

## Mount Kisco Community Rallies for Deported Temple Custodian

By Sydney Stoller

Chants of "Bring Armando home" resonated across the Bet Torah parking lot in Mount Kisco last Tuesday night where hundreds of citizens, congregants and friends of Armando Rojas gathered with signs and candles to protest his deportation.

Rev. Paul Alcorn of Bedford Presbyterian Church and Bet Torah Rabbi Aaron Brusso opened the rally and candlelight vigil with a prayer and moment of silence.

"Armando treated our synagogue family like his own family," Brusso said. "He knew the names of our kids and he cared about them. He was quiet but you always felt his presence. And now we feel his absence."

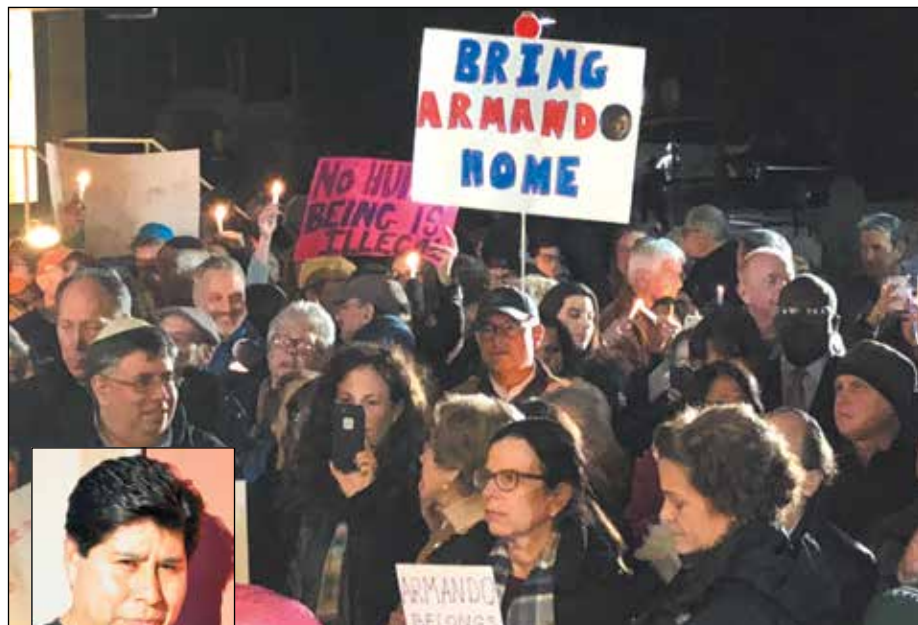
Rojas emigrated from Atlixco Puebla, Mexico in March 1986 at 18 years old. He made his way to New York and found work as a custodian. He was employed at Bet Torah, a local Conservative synagogue on Smith Avenue, for 20 years, serving as head of the custodial staff until his deportation earlier this year.

About eight months ago, he was arrested at night and taken from his wife Sylvia and two sons without warning. He was deported to Mexico without a wallet, identification or phone. On two separate occasions a delegation from Bet Torah flew to San Diego and met Rojas in Tijuana, Mexico. The first time, Rojas was not readmitted into the country but during the second trip synagogue members conferred with immigration authorities to help him begin the process of seeking asylum in the United States.

Upon re-entering, Rojas was first held in the San Luis Detention Facility in New Mexico before being transferred to the Albany Correctional Facility in upstate New York where he has been incarcerated since late June. He is waiting to find out the date of his final appeal in front of an immigration court judge in Batavia, N.Y. He has an immigration lawyer representing him.

Supporters of Rojas have banded

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A crowd of a few hundred people rallied outside Bet Torah in Mount Kisco last Tuesday night to protest the deportation earlier this year of Armando Rojas, inset, a beloved custodian at the synagogue.

## Committee: Murphy Mised Public on Harckham Double Dipping Charge

By Martin Wilbur

The Westchester County Fair Campaign Practices Committee Sunday night released four findings against state Sen. Terrence Murphy for issuing misleading or unsubstantiated campaign statements, including one that charged Democratic challenger Peter Harckham with having simultaneously worked two state jobs.

Harckham brought the complaints to the bipartisan committee recently after a barrage of Murphy campaign literature also alleged that Harckham acquired his jobs at the Office of Community Renewal and Thruway Authority as a result of his connection with Joseph Percoco, a top state official convicted of bribery earlier this year.

Furthermore, Murphy's campaign



Peter Harckham

stated that while serving on the county Board of Legislators Harckham was

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## P'ville HS Students' Emotional Well-Being a Priority With New Program

By Anna Young

The Pleasantville School District is partnering with Pleasantville STRONG and the Break the Hold Foundation to ensure students receive the proper training to manage their emotional and mental well-being.

As youths attempt to navigate the emotional turmoil of growing up, Pleasantville is implementing a social and emotional learning curriculum for its high school students. The Dialectical Behavior Therapy Skills Training for Emotional Problem Solving for Adolescents, also known as DBT STEPS-A, is a universal curriculum centered on helping youngsters during the tumultuous and often pressure-packed high school years.

The curriculum teaches skills for

emotion management, relationship building and decision making. The program's emphasis is on teaching practical skills in a classroom environment rather than having students openly share in detail about certain situations.

Brian Halloran, co-founder of the Break the Hold Foundation, announced at last Tuesday's Pleasantville STRONG coalition meeting that his foundation will be sponsoring a DBT STEPS-A instructor for the high school. He said the program will offer 16 sessions for freshmen, with the hope of expanding the program to other grade levels and neighboring school districts.

Halloran said his foundation wants to be on the forefront of providing youngsters with resources that will allow them to

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# Committee: Murphy Misled Public on Harckham Double Dipping Charge

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conflicted because he voted to give millions of taxpayer dollars to Conifer Realty to build its Chappaqua affordable housing project, and A-HOME, a non-profit organization which Harckham had previously served as its president.

In a statement released Monday morning, Harckham said Murphy has circulated misinformation because he didn't want to address critical issues that the district's constituents care about. He demanded that Murphy, a two-term Republican incumbent, stop spreading falsehoods and issue an apology to 40th State Senate District voters.

"He deliberately made unsubstantiated allegations and spread falsehoods in an attempt to distract the public from the real issues in this race such as women's reproductive health, common sense gun safety, adequate school funding, justice for child abuse victims and other topics," Harckham stated.

In its finding on the state jobs, the committee said "(t)he statement by Mr. Murphy's campaign that Peter Harckham was 'double dipping,' holding 'two full time, low-show jobs' at the same time is misleading and unsubstantiated." The

committee offered no further explanation on that complaint.

Last Tuesday, Harckham made his tax returns from 2015 to 2017 available for inspection by the media. His 2015 returns showed he earned \$19,761.36 as county legislator until he resigned to become the assistant director for the Housing Trust Fund Corporation's Office of Community Renewal. Harckham said he started the state job in June to oversee the distribution of Community Development Block Grant funds Westchester had recouped from the federal government. He earned \$52,785.29 in that capacity in 2015, according to the returns.

Harckham said he left the Housing Trust Fund Corp. job in June 2016, having earned \$56,465.80 before switching over to the New York State Thruway Authority, where he took the position of director of intergovernmental affairs for the New New York Bridge Project. His salary for the remainder of 2016 was \$55,486.75 with the Thruway Authority.

For the entirety of 2017, Harckham remained in that position earning \$123,990.58. He left earlier this year at the end of April to run for state senator.

He said the jobs were successive, not

concurrent.

"It's either gross stupidity or gross dishonesty on Sen. Murphy's part," Harckham said on Oct. 16.

Murphy campaign spokeswoman Martha Ruiz Jimenez said the committee didn't issue a finding on whether Harckham double dipped, but focused on whether he drew the entirety of the \$311,000 he had earned from the state simultaneously.

Jimenez cited records from the Public Records Reporting Information System that lists annualized base salary and actual salary paid to the individual and used those figures to compute the number of weeks worked at both jobs in 2016. As a result, there would have had to have been a three-week overlap, from July 16 to Aug. 4, where Harckham held two positions at the same time.

"His tax returns, and W-2 stubs, do not refute the allegations," Ruiz said last week. "There are no dates on either document which would distinguish whether the jobs are concurrent or consecutive."

On the Conifer matter, the committee called the statements from the Murphy campaign false.

"Mr. Harckham was president of

A-HOME, but Allied Community Enterprises, not A-Home, was involved with the Conifer project, and therefore the statement is false," the committee found. "Also, to state that this is 'another conflict of interest scandal regarding State Senate candidate Peter Harckham' is not factual."

But Jimenez cited a public comment at a New Castle Town Board meeting in 2012 by Joan Arnold, executive director of A-Home, stating that her organization was acting as Conifer's local non-profit partner.

