by placing live plants on the shelves, the greenery and flowers are doubled by their

reflection in the mirror.

Let's consider mirrors used on a larger scale. Since many of us as we age downsize our homes, we can make up the difference with the use of wall mirrors – or at least give that illusion. If a wall of mirrors is placed opposite the source of light, it appears that there's twice the space and twice the brightness. Just look at what it did for Louis XIV's Hall of Mirrors at Versailles.

In checking with a local glass and mirror supplier, I learned that a typical eight-foot by 10-foot mirrored wall would cost between \$1,400 and \$1,600 to install. When asked if there were varying qualities of mirror, the supplier said that any mirrored wall would have essentially the same product, with a quarter-inch of glass. The variance in price is in the finishing edges. For polished edges, the price would be on the lower end while beveled edges are higher.

If we consider tricks for the illusion of larger space, what better device than mirrors?

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Reiser Comes to Westchester and Returns to His Comedic Roots

By Martin Wilbur

By the time Paul Reiser started college all he wanted to do was be a standup comedian.

The roles in film and television, creating and producing television series, and authoring three books were never part of the plan.

When Reiser hit it big with the award-winning sitcom "Mad About You" – a show he created and wrote that debuted in September 1992 for the first of seven seasons on NBC – he temporarily put his standup shows on hold.

After more than two decades off stage, Reiser returned a few years ago doing what he loves to do most: making a room – or theater – full of people laugh.

On Friday night, Reiser brings his ongoing "casual tour" to the Paramount in Peekskill.

"I'd always thought I'd get back to it," he told The Examiner last Tuesday in an interview from Los Angeles. "It was a plan but I didn't know when or why or why specifically, but when I did it was very telling because it was exactly the same experience as when I was 18. It was just as new, it was just as scary, it was just as exciting and fun."

Even for a seasoned standup, Reiser, 62, had to knock off the rust, which he said took him about a year to do. He realized there was a wealth of material

at his fingertips. His most recognizable work has been derived from his own life, whether it be his standup, "Mad About You" or his three bestsellers, "Couplehood," "Babyhood," featuring his trademark humor on being a first-time father, and "Familyhood."

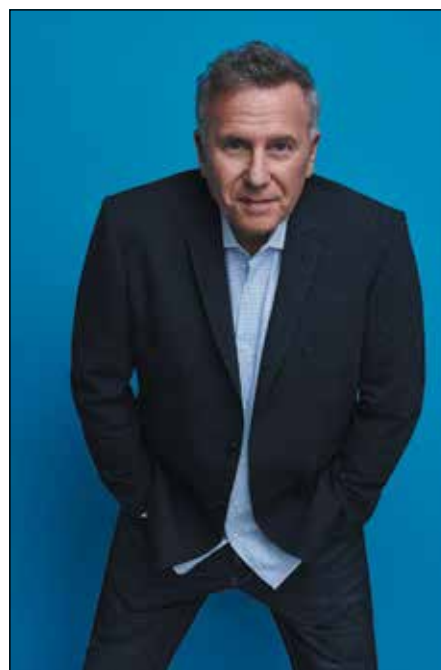
"Your career is very different (now) than in your twenties, and being married 25, 30 years is very different from being newly wed and there are more creative changes and your attitude changes and your perspective changes," Reiser said. "So I'm still writing as I always did, there's just more to write about, there's more to talk about now."

Reiser, who heads out on the road for an average of one show every other weekend, is looking forward to his return to New York. In addition to the Paramount, he'll perform at St. George's Theatre in Staten Island on Saturday. He loves getting back to New York where the crowds are the most responsive.

"It's always more fun for me to play in the tristate area," Reiser said. "Everything's a little bit funnier close to New York for me. They just laugh better."

A New York City product, he graduated Manhattan's Stuyvesant High School and was a music major at SUNY Binghamton. Reiser started doing standup as soon as he got to college.

The 1970s saw the rise of some of the



Actor and comedian Paul Reiser brings his standup comedy show to the Paramount Hudson Valley in Peekskill this Friday night.

famous New York comedy clubs such as Catch a Rising Star and The Improv, and the networks and Hollywood began scouting them for new comedic talent. After graduating from college, Reiser was able to perform at those and other venues, which led to his first break, a role in the

1982 film "Diner."

That brought other opportunities, including "Beverly Hills Cop" and "Beverly Hills Cop II" and starring in the late '80s sitcom "My Two Dads."

But Reiser continued hitting the comedy club circuit despite his onscreen successes. His goal had always been to emulate George Carlin or Robert Klein.

"There was sort of a path to follow, which by the way, is the stupidest career plan in the world," Reiser said. "There's no reason to think that because you show up to some lousy club, you're going to have a career, but it worked out."

The biggest opportunity was when a studio was looking to develop ideas for network shows and invited Reiser to contribute. The idea he submitted, taken from his own experiences as a newlywed, was sent to NBC and was the outline for "Mad About You." It was picked up by the network for the 1992-93 season.

In addition to his standup, Reiser was invited to the cast of the Netflix hit "Stranger Things" for the second season. The role of Sam Owens, a Department of Energy executive, was created for him.

"Sometimes it's very easy to say yes," he said.

Friday's show at the Paramount is at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$50, \$65 and \$75. For more information, visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

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P'ville Student Provides Disadvantaged Kids H.U.G.S. With Books

By Martin Wilbur

Chloe Ballin was aware that many of the students at the school where her mother teaches in Yonkers aren't as fortunate as she and her peers at Pleasantville Middle School.

Most of her mother's students are below the poverty line and, therefore, books to read for pleasure can be hard to come by.

So earlier this year Ballin, an eighth-

grader, decided to step up and help.

"My mom works for a Title I school in Yonkers, so I was looking for a way to find books for her students, so I came across this organization called Give More H.U.G.S., one that promotes reading and literacy as well as materials for that, to inner city schools," Ballin said.

The nonprofit organization has volunteers

collect books and other materials and donate them to children of families in need.

Last Tuesday, Ballin and some of her classmates spent the afternoon after school at the Mount Pleasant Public Library affixing messages inside many of the roughly 600 books Ballin collected.

Her mother, Marlene Gold-Ballin, said Chloe spent her summer collecting and organizing the books that she is about to donate. It's a big deal because more than 70 percent of the school's student body is below the poverty level, she said. Without these donations, many of the children wouldn't have books to read outside of school.

"So bringing them books is a great way to develop their minds and something (for them) to look forward to," Gold-Ballin said. "They pass by the reading lab and ask 'Do you have books for us?' It's great. They have smiles on their faces and we're opening their minds."