Regarding Harckham's complaint on any connection to Percoco, the committee concluded that "the statement made by Mr. Murphy's campaign about Mr. Harckham's attainment of positions is unsubstantiated as it lacks a factual basis. In addition, the statement is misleading. The statement implies corruption by association and is in violation of two of the Committee's principles."

The committee also found that the Murphy campaign mischaracterized a committee finding from June in two Facebook ads. The committee concluded Harckham had engaged in an unfair campaign practice.

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# Complaint Filed Over Cuomo, Harckham Event in Peekskill

By Rick Pezzullo

The newly appointed Peekskill Republican Committee chairman has filed a complaint alleging Gov. Andrew Cuomo's recent support of Democratic state Senate candidate Peter Harckham at the Kiley Center in Peekskill may have violated the federal Hatch Act.

In his Oct. 14 filing with the Office of Special Counsel in the Hatch Act Unit and during an appearance last Tuesday outside the Peekskill Neighborhood Center, Bruce Bellom singled out the five members of the Peekskill Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for allowing the Kiley Center to be used for political activity.

Bellom contended since a grant of nearly \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was given to the Peekskill Housing Authority shortly after it purchased the Kiley Center in 2003 from the city, the facility, which is utilized for youth programs, was off limits to political rallies such as what occurred on Oct. 5.

Joining Bellom in laying blame on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, all of whom are registered Democrats, were state Sen.

Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) and Westchester County Legislator John Testa (R-Peekskill).

"They should know better," Murphy said of the board. "This is about equality. This is about everyone getting a fair shake."

Testa said Cuomo was well aware of the restrictions of the Hatch Act since he formerly led HUD. He also criticized two of his former opponents, Nancy Vann, chair of the Board of Commissioners, and Michael Kane, the vice chair.

"They should not get themselves involved in political campaigns," Testa said. "People were invited to this event not even knowing what it was. People were bamboozled to come."

In a widespread e-mail that also appeared on Facebook, Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey issued the following: "Will you join me in Peekskill at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning? (10/5/18) I'm hosting an event at the Kiley Youth Center, 709 Main Street, PEEKSKILL, NY. I'm aware you all have lives and this is very short notice but this would literally mean the world to me if you could attend, and it's free. I would love it even more if you could bring people with you. PLEASE let me know. Again it's



State Sen. Terrence Murphy

short notice but if this wasn't important to me, I wouldn't waste time asking. If you're working and can't attend, please ask friends to join me."

Last week Harckham, dismissed the contention that there was any violation of the Hatch Act, calling it "nonsense" and a way for the senator and his supporters to distract from his failed record.

He said the Hatch Act applies to federal employees and none were at the event, nor were there any state employees paid by federal grants on hand.

"They know they're wrong on the issues so they want to deflect," Harckham said. "But the funny thing is the lower they go, the more our numbers grow."

Vann said the Board of Commissioners and Pat Crosland, executive director of the Peekskill Housing Authority, thought Cuomo was visiting the Kiley Center to talk about a grant or gun violence.

"It had been sort of a mystery. We did not know it would be a campaign event," she said. "We would have said it was not appropriate to have a campaign event there."

However, Vann explained city officials have access to the Kiley Center and maintained there were no violations of the Hatch Act since no Housing Authority staff or federal employees were present.

"I'm really angry with the Murphy campaign for making that up," Vann said, noting HUD has not contacted her about Bellom's complaint. "I think it was politically motivated."

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# Mount Kisco Community Rallies for Deported Temple Custodian

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together to prove his value as a community member to the court.

His sons, Armando Rojas Jr., 26, and Ulises, 15, attended last week's event. The older son noted how the rally displayed "how many lives my dad has touched, for all of these people to be here and have his back."

"My immediate reaction was, I was sad and started crying, it was all about emotions at the beginning, it was emotional, very emotionally, unescapable," Rojas Jr. explained.

"We're trying to get my dad back, and we are going to fight until the end because

he deserves to be here. As people put it out there before, not everybody is bad in the world."

Those who attended were encouraged to write letters to members of Congress and sign petitions vouching for Rojas. Citizens from all walks of life, from clergy to local students, stood on the steps of Bet Torah to voice their support.

"I think that in so many ways, the immigration system is broken in our country, and when people who have been

here for 30 years and have a family and have been working end up in situations like that, that's wrong," Alcorn said. "The only way that people can react to that is to stand up and say, no, I don't think it's right, I think that there should be other ways of treating people, especially someone who is very much a part of the community."

The community's passionate support for his father was not lost on Rojas Jr.

"It means a lot because it shows that

that's how many people love my dad, and that's how many lives my dad has touched, for all of these people to be here and have his back," he said.

Brusso said Bet Torah has lost more than a custodian and a friend.

"The truth is that when Armando was taken, we didn't just remove a father from his family and a member from a community, we deported a piece of our humanity as well," he said.

## P'ville HS Students' Emotional Well-Being a Priority With New Program

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develop and learn how to manage and regulate their emotions in a more effective manner.

"We want to help develop a model here in Pleasantville that can be transformed, translated and moved and modified to other schools in the area," Halloran said. "If we can help with some resources, with some guidance and with some expertise, we would be glad, too."

Break the Hold will also be sponsoring teacher training at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence in New Haven, Conn. Pleasantville High School Principal Joe Palumbo said participating teachers will be trained this week. Upon their return, they will share information with other faculty members, he said.

While the DBT STEPS-A program will

be piloted in ninth-grade English and social studies classes, Palumbo added that students in grades 10-12 will be exposed to wellness training in their physical education classes.

Resources will be provided to parents district-wide as well.

"There's a lot going on in terms of our emphasis on wellness, equipping students with important skills and providing adults, parents and students with some of the same language so there's consistency," Palumbo said. "We're really going to tailor the work we do based on the experience students have."

High school psychologist Dr. Jackie Russo stressed that the program is a curriculum, not therapy or counseling. She said it will enrich students with a skillset to handle difficult situations.

The focus of the program will be on mindfulness, tolerating distress, refraining from acting impulsively, avoiding emotional dysregulation, navigating difficult conversations and interpersonal effectiveness, Russo said.

Superintendent of Schools Mary Fox-Alter noted that students often find themselves in challenging situations. Providing them with a particular skillset will prevent a conversation from becoming a fight, whether it's at school or at home.

She said the district's administrative team is committed to ensuring the social and emotional well-being of students.

"This is a journey and the human existence is very fragile and we absolutely need each other," Fox-Alter said. "The benefit to all of this will be our kids."

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# Con Edison to Implement New Storm Preparation Steps

By Anna Young

With winter rapidly approaching, Con Edison announced last week a series of initiatives that its representatives say will improve storm response and preparation after back-to-back nor'easters in March left thousands of residents without power for days.

Reacting to the deficient response by Con Edison and New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) to the dual winter storms, United Westchester, a group of elected officials advocating for utilities to change how they handle severe weather, issued a 49-page response on the ways storm response can be improved.

Of the 11 key recommendations made by United Westchester in May, County Executive George Latimer said he was satisfied that eight of them will be implemented by Con Edison.

"We all know that we had a very difficult experience last March and for a subsequent period of time after," Latimer said at the Oct. 16 press conference. "Storms Riley and Quinn devastated Westchester, and the time and effort it took to recover from that created quite a dialogue over where we are and what we can do together to make this better."

Con Edison President Tim Cawley said the utility will be investing \$100 million in Westchester over the next four years to fortify its overhead electric



Last week County Executive George Latimer announced changes to storm preparation agreed to by Con Edison. Pictured with Latimer, from left, are county Director of Operations Joan McDonald, Assemblyman David Buchwald, who led the effort to have the utilities make changes, and Con Edison President Tim Cawley, along with other officials.

delivery system against severe storms. A pilot program will also be created to remove hazardous trees on private property, have advance storm staffing and improve communication with the public by ensuring the accuracy of information provided to customers and how it's transmitted.

Cawley added that customers can sign up to receive pre-storm reports and information about outages and restoration via text messages.

The utility will seek earlier access to contractors and mutual aid crews to come into the area and help with repairs,

including the ability to fly crews in rather than have them drive from more distant locales in widespread regional storms; work with municipalities to identify critical roads and community facilities that would receive priority clearing and restoration; and provide additional training for municipal liaisons to better inform local and county officials during outages.

Cawley credited United Westchester for its report and for providing a list of improvements the utility needed to make. He added that Con Edison is keenly focused on continuous improvement.

"With weather patterns changing and storms becoming more devastating, we want to take every step possible to fortify our equipment and make sure customers have the best restoration information possible so that they can make plans," Cawley said.