Last week wasn't an isolated effort by Ballin. She discovered the organization close to a year ago and organized the first donation drive in time for last Valentine's Day.

Then in March, Ballin said she applied for a junior ambassadorship with Give More H.U.G.S., which was formed in 2011. Two months later she was accepted.

Over the summer, Ballin and her family left bins in their driveway so friends and neighbors could drop in books for her to



MARTINE WILBUR PHOTO

Chloe Ballin, front right, an eighth-grader at Pleasantville Middle School, with several of her friends and classmates last week at the Mount Pleasant Public Library. They included messages in books that Ballin collected and will donate to children. Also pictured, from left, are Gabriella Haggan, Catherine Mahoney, Mateo Cardenas and Mia Hohaj.

Hillside Donation Day Yields Over 800 Pounds of Food at P'ville Farmers Market

Shoppers and vendors donated 876 pounds of fresh vegetables and fruit last Saturday at the Pleasantville Farmers Market for the biannual Hillside Donation Day.

Totals show that 503 pounds were donated by shoppers and 373 pounds were given by farmers. In addition, 44 loaves of fresh bread were donated as well as eggs, honey, pickles and other items. Some items were delivered by Hillside Food Outreach to those in need late Saturday. All remaining foods will be delivered by early this week.

David Juros, of the Pleasantville Community Garden said,

The great success of the Sept. 29 event at the Pleasantville Farmers Market highlights the incredible generosity of the market's shoppers, farmers and bakers," said David Juros of the Pleasantville Com-

munity Garden. "We are thankful for the amount of food donated and so happy to be able to provide the conduit to get this fresh, healthy food to the Westchester residents in need through our partner organizations."

Since the partnership between the Pleasantville Community Garden, Pleasantville Farmers Market and Hillside Food Outreach began in 2014, food donations have now reached 55,000 pounds that have been delivered to those in need, said Pleasantville Farmers Market manager Steven Bates.

"We cannot thank our shoppers and vendors enough," Bates said. "And we truly appreciate the volunteer efforts from the Pleasantville Community Garden and Hillside Food Outreach; without their logistical help this effort could not happen."

donate. She also thought up some of the messages that are being included in the books to help her friends. The books are appropriate for children from preschool through eighth grade.

Ballin will now be organizing two book drives a year. She will reprise her Valentine's Day campaign and will be enlisting friends and classmates to include messages sometime before then.

"Books change lives and all should have access to them," Ballin said.

For more information on Give More H.U.G.S., visit www.givemorehugs.org.

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THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz

By Edward Goralski

A Word A Day. The words for this week's quiz come from the A.Word.A.Day feature at wordsmith.org. Wordsmith, founded in 1994, is a "worldwide community of people who share a love for words, wordplay, language, and literature." Perhaps you will find a word, or two, to use today or every day.

1. copper-bottomed (adj.)	A) trustworthy	B) well built	C) fleet of foot
2. wen (n.)	A) an open pasture	B) a large overcrowded city	C) a bird house
3. elutriate (v.)	A) to work in secret	B) elude capture	C) purify
4. gerent (n.)	A) a near relative	B) a manager	C) a romantic verse
5. leptodermous (adj.)	A) having a thin skin	B) dry and flaky	C) at a slow tempo
6. metanoia (n.)	A) transformation in outlook	B) a literal translation	C) delusions
7. loccipend (v.)	A) to pull your hair out	B) regard as worthless	C) force into action
8. sillage (n.)	A) oblivion	B) loose materials	C) lingering perfume scent

ANSWERS:

1. A. Reliable, genuine, or trustworthy
2. B. A large overcrowded city (Archaic)
3. C. To purify or separate, especially by washing or straining
4. B. A ruler or manager
5. A. Having a thin skin
6. A. A profound transformation in one's outlook
7. B. To regard as worthless
8. C. The trail of scent that lingers behind from a perfume; also the degree to which it lingers

Business of the Week

Iron Health Briarcliff Manor

By Colette Connolly

While physical activity helps keep the body healthy and less prone to chronic disease, strenuous exercise can lead to injury.

That's where Iron Health steps in. The Briarcliff Manor therapy clinic is focused on eliminating pain through one-on-one care that is intended to get patients fully mobile and to resume their regular activities by designing rehabilitative programs tailored to each person's needs.

Owner Joseph Rendina, a doctor of physical therapy, established the business in August 2017, having spent close to 10 years as a personal trainer in the area. About a year before opening Iron Health, he worked as a physical therapist at a local gym.

"I always knew that I wanted to open my own clinic," said Rendina, a Brooklyn native.

At Iron Health, the emphasis is one-to-one care, avoiding groups of clients at one time. Therapists at the 1,200-square-foot facility provide 40-minute sessions for

each client.

Most ailments treated at Iron Health include back, shoulder and knee pain. Prior to treatment, Rendina and his team conduct a thorough evaluation of each patient, taking his or her medical history into account.

Rendina, who is also a board-certified orthopedic specialist, said quick fixes such as medication and creams only mask the pain and that patients must understand that a long-term solution such as physical therapy can help. His philosophy is to rid patients of pain without restricting their daily lifestyle.

A common misconception is that back pain is caused by a specific action such as lifting something heavy, Rendina said. Most often it's due to "chronic stressors" over the years, such as improper posture or sitting for long periods of time, he explained.

Rendina's focus at Iron Health is delivering a form of manual therapy that enhances the functioning of the nervous system so that the rest of the body can



Joseph Rendina, a doctor of physical therapy and the owner of Iron Health.

work properly.

When a person experiences trauma to any part of their body, the nerves can become dysfunctional, Rendina explained. Treatment at Iron Health helps to re-educate the body to adapt and restore itself to optimal health, he said.

For patients who are experiencing deep muscle pain, stepping into a cryotherapy tank for three minutes brings welcome relief, said Rendina. Similar to being submersed in an ice-cold bath for an hour, he said cryotherapy stimulates healing and decreases pain. Patients enter the tank fully clothed and can also have a massage afterward to enhance the

therapy's effects.

Cryotherapy is primarily used by athletes eager to recover quickly from injuries and those who are experiencing chronic pain, he said. Rendina recommends that patients come to therapy two to three times a week.

Once physical therapy has ended, many of Iron Health's clients take advantage of the clinic's i-Health Recovery plan, monthly sessions to keep them healthy, active and mobile.

The sessions include access to the Normatec Recovery System, which helps patients recover faster between workouts by reducing muscle soreness and improving circulation; a whole-body cryotherapy session; and the high-intensity Hypervolt massage tool.

Rendina said his team is focused on delivering the best results, establishing long-term relationships with clients while educating them about the power of the human body and its biomechanics.

"The truth is we care," said Rendina, calling Iron Health more of a recovery zone than a physical therapy clinic. "And that's what makes a big difference."

Iron Health is located at 515 N. State Rd. in Briarcliff Manor. It is open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.ironhealth.com. To book a discovery session, call 914-488-5763.

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Tuesday, Oct. 2

English Conversations. For speakers of other languages seeking to improve their English. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.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. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 3

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. 9 a.m. 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 (except Oct. 8). Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

New Mommy and Daddy Meet-Up. Whether it's your first child or your fifth, this is a great way to get out of the house, meet new friends and enjoy time with your baby. World Cup Nursery School, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 10:25 to 11:10 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-238-9267 ext. 20.

Toddler Storytime. Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except Oct. 8). 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 (except Oct. 8). Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Bilingual Storytime. Sing songs and read picture books in English and Spanish. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Purchase College's Conservatory of Music 25 Years of Jazz Studies Concert Series. To celebrate the anniversary, students are performing in 14 concerts at Purchase College and at the Blue Note Jazz Club, Jazz at Lincoln Center and Birdland Jazz Club in New York City. This afternoon will be a blueprint performance by noted jazz pianist Pete Malinverni. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 12:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.purchase.edu/music.

Coffee With a Cop. Join neighbors and Pleasantville police officers for coffee and conversation to break down the barriers between the police and the citizens they serve. By removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions and voice concerns, get to know the officers in your neighborhood. Starbucks, 42 Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Det. Morgan Cole-Hatchard at 914-769-1500.

Mind Games. A fun way for seniors to help stimulate their minds and improve cognitive functioning, including memory, visual recall, problem solving, focus and speed and spatial reasoning, by playing group games. Phelps Hospital boardroom, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail ewoods3@northwell.edu.

Affordable Care Act Navigator. A trained navigator provided by the county Department of Health will be available to help people with choosing and signing up for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act and the state health marketplace. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 2:30 to 7 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Also Thursdays from 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointment required. Info and appointment for Wednesday sessions: 914-336-6026. Info and appointment for Thursday and Saturday sessions: 914-813-5192.

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 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-864-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Chess Workshop for Young Adults. Come learn chess with the help of guided instruction and supervised play. Included will be the study of strategy and tactics to make you an even better player. For children in grades 5 and up. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Free. Also Oct. 17 (at branch library in Valhalla) and Oct. 31. Registration requested. Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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

411 Autism Talkbacks Forum. Michael Orth, commissioner of Westchester County's Department of Mental Health, and County Legislator Margaret Cunzio will be the speakers who will lead a discussion on the resources and services offered in Westchester for people with autism and their families. Arc Stages, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: E-mail marlenecanapi@arcstages.org.

Author Talk. "Another Side of Paradise: A Novel" by Sally Koslow will be discussed. Koslow writes an account of the real-life love affair between F. Scott Fitzgerald and gossip columnist Sheila Graham. Working from Graham's memoirs, interviews and letters, the author brings the pair – and 1930s Hollywood – gloriously to life. New Castle Town Hall Assembly Room, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Art Series: Leonardo da Vinci, Part I. In honor of Italian Heritage month, look at some of the art world's most important master artists. In this two-part exploration of da Vinci's incredible exhibit earlier this winter at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, look at his career from his early apprenticeship, his drawings, paintings and sculptures for many of his various projects – from building sites to the Sistine Chapel. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge Open Comedy Mic. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. Sign up at 7 p.m. Show at 7:30 p.m. Free. Also Oct. 8, 15, 22 and 29. Info and tickets: Visit www.nomacomedy.com.

Thursday, Oct. 4

Pleasantville Garden Club. This month's topic will be Salad Without Lettuce led by chef and cookbook author Carol Durst-Wertheim. All welcome. Pleasantville Presbyterian Church Social Hall, 400 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. Membership meeting at 9:15 a.m. Program at 10:30 a.m. Free. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillegardenclub.org.

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, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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

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Life Line Theater Music Program. An outlet for unlocking the potential of children and adults with special needs through integrated arts and life skills programs. Drop in anytime and join founder Billy Ayres as he uses singing, dancing, creating plays, artwork and gardening to help participants realize their strengths and potential contributions to their communities. Ayres has created a

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Cherish the Teachers in the Many Forms That They Appear

This month, I planned to share with you stories about teachers and how they impact our lives. We are all so grateful for teachers as they embark on this new school year with students in our communities.

Whether they are giving us new perspectives about health and wellness or about learning at school, teachers are important figures throughout our lives.

My sisters-in-law are both educators and I admire all that they give to children and adults. Shari is an art teacher in a public-school system in Connecticut and Amy is a yoga instructor in New Jersey. I



By Joanne Witmyer

also hold close to my heart Helen, who was an English teacher in our local community. She still randomly encounters former students who express heartfelt gratitude and break out in tears in local grocery stores for all that she generously taught them.

Yet, teachers take many forms, don't they? Sometimes, important life lessons take shape spontaneously.

As I reflected on this month's column, I began to think of my grandfather – one of the most important teachers in my life. He was an influential science teacher at a high school in Philadelphia, and later became a principal there.

He wrote a textbook about biology. Though my own interests did not naturally gravitate toward biology from the scientific point of view (as my nephew Juakin's have now in his first year at college), since I have become an adult I respect that my grandfather found a way to weave those teachings into what he gave to me.

For example, I learned how to swim at two years old in a pool in Florida. My grandfather knew that I was sensitive and imaginative then, so he encouraged me to pretend I was a dolphin catching fish in the water, to make me feel safe as he supported me. His teachings were creative and centered on my learning needs. They represented so many characteristics that I continue to respect in teachers in whatever form they take during our lives.

This month, I encourage us all to consider what we learn from others, whether through structured lesson plans or in-the-moment discoveries outdoors. Thinking about what others teach us, and how we can then perhaps educate others to keep moving it forward, is inspiring to consider.

I hope that today you have fond thoughts about someone who has taught you something...something that you keep with you and cherish.