Following the storms, Latimer called for Con Edison and NYSEG to fire its senior management after both utilities failed to adequately prepare, and struggled to restore power and provide accurate information to customers and officials regarding outages and estimated restoration times.

Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains), who spearheaded United Westchester, said the prolonged outages were unacceptable and stressed to

the utilities the need to make substantive changes. While he acknowledged Con Edison's implementation of improvements would be a long-term process, he said the initiatives will restore some level of confidence for county residents that progress is being made and officials are working together to ensure the implementation is robust.

"There is no way to predict the weather, but we know that if we are working in advance and cooperatively we have the best possible chance to not repeat some of the instances that happened last year," Latimer said. "We approach this time with a certain vigilance, but a certain cooperation and understanding that it takes local municipalities and the professionals of Con Edison together cooperatively to deal with what's coming."

During last week's announcement, no mention was made regarding any potential changes in NYSEG's response to future severe storms.

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# New Castle Committee Tackles Changing Rules for Recycling

By Martin Wilbur

If you've experienced some confusion about which items can be recycled and those that can't in New Castle, you're not alone.

Some residents have been left befuddled by changing rules and guidelines for what is permitted for recycling, said New Castle Sustainability Advisory Board Chairman Steve Wolk. Cardboard cylinders that are left after a roll of paper towels or toilet paper is finished are no longer accepted in town, he said.

Even worse, if an item such as a used pizza box that is stained with too much grease is placed in recycling, that can end up contaminating an entire load of recyclable items, Wolk said. On the other hand, some residents may be throwing out items that can be recycled, thereby increasing the amount of garbage in the waste stream and inflating the tipping fee, thereby costing the town money.

"If we tell people that they need to be ultracareful about contaminants, they may throw away too many things," Wolk said.

"On the other hand, if they put too many things in recycling, then it can contaminate the whole lot and then the whole lot ends up needing to be dumped. So we're trying to find the right balance."

The changes have occurred in large part because many of the entities that accept the items at the end of the process have changed the rules, driven in part by a slowing market for recyclables. Wolk said China, for example, has become much more discriminating about what it takes. As a result, the Chinese have inspectors who examine loads of recyclables to make sure they take only what they currently accept.

When more stringent guidelines are enacted, garbage haulers then must be more careful on their end, he said.

Wolk said the public can start to improve the situation by avoiding the placement of objects in the recycling bins that obviously can't be recycled. In New Castle, there have been bicycle tires and dead animals that have found their way into recycling, he mentioned.

"I'm not sure why people think they can recycle a dead animal or something," Wolk said. "There have been mattresses, so there have been things that many people look at as obvious. At least the obvious things we need to be really careful about."

Guidelines can often differ from municipality to municipality depending

on the hauler and where the recyclables are taken. Beth Pollack, co-chair of North Castle's Recycling and Sustainability Committee, said the committee prepares presentations at Town Board meeting when there are new rules and guidelines. Another presentation may be done next month, Pollack said.

There is also information on the committee's page on the town's website and the town's hauler, Suburban Carting Corp., sends out an updated waste and recycling calendar at the start of every year, which includes any changes, she said.

"The recycling committee finds that most residents of North Castle are compliant, and want to know the rules," Pollack said.

Improving communication is essential, Wolk said. On the New Castle SAB's website, [www.NewCastleSAB.org](http://www.NewCastleSAB.org), there is a tab under initiatives that provides the public with a list of current items that can and can't be recycled.

The SAB is also completing update informational materials that will serve as a reminder, he said.

"What we're going to do is create something that (residents) can put on the refrigerator or something," Wolk said.

If residents have any questions, they can refer to the website of e-mail questions to [SAB@mynewcastle.org](mailto:SAB@mynewcastle.org).

## Clean Bill of Health

Doctors and nurses from Northern Westchester Hospital performed checkups on stuffed animals and dolls, applied casts and sutures and fixed boo boos at a free Teddy Bear Clinic and Health Fair at the hospital on Oct. 13. After getting a clean bill of health, kids, parents, teddy bears and dolls enjoyed games — including germ-buster, hand-hygiene and spin the wheel-of-nutrition — tips on nutrition and exercise, health and safety lessons, Halloween safety tips, a daVinci Robot demo and an activity craft sponsored by the Junior League of Northern Westchester. The Teddy Bear Clinic was designed to lessen the fears that children may have when visiting a hospital or doctor's office.



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# Mt. Kisco Residents Question Downtown Changes at Comp Plan Hearing

By Neal Rentz

Several Mount Kisco residents expressed skepticism about allowing mixed-use development on village-owned property in the downtown area and called for greater emphasis on environmental issues during the opening of last week's public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan update.

The Village Board is focusing on zoning changes that could encourage downtown residential and commercial development on Lexington Avenue and Radio Circle, as well as at the village-owned North Moger and South Moger parking lots.

Some residents urged village officials to take more time to consider the impact on the environment, parking and traffic before rushing into major changes.

Resident Harry McCartney said because the village is in a floodplain, officials must consider the critical issue of potential flooding. Additionally, plans to mitigate traffic on state and county roads could take years to implement, and congestion could get worse with additional downtown development.

"We really have to slow up here," McCarthy said.

Brian Liebman, another resident, said officials have failed to weigh the risks and consequences of additional development. An opponent of developing the Moger

parking lots, Liebman said if there were 300 to 500 residents living in what is now the South Moger lot property, for example, that would disturb the flow of cars in Mount Kisco because of additional traffic and less parking.

He also argued that the urgency for the village to revitalize its downtown is largely a myth. Downtown parking lots are often full and many people are walking through the village already even if there are some storefront vacancies, he said.

Resident Ralph Vigliotti similarly expressed reservations about developing the South Moger lot, saying "I'm not a big fan" of creating an apartment building in the lot. He also said he was concerned about the potential loss of parking spaces.

"How many more apartment complexes do we need?" Vigliotti asked.

Additional offices and small stores are needed for the downtown, rather than mixed-use development with apartments, Vigliotti added.

He did support the possibility of a parking garage because the structure would provide parking for employees of local businesses and free up on-street parking near stores.

While the proposed revised Comprehensive Plan contains some very good ideas such as calling for re-timing



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Mount Kisco's South Moger Avenue parking lot, which could be the site of a mixed-use development project if the proposed change in the village's Comprehensive Plan update comes to fruition.

of traffic signals to improve vehicular flow, said resident John Rhodes, the document fails to address the potential consequences of new downtown development. How traffic congestion would be mitigated is one glaring omission, he said.

"You have to very carefully look at the impact of various scenarios," Rhodes said.

Resident Bob Liebman, who worked on the 2000 Master Plan update, the last time the document was revised, said climate change is the most important environmental issue facing the world

and must be addressed in an updated Comprehensive Plan.

While most of the speakers were critical of aspects of the revised plan, resident Beth Vetare Civitello said she supported the concept of transit-oriented development, which would increase commerce in Mount Kisco. Ideas outlined in the updated Comprehensive Plan would help "make our town grow," she said.

Following about two hours of comment, the Village Board weighed in on the discussion. Trustee Karen

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## Letters to the Editor

### Farber Has Long List of Accomplishments Serving Mount Kisco

After researching and personally experiencing the qualifications, commitment and proven expertise of Deputy Mayor Jean Farber, I wholeheartedly support her continued service as a Mount Kisco village trustee.

I met Jean as a neighbor, then first publicly observed her leadership skills as a longstanding board member of our local condo community. It was not until I more recently joined the Mount Kisco Arts Council (MKAC) that I became fully aware of her unwavering commitment to myriad local opportunities beyond MKAC.

For the past eight years as a trustee, Jean has worked tirelessly for our residents to enhance our lifestyles, financial stability and cultural growth. I believe that she brings historical knowledge and research of past

operation combined with a willingness to embrace the changes we need to flourish in the future.

As a founding member of the Arts Council three years ago, Jean worked to create pop-up art galleries featuring local artists, downtown outdoor art shows and a six-week series of free music concerts at Fountain Park. These events mark only the beginning of her expanding dreams to celebrate our local artists and share their talents with our community.

Jean also serves as the Village Board's liaison to the Mount Kisco Historical Society, which applauds her support for the clearing and maintenance of trails throughout the village. Similarly, she is liaison to the Italian American Club and the Memorial Day Parade Committee.

She has supported the renovation

of Mount Kisco's three firehouses as well as the rehabilitation of the DPW building. Still, in her busy schedule, she finds time to serve as a volunteer for seniors by driving them to local doctors' appointments.

Furthermore, Jean advocated for the merger of our local police department with the Westchester County police, a move that saved millions of dollars and provided better protection for our residents.