Nourish

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As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America Acting Through The IRS, John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 143 North Street Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567 SBL #: 23.16 - 3 - 17 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Troy Man-

ning Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. David F. Everett of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fifth day of September, 2018 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated September 21, 2004, executed by Delores Manning (who died on February 12, 2006, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) and Troy Manning to secure the sum of \$235,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 442960978 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on December 30, 2004. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed July 26, 2011 and recorded on August 23, 2011, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 512293200. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 18, 2014 and recorded on February 25, 2014, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 540493428. The mortgage was subsequently modified on July 5, 2016. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed December 9, 2016 and record-

ed on January 30, 2017, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 570233573. The property in question is described as follows: 143 NORTH STREET, CORTLANDT MANOR, NY 10567 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. **YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: September 10, 2018 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 57435**

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF HF SERVICES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/07/2018. Office Location: Westchester. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to principal business address: **54 Lawrence Drive, Apt A, White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SHED-EZIGNS2 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 14, 2018. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **The LLC, 11 Field Street, Peekskill, New York 10566. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF FELINE VETERINARY MEDICAL CENTER, PLLC, Arts of Org filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/2/18. Office: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated for service of process & shall mail process to **10 Brady Lane, Somers, NY 10589. Purpose: Veterinary Medicine.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF EVOLUTION LOCKSMITH, LLC a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY on August 08, 2018. The office of this LLC is located in Westchester County. Secretary of state is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC to **90 Stratford Ave., White Plains, NY 10605. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity.**

MARK WHALING being a natural person of at least eighteen years of age and acting as the organizer of the limited liability company formed under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York certifies that the name of the limited liability company is Whaleshark, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the State on August 31, 2018. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful act or activity within the purposes for which limited liability company companies may be organized pursuant to Limited Liability Company Law. The office of the limited liability company is to be located in Westchester County. The address of the limited liability company is **10 Ormond Place, Rye, NY 10580. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SHAKER WAY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 9/12/18. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **SHAKER WAY LLC 4 New King Street, Suite 140, White Plains, NY 10604. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SUMMIT GENERAL CONSTRUCTION LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/11/2018. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **7 Arbor St, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SUPRANOWITZ CONSULTING LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 9/13/18. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **190 Lake Shore Drive Pleasantville NY 10570. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF METACR, LLC., Consulting Co. filed with SSNY on 9/17/2018. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **Metacr, LLC, 591 Warburton Ave., Ste. 373, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

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Local Towing Company Owner on Mission to Honor Lost Officers



Club Fit Briarcliff will host a fundraiser next week to raise money toward buying another vehicle to serve as the Wheels of Honor. In 2016, Mark Voeltz, the owner of Mark's Towing in Thornwood and a Town of Fishkill police officer, bought a 2006 Crown Victoria, which he decorated and has used in law enforcement-related parades, memorials and funerals.

Club Fit to Host Fundraiser Oct. 12

When Mark Voeltz isn't working at his business, Mark's Towing in Thornwood, he's patrolling the streets of Fishkill, Dutchess County, as a member of the town's police department.

It's a difficult and demanding job, and one that Voeltz feels isn't often given the respect and reverence it deserves.

"People don't realize what we do and the sacrifice we make when we go out every day," he said. "They don't know the amount of cops that are killed every year. On average in the United States, one cop gets killed every 53 hours."

As Voeltz took note of the rising number of police officers killed in the line of duty, he knew that he had to act.

In 2016, Voeltz purchased a 2006 Crown Victoria formerly used by the Connecticut State Police and, with the help of volunteers, friends and family, had it decorated with the names of all the fallen police officers since 2015, along with an image of St. Michael, the Policeman's Prayer and images of the World Trade Center.

Voeltz dubbed the project Wheels of Honor, and today the car makes regular appearances at law enforcement funerals but also at parades, memorial services and fundraising events. For Voeltz, Wheels of Honor is a way to keep the names and the memories of fallen officers in people's minds long

after the last honor guard shot has been fired.

"When it's all over, two days later, the family is on their own and the recognition is over," he said. "So I think that, with this car and having their names on the car, they'll always be remembered."

Unfortunately, the original Wheels of Honor car, although it has served Voeltz well, is growing a bit old. The car already had 160,000 miles when Voeltz bought it and that number has grown considerably in just two years.

A Casino Night fundraiser is planned at Club Fit Briarcliff on Oct. 12. Tickets can be purchased for a minimum donation of \$25 and all proceeds will go to the Wheels of Honor foundation to purchase a new car. The event is guaranteed to be filled with a night of fun, including "play" gambling, food samplings, music and prizes. Tickets are available at the reception or service desks.

Having the fundraiser at Club Fit is fitting for Voeltz, a longtime member. He can be found there hitting the weights six days a week.

"I've been going there for years, and it's a great club," he said. "I usually do a lot of weights, although recently someone pushed me to try out some of the classes as well. But most of the time I'm just training with weights."

For more information about the event or tickets, call 914-762-3444.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF QUINN AIR LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 7/27/18. Office loc: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **529 Rockland Ave., Mamaroneck, NY 10543. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HENRY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2018-CV-1751-AM REMONNE JOSEPH Plaintiff v. JOSEPH PIERRELUIS Defendant NOTICE TO: JOSEPH PIERRELUIS BY ORDER of the Court for service by publication dated September 12, 2018 you are hereby notified that on, June 18, 2018

REMONNE JOSEPH filed suit against you for divorce. You are required to file with the clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, EMMETT J. ARNOLD, 30 Woodruff Street, McDonough, Georgia 30253 an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the above-referenced order. Witness the Honorable Arch W. McGarity, Chief Judge of the Henry County Superior Court, McDonough, Georgia. This 12th day of September, 2018. Barbara A. Harrison, Clerk Henry County Superior Court.

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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 Thursday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

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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. 5 to 6 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

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Great Books Forum Series. "Labyrinths" by Jorge Luis Borges will be discussed. Led by Professors Craig Padawer and Ellen Wasserman. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Room 131, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail Professor James Werner at james.werner@sunywcc.edu.

Social Security Tips to Retire Happy. An educational workshop for single, married, divorced and widowed individuals from 60 to 70 years old. Led by Social Security, retirement income and tax specialist Paul Petrone. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-273-3887 ext. 3.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge Comedy Night: Roasters. This version of Roast Battle sees eight comics enter but only one gets to take home half the door. Hosted by Andy McDermott and Ryan DeNisco. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. \$20. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs.com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

Friday, Oct. 5

Hudson Chorale Giant Tag Sale. Used and new donated items in a wide variety of categories, including antique furniture, collectibles, jewelry, appliances, housewares, CDs, DVDs, toys, sports equipment, tools, gardening supplies, clothing and accessories, bed and bath, decorative art and much more. All proceeds will benefit Hudson Chorale, the area's largest nonprofit community chorus and will be used to cover the costs of securing professional soloists and musicians to join us in our season concerts. Rain or shine. United Methodist Church, 70 Bedford Rd. (Route 117), Pleasantville. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also Oct. 6. Info: Visit www.HudsonChorale.org.