This sampling of accomplishments, amidst a long list of others, will hopefully be convincing reasons for all of us to vote for Jean Farber as one of our valued trustees.

**Barbara Schainman**  
Mount Kisco

### DiLeo's Commitment to Mt. Kisco Would Be Great Asset to Village

I am thrilled that Gina DiLeo is stepping up as a candidate for trustee of Mount Kisco this November. It is never easy to commit to this type of service, but like Gina's philosophy, we want to put into action a plan to make things better for our community.

The village board should not be about politics; clean and simple we are about making our village the best it can be. Gina's philosophy aligns with this, and therefore, I believe she is running in the right place at the right time. In getting to know Gina better, I can say she is a genuine, hardworking person who

has a proven 25-year track record as a community supporter through her long list of volunteer efforts to this village. I would love the opportunity to have her as a trustee working side by side with us as we continue this journey to have Mount Kisco reach its full potential.

Gina is a team player and she can add a perspective that aligns with her volunteer-community experience, which will be important to us as we continue to make the positive changes for our village. Her experience in emergency services will also be key in working with a team to create an

emergency plan for our village, which is something we realized we do not have in Mount Kisco.

I unequivocally support and endorse Gina DiLeo for trustee. I believe her experience, perspective and kind heart would be a great asset to our leadership team and the future of our town. The voters in our village deserve a choice at the ballot box again this November. They will have a smart and effective choice in Gina DiLeo on the 4MK line.

**Isi Albanese**  
Mount Kisco Trustee

### DiLeo's Experience, Determination Are Essential Qualities

As a Mount Kisco resident for more than half my life and personally knowing Gina DiLeo for most of my life, I endorse her with confidence for the position of village trustee. She is capable to execute the duties associated with this position because of her past experience with for-profit and nonprofit organizations, her knowledge of the village, and most importantly, her ability to follow through with her

responsibilities.

In the many years that we have known each other, I can personally attest that once Gina has made a commitment, the goal will come to fruition. There is no doubt that as village trustee she will ensure that the goals set will happen, the work that has to be done is done and the people of Mount Kisco will be served. Her sense of professionalism and loyalty are unwavering and she will

certainly be able to assist in the needs of Mount Kisco's residents while holding true to the values we all believe in.

Vote Gina DiLeo. Her love for Mount Kisco alone is enough to ensure that she is the best candidate possible.

**Michelle Gioffre**  
Mount Kisco

### Schleimer's Priorities and Long Public Service Best for Mt. Kisco

Like many Mount Kisco residents, my family and I lost power during a snowstorm last winter. Having a newborn daughter in a home without heat was terrifying. It's October now and the winter is just around the corner, I fear that this winter may be even worse than last.

When I shared my story and concerns with Karen Schleimer, she was insightful and genuinely interested in helping.

Although climate change brings challenges to our community, these challenges can be overcome with the right leadership. That is why I am voting to re-elect Karen Schleimer for village trustee. She has served the community for almost 40 years and embraces smart economic development without compromising our village's infrastructure.

After listening to her speak at a

recent meeting to discuss the proposed Comprehensive Plan, Trustee Schleimer made it clear that we cannot have economic development without reliable electricity and flood mitigation to support our village. To me, re-electing her is a no-brainer.

**Robert Rosenthal**  
Mount Kisco

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# Letters to the Editor

## Murphy Supports Legislation That Helps Residents of the 40th State Senate District

I was bemused by the letter from Mr. Joel Gingold regarding Sen. Terrence Murphy ("Electing Harckham Only Way to Get Key Legislation Passed, Oct. 2-8). Without citing a single example, he claims that Sen. Murphy "takes credit for everything positive that happens in Albany" and the senator's remark that he "brought Democrats and Republicans together" is "fantasy." Yet Mr. Gingold provides no evidence to substantiate his claim.

There is none. If we look at Sen. Murphy based off results, he passed 39 bills this year, the most of any of his colleagues. He is known as a prolific author of legislation, consistently leading each year not only in bills passing the Senate, but in bills that

passed both houses and are signed by the governor into law.

Mr. Gingold claims that bills passed by the Assembly were "left to die" by Senate Republicans. But the buzzwords he uses omit the reasons why the bills died, like the bill to let non-doctors perform abortions into the third trimester and close any hospital that does not repeal its conscience clause, or enact "AlbanyCare," socialized medicine with a \$238 billion tax hike to pay for it (larger than the state budget).

"Immigration" refers to the sanctuary state bill – where New York no longer collaborates with federal law enforcement – or the New York is Home Act, the one where illegal immigrants receive welfare,

driver's licenses and voting rights, all bills supported by Peter Harckham. Most people are relieved to hear that these bills died in the Senate.

Meanwhile, much like Pete Harckham, Mr. Gingold makes no mention of the countless Senate bills that died in the Assembly, showing his letter is politically, rather than altruistically, motivated. Otherwise, he would equally chastise the Assembly for killing bills to let military voters have their ballots count; rebalance the school funding formula in favor of our region; create victim safety zones to keep victims away from their tormentors; put school resource officers in every school; and require a life sentence without parole

for cop killers. These are just a few of Sen. Murphy's bills which died in the Assembly without so much as a committee debate.

Like Mr. Harckham, Mr. Gingold seems more concerned with illegal immigrants and scoring cheap political points than our military and first responders, school funding, abuse victims or school safety.

Facts matter, not empty words. That's why two years ago, 5,000 more people voted for Sen. Murphy in the 40th Senate District than Hillary Clinton. I will be voting for him again in November.

**Helen Arnold**  
Yorktown Heights

## Farber, DiLeo Would Bring Continuity and a Fresh Voice to Village Board

I want to encourage Mount Kisco voters to choose Jean Farber and Gina DiLeo in the upcoming election for village trustee.

Jean has served as a trustee for several years and has a proven track record of REAL accomplishments. Her focus has always been on community involvement. She was instrumental in bringing the arts to Mount Kisco as a founding member of the Mount Kisco Arts Council (MKAC). Over the last three years, MKAC created our first pop-up gallery featuring local artists, created a grab-and-go summer art show last year and a summer arts festival this summer. Last October saw the first

juried art show with a free outdoor concert. This summer there were six free concerts at Fountain Park with an eclectic mix of musical artists on alternate Wednesday evenings. Having been to several, they were a big success.

In addition to all Jean does for the community, she is dedicated to maintaining fiscal responsibility while balancing quality government. Every year that she has been on the Village Board, the annual budget has consistently been below the maximum increase suggested by Albany. I serve with Jean on the Board of Directors for our homeowners'

association and have personal experience with her commitment to the community and fiscal responsibility.

Gina was endorsed by the independent 4MK party and will bring a fresh voice to the board. She is a first-generation Mount Kisco native with a strong work ethic focused on service to our village. Gina, like Mayor Gina Picinich and Trustee Isidoro Albanese, is not a career politician, but a person of action. I have seen that she is willing to champion new ideas and work to get the job done.

Gina is a realtor and a 911 dispatcher for the Westchester County Department

of Emergency Services, is a volunteer firefighter, serves as a Girl Scout leader and is a member of the Italian American Club of Northern Westchester.

Re-electing Jean Farber will provide continuity, a strong commitment to the village and a proven record of accomplishment. Electing Gina DiLeo will provide a fresh voice, a strong commitment to the village and the willingness to roll up her sleeves to get the job done.

**Martha Glantz**  
Mount Kisco

## Harckham is Needed in Albany to Support Vitally Important Child Victims Act

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) reports a high prevalence of childhood sexual abuse histories for individuals in treatment programs, saying they were physically, sexually or emotionally abused as children. As many as 80 percent of individuals going for treatment have histories of childhood

abuse and suffer from PTSD. The NIH states that "recalling long-forgotten or repressed experiences of abuse, many individuals return to substances to suppress their emotional pain and manage their problems."

New York, along with Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Michigan, is

one of these states with the least victim-friendly reporting laws in the country. New York requires victims to sue by the age of 23, 19 years before the average age at which individuals report their abuse. Many never report their abuse.

The Child Victims Act (CVA) of 2018 would extend the filing of charges until a victim is 28, and the age to file civil actions until 50.

State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assemblywoman Sandy Galef co-sponsored the CVA, which passed in the Assembly on May 1. Senate Majority Leader Republican John Flanagan has refused to let the bill come to the floor.

State Sen. Terrence Murphy's public position on the CVA is unknown. Calls to his office go unanswered.

We, the people, need a change in Albany. Democrat Pete Harckham is running against Murphy on Tuesday, Nov. 6. His position on the CVA will allow childhood abuse survivors to hold their abusers accountable in a court of law. To ensure that individuals are guaranteed due process elect Pete Harckham.

**Karen Sevell Greenbaum**  
Croton-on-Hudson

## Mount Kisco Would Benefit Greatly From Having DiLeo on Village Board

"Vinceremo" Luigi DiLeo would shout joyfully as we kicked off our political campaign in Mount Kisco years ago. How encouraging it was to hear that strong voice seeking a political victory for his friends!

Now, years later, it is my pleasure, to say to Luigi's daughter, Gina DiLeo, seeking to perform in her warm manner, service to Mount Kisco as a trustee on our Village Board. Go get them, Gina.

Mount Kisco's fire department could rightfully be termed the most important community organization in the village. Gina DiLeo has been an integral part of that organization for 25 years. From rookie to fire commissioner, she has risen through hard work and faithful service

to become a valuable member of the department and the village. Thank you, Gina, for your service.

We also thank her for the time and effort she has provided our Mount Kisco children. For nearly 10 years she has given her time and knowledge to our Girl Scouts. Her love of children has been a benefit to them and to our community.

Gina DiLeo is a breath of fresh air. I recommend her strongly as a new member of our Mount Kisco Village Board. "Vinceremo!"

**Ferd Vetare**  
Former Mayor  
Mount Kisco

## Community-Minded DiLeo the Best Choice for Mount Kisco

I'm thrilled to endorse Gina DiLeo as she runs for the position of Mount Kisco trustee. I've known Gina for over nine years and there has never been a time where she wasn't willing to selflessly volunteer her time in our community. She is truly a genuine, kind, honest, reliable, hard working woman who will get the job done.

As my daughter's Girl Scout troop

leader for many years, she always had the patience of a saint and taught the girls what leadership really is. She can certainly lead by example when she secures this position on the board.

Please join me in endorsing Gina. You won't be disappointed.

**Marika Chasse**  
Mount Kisco

## Police Blotter

### North Castle Police Department

**Oct. 12:** Report of a grand larceny having occurred the previous day at Equinox gym on Business Park Drive. The complainant arrived at headquarters at 8:07 a.m. to state that his wallet was taken. A report was filed.

**Oct. 12:** An officer reported at 10:32 a.m. that he is out with a landscaper on Sunset Drive who dumped debris on the roadway. The officer stated that the debris has been cleaned up by the landscaper.

**Oct. 12:** A caller stated her car was struck by another vehicle on North Broadway at 12:33 p.m. The other vehicle left the scene but a witness provided her with the plate number. The responding officer confirmed a report would be completed.

## Obituary

### Zyrafete Osmani

Zyrafete Osmani of Chappaqua passed away in New York City on Oct. 19 at 66 years old.

Visitation by family and friends was at Pleasant Manor Funeral Home, Inc. in Thornwood on Oct. 20 and 21. Funeral services and burial took place on Oct. 22 at Oakwood Cemetery in Mount Kisco. Please visit [www.pleasantmanorfh.com](http://www.pleasantmanorfh.com) to post condolences.

**Oct. 14:** A complainant stated at 9:43 a.m. that there is a lot of drilling and pounding occurring at the construction site between Route 128 and Old Mount Kisco Road. The caller was advised that under the town code construction activity is permitted between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays. The caller feels that the noise is excessive for a Sunday. Report to be forwarded to the North Castle Building Department.

**Oct. 16:** A Quartz Ledge Road resident reported at 8:15 a.m. that his vehicle, a Mercedes sprinter van, was broken into overnight and property was taken. The responding officer was dispatched to the site. Depositions and photos were secured.

**Oct. 17:** A Cats Rock Drive resident reported at 11:37 a.m. that her car was entered and rummaged through while parked in her driveway overnight. No damage was done and nothing was taken. The responding officer reported the area checked okay.

**Oct. 17:** Report of a gas vent fire on the roof of the hair salon at Elide Plaza on Bedford Road at 3:10 p.m. The responding officer confirmed the smoke condition on the roof. Another officer reported that the fire was extinguished and the gas will remain off until repairs have been made. The fire was contained to an HVAC unit on the building's roof. No apparent structural damage resulted.

## Fox Lane Middle School Bus Driver Pleads Guilty to Sexual Abuse

A former Fox Lane Middle School bus driver pleaded guilty last week to first-degree sexual abuse for meeting a 13-year-old girl and fondling her in a vehicle.

Brayan Moscoso Arias, 23, of Brewster, was arrested in May by Westchester County police in Mount Kisco after they received a tip that he was going to meet the girl again for a sexual encounter in the village's Shoppers Park parking lot.

Police staked out the parking lot after they notified the victim's family, according to the Westchester County district attorney's office. Arias arrived at the scene where he was encountered by police and arrested. The child was not present at the time.

The charge, a Class D violent felony, was based on the earlier incident and text messages to the victim transmitted to the victim, authorities said.



Brayan Moscoso Arias

Arias is scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 29, 2019. He faces up to seven years in state prison.

—Martin Wilbur

## Mt. Kisco Residents Question Downtown Changes at Comp Plan Hearing

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Schleimer said the plan does not specify how many parking spaces would be lost in the North and South Moger lots if developed. She also said she needs to know the approximate rents for the residential units and how much additional tax revenue might be generated for the village.

Schleimer then questioned the viability of the transit-oriented development concept for Mount Kisco. Her 31-year-old daughter now lives in Jersey City and pays \$90 a month to take Path into Manhattan, an eight-minute commute. The commute from Mount Kisco is about an hour and far more expensive, she said.

"She doesn't want to live here" even if new apartments would be built, Schleimer said.

Deputy Mayor Jean Farber cautioned against moving too fast and encouraged more residents to speak about the plan.

"It's a plan, not a done deal," Farber said.

Trustee Peter Grunthal said he believes the village is moving in the right direction with the plan, although issues related to climate change must be addressed, including the encouragement of alternative clean energy sources. Potential flooding issues must also be considered if new mixed-use development is built, he said.

Trustee Isi Albanese assured residents that the board is listening to their concerns. He said change is needed in the village but the board intends to be cautious when mulling Comprehensive Plan changes, he said.

However, Albanese said the board did need to explore how to keep and attract young residents.

The Comprehensive Plan public hearing is scheduled to continue next Monday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.



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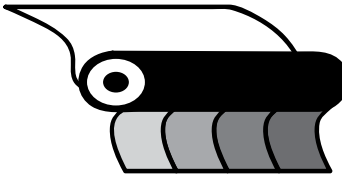
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## All-Day Community Blood Drive at P'ville High School Oct. 29

The struggle to maintain an adequate blood supply never goes away. Pleasantville High School and the Pleasantville Volunteer Ambulance Corps are again teaming up to sponsor an all-day blood drive on Monday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Pleasantville High School, located at 60 Romer Ave. in Pleasantville. Whole blood and red cell units will be collected from qualifying candidates. Although this drive makes it convenient for Pleasantville residents to

participate, blood donors from all towns are welcome to come to lend their help.

For questions regarding eligibility (travel, medications, etc.), call 800-688-0900.

To schedule an appointment to donate, call 800-933-2566. To register online, visit [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org). Although it is helpful to let the organizers know in advance that you plan to come, walk-ins are always accepted.





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# Forging a Special Bond With Bagels, Coffee and Writing Memoirs

By Martin Wilbur

Six years ago, Marian Rogers signed up for a relatively brief memoir writing workshop at the Mount Kisco Public Library.

The handful of weeks when the workshop convened under the direction of Joan Potter sped by. Rogers and others in the group enjoyed it so much they didn't want it to end, so they continued meeting on their own, writing over coffee or tea and bagels or some other nosh.

Since late 2012, Rogers, Gail Burlakoff, Philippa Perry, Sylvia Perugini, Irene Smith, Lisa Zumar and David Gitelson gather every other Tuesday morning, feeding off of each other's critiques, encouragement and friendship. Also joining the group when she can is Perugini's daughter Debra Bloomgarden, a teacher who is the only member of the group who isn't retired.

Typically, they'll sit for two to three hours at a local coffee shop and bounce ideas off of one another and draw inspiration.

"I so look forward to these meetings every other week," said Rogers, a Mount Kisco resident. "I have lots of friends in the building but I think when you're writing memoir and are sharing your life with people that you know on a different level, the people have become very, very important to me personally, not just as

writers."

Last fall, with five years of material under their belts, Perry suggested that the group publish a book of their best memoirs. She asked each participant for 30 pieces and those selections were narrowed.

Earlier this year, they self-published "Bagel Tuesdays." Most entries included in the book average a couple of pages, although there are several that are longer.