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"The Rape of Europa." A screening of this documentary on the Nazi plunder of Europe's great art during World War II and Allied efforts to minimize the damage. Discussion led by Larry D'Amico. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 913-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Country Line Dance. Dancing followed by a complete dinner. All proceeds to go to the scholarship fund at Fox Lane High School and New York Boys' State. Moses Taylor American Legion Post 136, 1 Legion Way, Mount Kisco. 7 to 11 p.m. \$15 per person. First Friday of every month. Info: 914-241-0136.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Women of a Certain Age. With Louis CK, Bill Cosby and Al Franken out of the comedy circuit, the only funny people left are the legendary women of standup. Women of a Certain Age Comedy is a show straight from the unfettered mouths and uninhibited minds of the funniest, most daring, most experienced people in comedy: the women that have seen it all. Trust us, they have a lot to say and they say it hysterically. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. \$30. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs.com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

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Saturday, Oct. 6

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train station, Chappaqua. 8:30 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 Whippoorwill Rd. East. Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: 914-273-3887.

Music by Zev. Dance, sing and learn about the world through music. An interactive and educational program filled with creativity and humor. For children two to six years old. Mount Pleasant Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Open Art Studio. All supplies are provided to create your own artwork. For children four years old and up; with parent or caregiver. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. First Saturday of every month. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.org.

11th Annual Halloween Train Show and Fall Festival. The principal attraction of the event will be the miniature-railroad layout featuring Lionel Trains in Lasdon Park's Main House, and similar scale trains traveling past haunted houses, spooky scenes and whimsical dioramas. Step inside the haunted house and explore the rooms where you will find ghosts, witches and a special room with a dragon in his lair. Stroll through rainforest exhibit and meet and greet a "live" dinosaur in the Dinosaur Garden or go to the new children's maze. Also, food, music, face painting, storybook readings and selected vendors. All proceeds to benefit the Friends of Lasdon. Lasdon Park, 2610 Amawalk Rd. (Route 35), Somers. Adults: \$10. Children: \$5. Info: 914-864-7268 or visit www.westchestergov.com/parks or www.lasdonpark.org.

Adult Salsa Class. Addie-Tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. \$12. Every Saturday. Info: 917-215-1720 or visit www.addie-tude.com. Call or visit website because classes are subject to change.

Origami. Join Westchester Origami Workers, a regional group of Origami, USA to share models and techniques. Open to all adults. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. First Saturday of every month. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.org.

Tell Me a Story of Pound Ridge: 50 Objects 50 Stories. The Pound

Ridge Historical Society has created an exhibition and accompanying book to provide the public with an eclectic look at the town. Highlights of area history, each story in some way gives a glimpse of our distant and not-so-distant past in the hope of awakening an interest in town history in newcomers and our young folk. The 50 objects displayed will have their story told in the accompanying book available for purchase or loan. On display, antique tools, dolls and artifacts will sit alongside trains and a diorama of a Revolutionary War battle. Pound Ridge Historical Society, 255 Westchester Ave., Pound Ridge. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Saturdays and Sundays through November. Info: 914-764-4333 or visit www.poundridgehistorical.org.

India Day. A Chappaqua Indian community outreach event featuring cultural dance and instrumental music performances, crafts and a community get-together. First Congregational Church, 210 Orchard Ridge Rd., Chappaqua. 2 to 4 p.m. Free.

An Evening With Jimmy Webb. Come for an intimate cabaret-style evening with this living legend, listed by Rolling Stone as one of the top 50 songwriters of all time. During the late 1960s and early '70s, Webb was arguably the most successful mainstream songwriter alive, churning out sweeping, richly orchestrated hits for the likes of Glen Campbell, Barbra Streisand, Elvis Presley, Isaac Hayes, Frank Sinatra and many others. Known worldwide as a master of his trade, Webb is the only artist ever to have received Grammy Awards for music, lyrics and orchestration. Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$125. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit www.artscenter.org.

Sunday, Oct. 7

Creatures of the Night. While we are in bed fast asleep, our animal friends are using their senses to find food and make their way through a mysterious nocturnal world. Meet some of these animals and find out why they only come out at night. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Wildlife Research Walk. Join wildlife researcher Sarah Walkley on a hike to one of her field sites, followed by a viewing of animals from trail cameras that record animal behavior in the preserve. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

Painting With Alternative Media. This two-session workshop will help you develop a variety of techniques and approaches using whatever media you choose. The focus will be on alternative (non-artist) materials, although some

traditional water-based media will be integrated. Explore rusting agents, patinas, molding paste, texturizing agents, gold leaf, colored gesso, crackling agents, netting, gauze, fabric dyes, inks, tissue paper, adhesives and more. Beginners and experience painters are welcome. For teens and adults. Led by Jill Keifer. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 1 to 4 p.m. Members: \$108. Non-members: \$120. There will be a \$20 supplies fee. Second session meets Oct. 14. Info and registration: 914-738-2525 or visit www.pelhamartcenter.org.

Jonathan Demme's Rarely Seen Cinema: "Cabin in the Sky." In Vincente Minnelli's first feature film – the first all-black musical in nearly 14 years and only the fourth all-black film by a major studio since the advent of sound – Lena Horne plays the beautiful Georgia Brown, a temptress on Lucifer's side in the battle for the soul of a gambler called Little Joe. The film stars Ethel Waters and Rex Ingram, who reprised their roles from the Broadway production of the same name. Presented in 35mm. A relaunch of this series in honor of Demme's joyful and generous spirit of communal experience. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 5 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Monday, Oct. 8

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. 719 Bedford Rd., Bedford Hills (next to ShopRite). 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 drop in.

Morning Bird Walk. Go birding with the Saw Mill River Audubon. Beginners welcome. Rain or shine. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way (Route 117), Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. Free. Meets the second Monday of each month. Info: Visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org.

Back-to-School Pediatric Hearing Screening. Get your child's hearing screened for the new school year. For all school-age children five to 18 years old. Spots limited. 9 am - 12 pm Phelps Hospital's Speech & Hearing Center, third floor, 777 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 9 a.m. to noon. Free. Spots limited. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3010.

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.