"I suppose the special thing of getting out this book and who we are, just sitting in the same spot, is that if not for this particular workshop none of us would have encountered each other because our lives are quite different," said Perry, a Pound Ridge resident. "But having done that tells us something about the early days of your life or your early school days."

She said the group's eight members have the ability to listen to one another and make suggestions to improve each other's work, so it's a more satisfying experience.

The members come from diverse backgrounds. Perry was born and raised in British Guiana before it won its independence.

Burlakoff was born in Hawaii before the start of World War II and described much of her life as nomadic as her father worked for the Office of Censorship



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

The eight contributors to the recently published "Bagel Tuesdays," a book consisting of the memoirs of a local writing group. The group's members, sitting left to right, are Irene Smith, Lisa Zumar, David Gitelson, Debra Bloomgarden and Sylvia Perugini, and standing from left, Marian Rogers, Gail Burlakoff and Philippa Perry.

during the war and was in the sugar cane business afterward. Her first husband was an international banker.

Perugini grew up in rural Pennsylvania outside of Punxsutawney with no indoor plumbing or telephone and attended a one-room schoolhouse for part of her childhood. Like most in the group, she focuses on the stories from her youth, hoping to preserve family history for children and grandchildren.

"I moved from Pennsylvania to New York when I was 12 but I always thought I'm a coalminer's daughter," said

Perugini, who travels from Brewster for the group's writing sessions. "It made you feel like everybody else is better than you are, but when you write about it, I was okay."

"What I've tried to do is exactly what you said, is tell the stories for my three kids and their children and try to answer questions that they may have," added Burlakoff, who lives in Ossining.

Smith said for her there is one critical quality among the group's eight members that helps it bond.

"The most important thing is that we trust each other and sometimes we write something that is so personal," Smith said. "I didn't think we'd be able to do it."

Burlakoff agreed, saying she is able to share not only the happy memories but the painful ones as well.

"The people in this group are like family," Burlakoff said. "Many of the things we share are not things that we would share with anyone else, I don't think."

This Saturday afternoon, the group's writers will be at the Mount Kisco Public Library from 1 to 2:30 p.m. to read selected portions from their book. Light refreshments will be served.

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# Holocaust Survivors' Stories Shared in Riveting Documentary

By Martin Wilbur

The first feature-length film of any filmmaker's career is often a daunting, all-consuming process. For R. Harvey Bravman, there was something even more important at stake.

Bravman is the producer and director of "Soul Witness, The Brookline Holocaust Witness Project," a documentary that was derived from more than 80 hours of videotaped interviews of 36 Holocaust survivors and three other witnesses to Nazi death camp atrocities that had been conducted on behalf of the Town of Brookline, Mass. in the early 1990s. All of the people who were interviewed by Lawrence Langer, one of the world's foremost authorities on Holocaust testimonies, were residents of the town or surrounding communities.

Four years ago, Bravman, a longtime owner of a video production company who has been active in his community by videotaping interviews of the annual youth award recipients, was approached by town officials about whether the tapes could be edited. They had been locked in a metal closet for more than 20 years.

Bravman put his business on hold and devoted more than 80 hours a week over seven months with two film editors to produce what would become the 65-minute documentary. He was

determined to bring out the never-seen-before footage for public consumption, using his own savings to fund much of the project.

"When I was editing this, these are people who told their story because they thought it would have value to society," Bravman said. "This was long after some of them had died. Their voices were finally going to be heard and I was going to be the gatekeeper for what was going to be heard and what wasn't. That responsibility just weighed heavily on me."

'Soul Witness,' which was completed last year, will be brought to Westchester for the first time with a Nov. 1 screening at the Bedford Playhouse. It has sold out theaters throughout the greater Boston area during the past year.

The work that Bravman and his editors endured to bring the story to viewers was exhaustive. First, the film needed to be digitized, then Bravman had to decide how to be true to its subjects and the subject matter by taking such extensive footage and boiling it down to about an hour.

He created two criteria for inclusion: any account had to be witnessed firsthand by the person speaking, and no matter how compelling the testimony, had to add something to the story,



The faces of the Holocaust survivors who provided 80 hours of interviews that are used in the documentary "Soul Witness, The Brookline Holocaust Witness Project," to be shown at the Bedford Playhouse on Nov. 1.

Bravman said.

Then, he decided he would divide the film into segments – their lives before the war, growing intolerance, the camps, resistance movements and the affect their experiences had on them about 45 years later.

For some, the stories they shared were the first time they spoke about their experiences. A central theme was family.

"They wanted you to know who they loved, who they lost and a lot of them not knowing why they were the only ones from their family to survive," Bravman said with a quivering voice.

One interviewee surmised that a letter from his mother that he carried

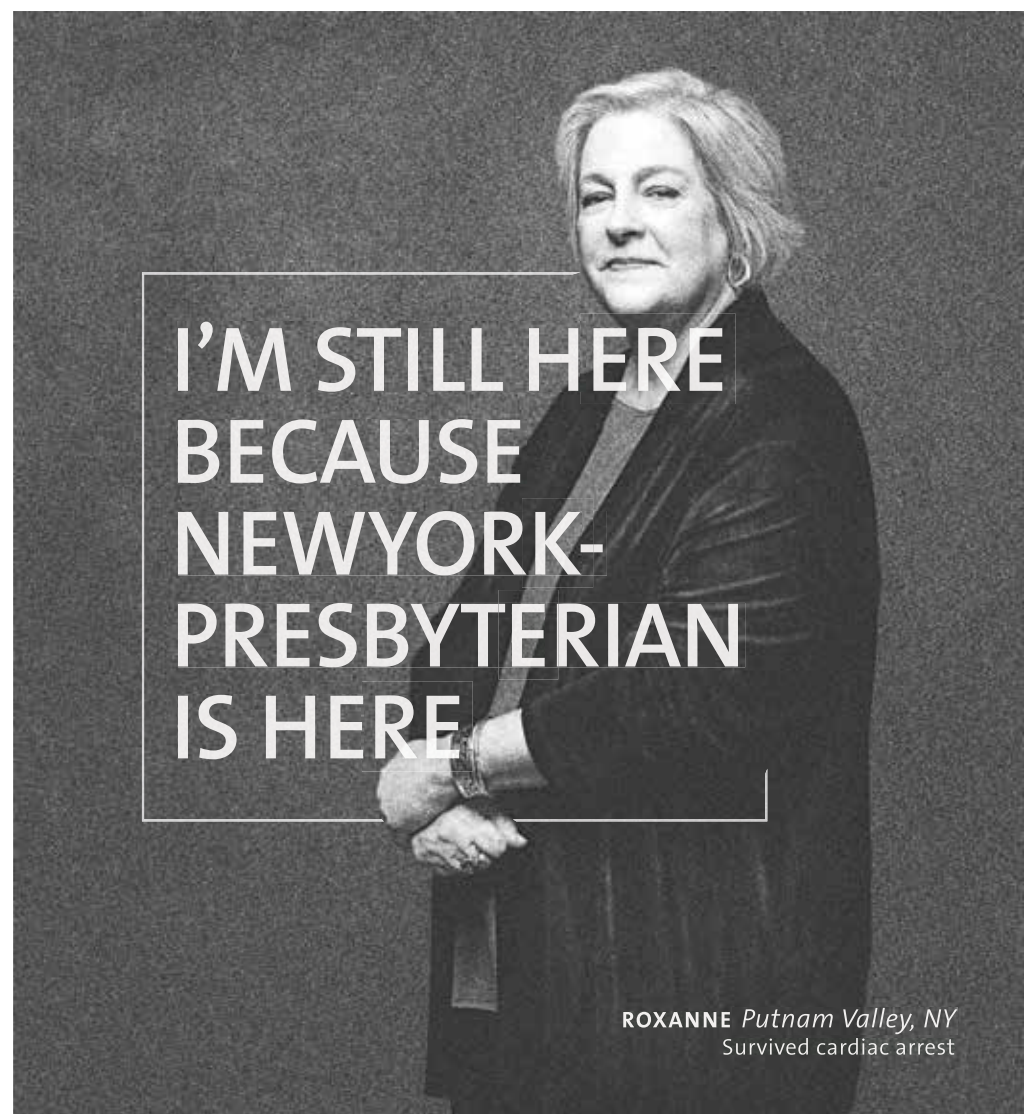
around helped him survive. He figured that he had needed to live because if his mother survived, his death would cause her too much pain. Another told of how he believed he was going to the crematorium and gave away that day's allotment of bread to his mother when he saw her on the other side of a fence because it wasn't going to do him any good.

The difficulty of listening to stories of unspeakable tragedy took its toll during the editing process.

"You have to view the same person saying the same thing over and over and over again," Bravman said. "It's etched in your mind and a couple of editors. I tried to replace them. They were doing a great job and I was worried about them and they refused to leave the project because they were so dedicated to it."

Bravman is hopeful that some of the proceeds from the screenings can fund entries into a few major film festivals. He remains optimistic about an eventual theatrical release on PBS, HBO or another network.

For more information about "Soul Witness, The Brookline Holocaust Witness Project," visit [www.soulwitness.org](http://www.soulwitness.org). For tickets to the 7 p.m. screening on Nov. 1, visit [www.bedfordplayhouse.org](http://www.bedfordplayhouse.org). It will be followed by a Q&A.



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## know your **Neighbor** Kerry LeVielle, Filmmaker

By Anna Young

Art is an imitation of life for filmmaker Kerry LeVielle.

The 23-year-old filmmaker said growing up in Schenectady with her mother and grandmother was the inspiration for her latest short film, "Playhouse." The film details the dynamic nature of the three women, focusing on the granddaughter, who is tasked with stepping into the role of caretaker for her ill grandmother that she isn't necessarily prepared for but is determined to do well.

"The film is really based off those poignant memories that I have growing up," LeVielle said. "My grandmother passed away in December but that's one of the reasons I began wanting to tell this story. It started off with me wanting to explore this nostalgic moment in my childhood and it grew into this examination of responsibility and coming of age with these three generations of women."

Now, LeVielle said her focus is to showcase authentic stories about women

and the dynamic relationships they create throughout life.

"Because I was raised by women and am surrounded by women, I've developed very personal and deeper relationships with women and I want to see more of that explored," LeVielle said.

Last year, LeVielle, a Tarrytown resident, was accepted into the Jacob Burns Film Center Valentine and Clark Emerging Artist Fellow program, where she received the creative support, mentorship, studio space and financial backing to film "Playhouse" and "Nisky Land," another short.

LeVielle, a 2017 SUNY Purchase College graduate, always had a passion for film. She recalled spending summers watching movies and even appearing as an extra in "The Place Beyond the Pines," which furthered her interest.

While she studied film and video production in high school, she attended Purchase as an acting major. She quickly changed to cinema studies halfway through her freshman year. LeVielle said

she realized how much she yearned to participate in the creative process of film production as a writer and director.

"I loved that I could look at a film critically and analyze how they're being made with the importance of why they're being made but I wanted to apply that knowledge into my own art and make impactful stories through my creative vision," she said.

Throughout her time at Purchase, she was part of the crew on several student films, worked at the Jacob Burns Film Center and interned at IndieWire, a film industry and review website in New York City, where her love for independent filmmaking developed.

During her senior year, she took on the challenge of writing and directing a thesis film, "Her Natural Crown," another short that portrays a single mother who struggles with her self-image after getting turned down for a promotion at work. The film was well-received and went on to collect awards at various festivals, including the IndieFEST Film Awards.

After graduation, LeVielle applied for the Burns' fellowship program hoping her acceptance would propel her career. With support from Burns producer Sean Weiner and input from the film center's educational program, Creative Culture, LeVielle's stories came to life.

"I'm just really grateful. Sean is everything you want a mentor to be; he's attentive and thorough and patient,"



LeVielle said. "He's an artist himself so his constructive notes and guidance is so specific to the craft. You feel yourself learning and growing when he's talking to you."

As LeVielle looks toward the future, she wants to continue tackling important female-centric themes that empower women, give a voice to an underrepresented genre of film and provide women a role both in front and behind the camera. For now, she hopes to see "Playhouse" qualify for national film festivals and have audiences relate to her love letter to her childhood.

"The film may be a portrait of my own childhood, but I hope that people see themselves in the film as well," LeVielle said. "I hope that 'Playhouse' can not only empower people but also bring them comfort, that hardships are difficult at the time but everything gets better."

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# Seller's Remorse: There Are Those Who Regret Moving On

It happened again a few nights ago: I dreamt that my wife and I were experiencing an issue with our old home, which we moved from more than three years ago in downsizing.

When I awoke, I had a slight feeling of loss and regret. While both my wife and I feel that we made a good decision to move from a six-bedroom house that no longer served our circumstances, we sometimes share feelings of sadness and/or nostalgia when we think of our former home. At least I do. My wife had no problem letting go of the old place but for some reason I did, especially immediately following the sale and our move to new quarters.

As a realtor I have occasionally heard the term buyer's remorse. But what about seller's remorse?

One might think that any seller would be glad to find a buyer, especially in the current market, which has somewhat stalled. But sometimes sellers lose their enthusiasm for selling for a variety of reasons listed below. I have heard it said that if a homeowner is experiencing seller's remorse, it is probably because he or she is really not motivated enough



By Bill Primavera

to sell.

Readers who are aware of my history would know that a couple of years ago my wife and I sold a home in which we had lived for many years. It barely appeared on the Multiple Listing Service when I received a call from an agent asking if she could bring a client to the house that same afternoon.

As it happened, I couldn't show the house that day because one of our suppliers was delayed in finishing a carpentry job in a bathroom. That part of the house was somewhat in disarray. I asked for a one-day delay. During that time, as I continued my last-minute touch-ups, I suddenly realized that I was experiencing a certain sense of sadness. Oh my, I thought, is this the feeling of seller's remorse?

I have observed the phenomenon just once when making an offer to a seller on behalf of a client. At the height of the market, I had found a perfect buyer who offered full price for a house but the seller dragged his feet in accepting the offer until, finally, his agent told me that he was just unable to deal with selling at

that time. He withdrew the listing.

A while back I read something about seller's remorse on About.com. It attributed the cause of seller's remorse to the homeowner just not being motivated enough to sell because they don't have a good enough reason. The site suggested that a prospective seller check the list of reasons most homeowners sell to see if the motivation is really there.

Here are the top reasons homeowners decide to sell.

1. The home is too small for a growing family.
2. To upgrade, based on the premise that people long for a bigger, more expensive and grander home.
3. To fix a mistake in buying the wrong kind of house.
4. A job transfer.
5. Personal relationships, i.e. divorce.
6. Neighborhood changes.
7. Empty nest.
8. To be closer to family.
9. To be further from family.
10. Retirement.
11. Health problems.
12. Deferred maintenance. Some homeowners prefer to buy a new home rather than fix what needs to be fixed.
13. Home improvement perfection. A segment of the population loves to

fix up a home. Once it's perfect, they grow restless and want to start the process over again. (Not me)

14. Some people can't stand sitting on equity without having all that money in their pockets.
15. Lifestyle change. Some mature Americans want to cash in and buy a co-op or condo with less maintenance and then travel or find some worthwhile work.

As I survey the reasons that most homeowners decide to sell, there were only two out of 15 that applied to my wife and me. Especially since we like our new home so much at Trump Park in Yorktown, we could hardly classify ourselves as having seller's remorse when we decided to take the big step.

But I think it was a normal reaction to having sweet memories of our long-term living experience in our special, former home.

So, as Martha would say, it's a good thing.

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## PORCH Mount Kisco

By Colette Connolly

If you're looking to spruce up your home with unique, vintage and classic accents you'll want to check out PORCH, a new addition to the retail mix in Mount Kisco's downtown.

Owned by longtime friends and former Bedford Board of Education trustees Jen Gerken and Suzanne Grant, the store opened its doors two weeks ago and plans to celebrate its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony this Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The public is invited.

Grant, whose background is marketing and branding, and Gerken, who ran her own interior design business for 10 years, said they both share a love of décor and interior design. Their passion for mixing old with new has developed into a partnership that is a natural fit, they said.

While they began exploring the venture more than a year ago, it took time to find the ideal retail space and the right mix of products they believed local shoppers would find attractive.

"We tried hard to make sure that what we carry is different from everything else you'll find in the area," said Grant, a Mount

Kisco resident.

Both women agreed that the 1,400-square-foot space, the former home of Art Emporium, was attractive for its size and large plate glass storefront.

The store's colorful array of inventory includes merchandise from local outfits such as The General Knot & Co. of Bedford, which makes limited edition neckwear and accessories from rare and vintage fabrics from around the world. Some of The General Knot's products at PORCH include its totes and travel kits.

Two new local artisans have been added to the store to provide carving boards and live edge accent tables, Grant said.

PORCH also includes the partners' own line of vintage items called UVO (Unique, Vintage and Original) – upcycled pieces including tables, sideboards, armchairs, rugs and even the fireplace mantle that has been set up at the back of the store. Comfortable chairs, a couch and a rug give the store a homey feel.

The partners have found pieces from collectors and at estate sales, flea markets and auctions that are lovingly restored.