"From Broadway to Italy." Will and Anthony Nunziata return for a special hometown Columbus Day concert. The brothers bring their signature two-part harmonies, soaring tenor voices and comic wit to fresh takes on the greatest songs ever written for the stage and the greatest songs ever performed by famed Italian-American singers including Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Frankie Valli, Dean Martin and many more. The renowned singers, songwriters, Netflix-bound comedians and Carnegie Hall headliners are Brooklyn-born, classically trained singers and comedians who have brought their distinct take on classic and contemporary songs as well as their movie-bound original tunes to performing arts centers and theaters, intimate jazz clubs and symphony concerts. With special guest comic Regina DeCicco. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. \$89 per person (plus tax). Show only: \$55 per person (plus tax). Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or visit www.BroadwayTheatre.com.

Tuesday, Oct. 9

Music & Movement. Shake, shimmy and dance. For children two to five years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.org.

Better Breather Club. An interactive support group for people with breathing disorders or pulmonary fibrosis. Light refreshments served. Participants who use oxygen may switch to the hospital's supply during the meeting. Sponsored by Phelps Hospital, the American Lung Association and the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. Phelps Hospital's Pulmonary Lab, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 12 to 1 p.m. Free. Reservations required. Info and registration: 914-366-3712.

Holistic Pain Support Program. People suffering from chronic pain will have access to comprehensive pain management services, including exercise, nutritional guidance, psychological support and complementary medicine practices. Phelps Hospital's Family Medicine Residency Conference Room, fourth floor, 755 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 12 to 1 p.m. Free. Also Oct. 23. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937.

Lecture on Ayurveda Medicine: An Approach to Treat Common Disorders. Dr. Kaushik will cover disease-specific issues as well as methods to balance body, mind and spirit, which is the Ayurveda

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Observing the Vagaries of the Seasons of the 2018 Grape Harvest



By Nick Antonaccio

This is my favorite time of year in the grape vineyard annual cycle. Across the globe, tens of thousands of grape growers are in the midst of the annual harvest season.

Some have already harvested their bounty. It is safe in the winery, having been recently crushed and is now fermenting and developing its unique characteristics as it evolves and matures into a wine that bears the signature of the winemaker.

If harvested at the height of the ripeness curve, and barring any sudden intervention from nature in the form of a sudden rainfall, this year's harvest has the potential of a standout vintage in many wine regions, one to cellar for the ages.

Other growers are waiting and watching for that precise moment when grape development is at its peak: full ripeness and the optimum balance of fruit, sugar and taste.

We are now experiencing the culmination of the seasons of the vineyard. The success of the 2018 grape

'nature has been teasing grape growers'

harvest and the resulting wine production has been in the balance for much of the growing season.

Earlier this year, I reported on the weather patterns and conditions across the global grape-growing regions. From the ravages of hailstorms, frost, deluges and smoke-taint, it has been a difficult year to predict the final results of the harvest. Would it be a lost season of low crop yield and poor fruit? A season that reversed itself, salvaged by exceptional seasonal weather patterns and yielding a bountiful, quality harvest?

These are the questions and worries that haunted farmers from the early phases of bud set, through the maturation months and culminating in the mad dash to pick crops at the peak of ripeness.

We see this uncertainty in every season of nature's bounty. In years of ideal weather conditions, fruits and vegetables are

glories to behold. Tomatoes with luscious flavor and color, firm skin and sustained ripeness. Corn as bright as the sun itself, with rich sugars and starches that explode in one's mouth. Likewise, grapes redolent of aromas and taste to please the most discerning palate, with sugar and

flavor levels that will sustain the life and character of wines for years of aging.

However, in years in which nature is not so generous and gentle, we must suffer through mediocre produce that makes us yearn for previous years' glory. Tomatoes characterized by flavorless juice and insipid coloring; flesh that splits open from the absorption of excessive rainfall. Corn that is as limpid as the color of the moon, flavorless and difficult to bite. And grapes ravaged by fungus or invading insects; or bulging with excessive water, rendering the fruit flavorless and unworthy of aging. In extreme years farmers may resort to destroying portions of harvests rather than produce and sell inferior fruits and vegetables.

It seems nature has been teasing grape growers for a good part of the 2018 season, but has redeemed herself at harvest time. The results so far have been quite encouraging. Late season weather has aided in salvaging the crops in many of the ravaged wine regions. Swaths of Champagne, Burgundy, Bordeaux and Spain are enjoying the bounty of an otherwise lost season, rising from seemingly certain disaster to produce wines of high quality, if low yields. California has survived the devastating

wildfires in proximity to wine-growing regions; the feared smoke taint of grapes seems to have been largely avoided.

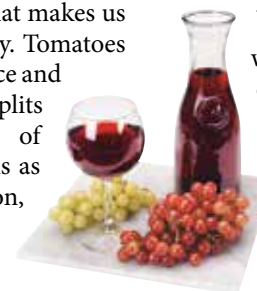
Overall, this year's harvest compares favorably to the last few years. Much of this may be attributable to weather pattern extremes. The summer season was rainy in a number of wine regions, drought-laden in others and surprisingly ideal in a few blessed areas.

As the growing season approached harvest, weather patterns were generally favorable, salvaging many questionable vineyard yields and enhancing those with favorable conditions throughout

the season.

This portends well for consumers, across the spectrum of wine production. Join me in raising your glass in thanks to the blessings of nature's bounty for the 2018 vintage.

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**You Heard It
Through the
Grapevine**

Money Doesn't Grow on Trees – Or Does it?

With the Earth's population now at 7.6 billion people and projected to increase to near 10 billion by 2050, it follows that one of the most pressing social issues of the day is how to feed the world in an era of unevenly distributed wealth, diminishing natural resources, weather uncertainties and other factors that affect food scarcity.

Agricultural science to the rescue! With only 40 percent of the planet's land available for growing crops, traditional methods for farming are quickly being supplemented by ingenious new technologies. I believe it is an industry that may well be very attractive to discerning investors.

The range of "ag-tech" startups is large and eclectic, from computerized management of vineyards that tracks harvests, growing conditions and grape maturity, to oxygenation techniques that extend shelf life, to pathogen and

pest detection. For investors, that means many interesting opportunities that, when carefully researched, can add to a nicely diversified portfolio.

Here are just two of potentially many interesting technologies to consider.

Indoor Farms. These highly automated, high-tech facilities are spreading across the globe and can "sprout" in unused warehouses, corners of parking lots and stacks of shipping containers.

Indoor farms (or vertical or mega farms, as they are sometimes called) don't use soil or sunlight but rather LED lights and mineral substitutes called vermiculites. Everything from watering to temperature to carbon dioxide level is software-controlled. Vertical hydroponic farms logically reduce the need for land, can be erected in urban areas and are impervious to foul weather conditions and changing seasons.

One San Francisco indoor farming

venture raised \$200 million last year alone. In Newark, one such vertical farm is already operational. The upsides of the approach are clear, from profitable commercial applications to fresher produce for consumers, since the greenhouse facilities are often located in urban areas.

Drip Irrigation. Conceived by an Israeli engineer, drip irrigation (or micro-irrigation) technology replaces the centuries-old practice of flooding fields with water and instead drips small amounts of water and fertilizer directly onto a plant's roots.

With climate change, polluted groundwater, water mismanagement and aging infrastructure in much of the world, innovations in water conservation can be significant. Drip irrigation technology has been shared globally, along with other advances such as sewage treatment and water



By Peter Chieco

purification for agricultural uses.

Innovations are ripe for the picking.

In our nation today, agriculture is a \$3 trillion industry but less than 1 percent of the U.S. population works on an actual farm. In contrast, 150 years ago nearly half of Americans were farmers. Automation and ingenuity have changed the agricultural landscape. But one thing won't change: a growing population's increased demand for food and fresh water.

For experienced investors as well as "green" investors new to financial markets, ag-tech can be worthy of consideration. With careful attention to research, who knows, the proverbial money tree might actually exist.

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**The Prudent
Portfolio**

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The World of Dance Explored at Annual Jacob Burns Series

By Neal Rentz

One of the most popular series at the Jacob Burns Film Center since opening in 2001 has been Dance on Film.

From Oct. 3-14, the series returns for the 17th time, delving into the world tap, ballet, hip-hop and other styles.

Programmer Kathryn Bonomi once again selected the films as she has each year Dance on Film has been presented.

This year's series consists of eight documentaries and an afternoon of short films. It opens with "Rebels on Pointe," the 2017 feature directed by Bobbi Jo Hart about the all-male Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo. The film includes interviews with members of the popular touring dance troupe and demonstrates the dancers' sacrifice in preparing for performances, Bonomi said.

"American Tap," released earlier this year and directed by Mark Wilkinson, covers the history of tap dancing, and will be screened on Oct. 9. Bonomi said the film traces tap dancing from its origins in Africa, through all black Broadway productions, the movies of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers to contemporary tap dancers, including Jason Samuels Smith and Michelle Dorrance.



JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER PHOTO
"Rebels on Pointe," the 2017 documentary directed by Bobbi Jo Hart about the all-male Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, will open the Dance on Film series at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville on Wednesday.

Following its screening, a question-and-answer session will bring together tap dancers and choreographers

Ayodele Casel and Michela Marino, the film's associate producer, for a discussion hosted by award-winning

choreographer Peter Pucci. Pucci was a principal dancer with Pilobolus Dance Theatre who made several film and television appearances and performed on Broadway. He has served as the host and moderator for Dance on Film programs since 2009.

Though the acclaimed director Ingmar Bergman is associated mainly with dramas, "Ingmar Bergman Through the Choreographer's Eye" directed by Fredrik Stattin will be screened on Oct. 6 and 10.

To mark the 100th anniversary of Bergman's birth, four prominent Swedish choreographers – Alexander Ekman, Par Isberg, Pontus Lidberg and Joakim Stephenso – traveled with principal dancers from the Royal Swedish Ballet to the Baltic Sea island of Faro to create dances inspired by the films, Bonomi said.

Though most of the programs are devoted to documentaries, the series includes "Dancers Dancing" on Oct. 14, a program of short films curated by Pucci. Ballet, modern, Broadway, tap and hip-hop are featured in the shorts.

For tickets and more information, contact the Jacob Burns Film Center at 914-747-5555 or visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

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definition of health and wellness. Topics will include specific remedies, herbs, supplements, diet and more. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 12:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

DIY Paper Bag Monster Puppets. Get ready for Halloween by creating your very own paper monster puppets. For children four years old and up. (Children younger than five must be accompanied by a caregiver.) Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

Current Affairs Book Club. "Believe Me: The Evangelical Road to Donald Trump" by John Fea will be discussed. "Believe me" may be the most commonly used phrase in Donald Trump's lexicon. Whether about building a wall or protecting the Christian heritage, the refrain is constant. To the surprise of many, about 80 percent of white evangelicals have believed Trump – at least enough to help propel him in the White House. Fea, a historian and evangelical Christian, is not surprised and explains how we have arrived at this unprecedented moment in American politics. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Open Book Series. "Educated" by Tara Westover will be discussed. Led by Christine Bobkoff. New Castle Town Hall Conference Room C, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 913-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 10

Anti-Sexual Harassment Employers Training Seminar. In April, New York passed a new law, which takes effect this month affecting how sexual harassment cases are settled. Guest speaker Dawn J. Lanouette, a partner at Hinman, Howard & Kattell LLP, will share best practices for updating policies and training, address questions and concerns and will help make sure your company is prepared to comply with the law. Presented by the Westchester County Association in partnership with the Westchester County Bankers Association. 1133 Westchester Ave., Lobby Level Conference Center, White Plains. 8 to 10 a.m. WCA and WCBA members: Free. Non-members: \$25. Info and registration: Visit www.westchesterbankers.com.

Lego Club. We provide the Legos, you bring your imagination. A fun-building club for students in grades 2-6. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 6 p.m. Free. Meets the second Wednesday of each month. Registration required. Info and

registration: 914-864-8041.

Chess Workshop for Children. Come learn chess with the help of guided instruction and supervised play. Included will be the study of strategy and tactics to make you a better player. For children in grades 1-4. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Free. Also Oct. 24 (at Valhalla branch). Registration requested. Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Art Series: Leonardo da Vinci, Part II. The second part of this exploration of da Vinci's studies and preparatory works for some of his greatest masterpieces. Examine his early apprenticeship with Verrocchio as well as his drawings, paintings and sculptures for many of his various projects. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

From Murder to Museums: Current Controversies Over Nazi-Looted Art. Raymond Dowd, an attorney specializing in copyright litigation and Nazi art looting, will present an overview of art theft during World War II and look at how the sale of stolen works bankrolled large parts of the Nazi war machine. New Castle Town Hall Assembly Room, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7

p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Science Fair. Hailed by critics as "brilliant and quirky" and an "ode to the teenage science geeks on who our future depends," this film follows nine high school students from around the globe as they navigate rivalries, setbacks, and, of course, hormones, on their journey to compete at the International Science and Engineering Fair. Directed by duPont Award-winning and Emmy-nominated documentary filmmakers Cristina Constantini and Darren Foster, the film offers a front seat to the victories, defeats and motivations of an incredible group of young people who are on a path to change their lives, and the world, through science. Followed by a Q&A with film subject and teacher Dr. Serena McCalla and a reception. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Candidates and the Environment. Candidates running for election at the state level will discuss environmental issues and take questions from the audience. In partnership with the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

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**SUPREME COURT OF THE
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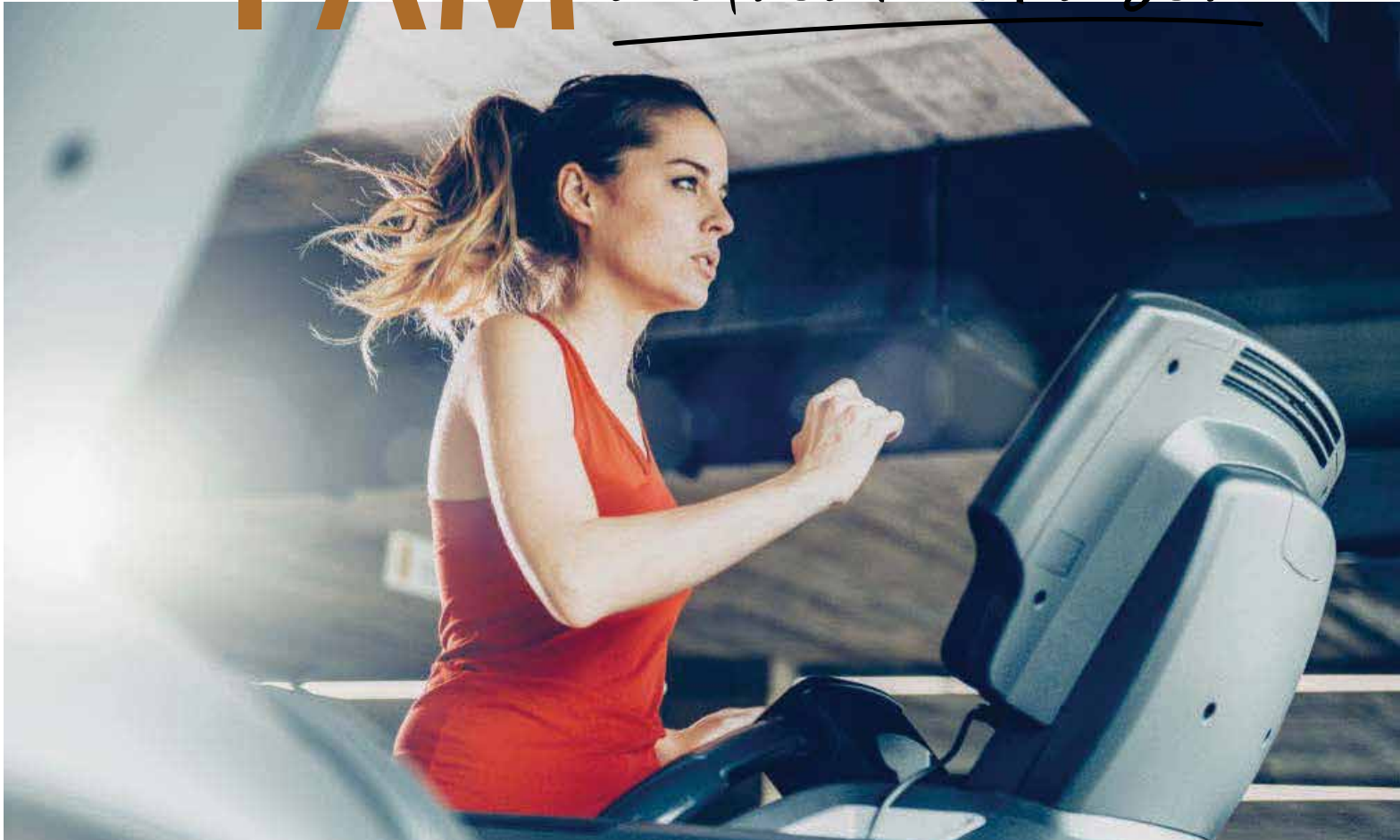
Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises are situated. **WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF PARK PLACE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-WCW1**, Plaintiff, against **GERMAN BOHORQUEZ**, if he be living and if he be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint, **ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, and "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE"**, the last two names being fictitious, said parties intended being tenants or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in, or lien upon the premises described in the complaint, Defendant(s). **TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP**

THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. **NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT** of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a mortgage in the sum of \$384,000.00 dated March 31, 2005, executed by defendant(s) **GERMAN BOHORQUEZ to ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY LLC** recorded on May 11, 2005 in Control No. 451190556. **ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY LLC** assigned all of its rights, title and interest in the Mortgage by way of an assignment executed July 2, 2013 to **WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF PARK PLACE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-WCW1**. The assignment was duly recorded on July 25, 2013, in Control No. 531913817. On July 1, 2008, for valuable consideration **GERMAN BOHORQUEZ** duly executed, acknowledged and delivered a loan modification agreement dated that date, whereby said defendants bound himself/herself in the new principal amount of \$367,675.28 with interest thereon in (the "LOAN MODIFICATION"), covering premises known as 9 South Kensico, MT Pleasant, NY 10595 AKA 9 South Kensico, Valhalla, NY 10595 (Section 117.19, Block 1 and Lot 86). The relief sought within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. To the above named Defendants: The foregoing Summons

is served upon you by publication pursuant to an amended order of the Hon. David F. Everett, A.J.S.C., and filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester on 08/20/2018. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Mount Pleasant, County of Westchester and State of New York, Section 117.19, Block 1 and Lot 86, said premises known as 9 South Kensico, MT Pleasant, NY 10595 AKA 9 South Kensico, Valhalla, NY 10595. **YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** By reason of the aforesaid, there is due and owing to plaintiff the sum of \$342,772.75, with interest thereon at 5.90000% per annum from June 1, 2012. **UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE** New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. **SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT** You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to this Summons and Complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the Summons and Complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid of-

fice to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. **SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE** The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York State Department of Financial Services' at 1-800-269-0990 or visit the Department's website at <http://www.dfs.ny.gov> **FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS** Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. Section 1303 **NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME** If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving the copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you may lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the Summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. **YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING AN ANSWER WITH THE COURT.** **Aldridge Pite, LLP. Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200 Melville, NY 11747 Our File 25241**

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