"The PORCH team is adept at upcycling,



COLETTE CONNOLLY PHOTO

Jen Gerken, left and Suzanne Grant, co-owners of the eclectic PORCH, which recently opened in Mount Kisco.

giving new life to quality older furnishings and accent pieces, using paint, lacquer, stain and designer fabrics," Grant said.

Shoppers can distinguish the store's items by their colorful tags – blue for new merchandise and yellow for the UVO merchandise.

If it's a unique gift you're looking for, PORCH has a wide selection to choose from, including a bath and body section. There are beautiful towels, lotions, soaps and bubble bath, many of them charcoal-infused products.

For the home, there's a range of vintage Steubenville China and a line of chipped enamelware in a variety of colors, Gerken said.

If colorful pillows and throws are on your gift list, you'll find them at PORCH as well. There are handmade blankets

from the Ukraine, recycled glass platters from Northern California and the recycled Palmolive dishwasher bottles turned into porcelain vases by Dutch artist Foekje Fleur.

Scarves, gloves and other fashionable accessories are also part of the store's eclectic mix.

Gerken, a Pound Ridge resident, said the store's collection of modern, graphic and unusual items speaks to their sensibilities.

"There is definitely nothing stuffy here," she said.

For both women, PORCH is an outgrowth of their treasure hunting, which they've enjoyed for years.

"Our guiding principle is, do we love it and is it a good design?" said Gerken.

Bottom line, these enterprising women love working with each other.

"And we love seeing our friends and people from the community taking a moment to stop by," Grant added.

PORCH supports local artisans and the community by hosting special events and shopping nights. On Nov. 13, the store will be the venue for a pop-up shop for Extraordinary Ventures, a local organization that creates employment opportunities for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities.

PORCH is located at 153 E. Main St. It is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sundays from 12 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 914-864-1460 or visit [www.porch-home.com](http://www.porch-home.com).

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# Byram Hills in Good Standing on ELA, Math Standardized Tests

By Aaron Notis

Byram Hills students are reaching proficiency at a high level in standardized tests, routinely placing the district in the 90th to 95th percentile of school systems in the state and region.

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Tim Kaltenecker presented results from the New York State Assessment Report

for 2017-18 at the Byram Hills Board of Education's Oct. 9 meeting and reviewed district initiatives. He noted that the test results came out about five months after students sat for the exams and questioned how accurate the results are for the broader student population.

"We just look at (New York State) test results through a narrow lens,"

said Kaltenecker, who considers these to be "low stakes tests designed to identify students who aren't meeting benchmarks."

Last year, 73, 68 and 64 third-, fourth- and fifth-graders, respectively, reached Levels 3 and 4 on the ELA exam, which is considered proficiency. Third grade saw 23 students at Level 2 and 4 students perform at Level 1; there were 27 students each in grades 5 and 6 that scored a Level 2 while five and nine students were at a Level 1 in those grades.

The numbers improved markedly for middle school-age students who sat for the exam with 90, 81 and 83 students reaching proficiency on the ELA test in sixth, seventh and eighth grades, respectively. Just 10 students performed and Levels 1 or 2 in sixth grade, 19 in seventh grade and 16 in eighth grade.

In math, the results were strong, although in eighth grade 63 students were considered proficient while 31 scored at a Level 2 and two others at a Level 1. Kaltenecker said the reason for the blip is the district doesn't require students who are in the accelerated

program and taking algebra in the eighth grade to sit for the statewide exam, so the strongest math students are not reflected in the statistics.

The district uses these tests to gauge which students need the extra help so that when they have to take tests such as the SAT and ACT exams when they reach high school they will be prepared, Kaltenecker said. State tests are also used to check district benchmarks, ensuring programs are in place to keep students on the right academic track.

"We're really looking at proficiency," Kaltenecker said. "We're looking at how many kids are not yet reaching the benchmarks and what can we put in place to make sure they get there by the time they get to high school."

In addition to the test results, the district is currently looking for benchmark literacy strategies and implementing a Leveled Literacy Intervention Program for elementary school students. This will be the second year for the Math Investigations Program and the district will start to review science programs at the elementary school level.

## Pocantico Hills Seeks Public Input on Choosing New Superintendent

The Pocantico Hills Board of Education has begun the process of searching for a superintendent of schools to replace Carol Conklin-Spillane, who announced her retirement effective June 30, 2019.

The Board of Education has retained the services of Bob Christmann, lead consultant at New York State Leadership Group, to assist in this process. The search will begin by engaging district stakeholders and community members to assist in formulating the desired profile of the next superintendent.

"Our community has a vital role to play in the search process. Their input will bring a sharp focus to the leadership qualities and vision best suited for our district," Board President Al Pacile said.

The sessions will be held in the Pocantico

Hills School Library, and will be tailored to specific stakeholder groups. The sessions are organized as follows:

### Tuesday, Oct. 23

- 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.: Parents/guardians of students
- 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.: Any community member (district resident)

### Wednesday, Oct. 24

- 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.: Pocantico Hills Foundation and PTA members
- 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.: Parents with Pocantico students in partner high schools

### Monday, Nov. 5

- 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.: Any community member (district resident)
- 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.: Parents/guardians of students

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# DOT Directs Chap Crossing Builder to Complete Saw Mill Upgrades

By Martin Wilbur

The state Department of Transportation (DOT) is requiring the developers of Chappaqua Crossing to make upgrades at the Roaring Brook Road interchange with the Saw Mill Parkway to improve traffic flow around the site.

New Castle Town Board members passed a resolution last Tuesday requiring the town collect and hold a \$600,000 performance bond from Summit/Greenfield, the developer of the project at the former Reader's Digest campus, to ensure the funding is in place for the work. The company is responsible for retaining its own contractor to comply with the DOT's request, said Town Attorney Nicholas Ward-Willis.

The deadline for completion is Aug. 31, 2019, or the issuance of a town permit for the residential portion of the project, whichever occurs first, he said.

In addition to the opening of the 63 apartments inside the remodeled cupola building early this year, there will be 91 market-rate townhouses constructed at the campus's east village. There are still minor details being worked out before the New Castle Planning Board, Ward-Willis said.

Work calls for two additional turn lanes and making sure there is a dedicated through lane on the approach to the interchange coming from the Horace Greeley High School side of Roaring Brook Road.

Coming from the other direction, there will be the addition of a dedicated left turn lane onto the northbound parkway and a second lane that allows motorists to either head straight

through the intersection or make a right to travel southbound on the Saw Mill.

Other improvements include installation of a new traffic signal system, repaving and signage, said Supervisor Robert Greenstein.

Town officials are hopeful that the changes will help ease congestion at the intersection, particularly at peak times, once construction at Chappaqua Crossing is completed and the site is fully operational.

"This will, from the traffic engineer's and DOT's perspective, be an improvement to what is there presently,"

Ward-Willis said. "It's making a bad situation less bad."

"It's a win for us, hopefully a big win, but a win for us in terms of traffic," added Councilman Jeremy Saland.

However, Councilwoman Lisa Katz said she was much more skeptical whether there will be any appreciable gains. There will still be times when vehicles will be unable to get over the train tracks, she said.

"It's not going to be an improvement because you could have as many lanes as you want, if the width of the lane to actually get over the railroad track stays

at its current narrow form that only allows one lane through, basically, and sometimes two at a time, it's not going to make a difference," Katz said.

Chappaqua Crossing's 120,000 square feet of retail is currently under construction. Life Time Fitness and Whole Foods, which account for about two-thirds of the retail square footage, are expected to open sometime this fall, although it does not appear that Whole Foods will make its previously announced Nov. 7 opening, said Town Administrator Jill Shapiro.

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## New Castle Fall Festival, Ragamuffin Parade on Tap This Weekend

New Castle will host its second annual Fall Festival at Gedney Park on Route 133 in Chappaqua this Saturday, Oct. 27 from 12 to 5 p.m. There will be food trucks, vendors, kids' activities, hayrides, a beer garden and music throughout the afternoon.

On Sunday, there will be the rescheduled carnival and Ragamuffin Parade featuring rides, food and music at the Chappaqua train station. The carnival will begin at noon followed by the parade through downtown at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend in costume.

The carnival and parade were postponed last Sunday because of high winds.



# Armonk's DeCicco & Sons Recognized as No. Castle Good Neighbors

By Martin Wilbur

About five years ago DeCicco & Sons opened to great fanfare in Armonk. On Sunday, a generations-old fixture in the hamlet recognized the business for its unceasing support of its neighbors in the relatively short time they been part of the community.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church honored the family-owned supermarket during a presentation following its weekly service with its inaugural North Castle Good Neighbor Award for its charity and humanitarianism to help others in need.

During last March's devastating storms, which knocked out power to large swaths of the town, DeCicco & Sons donated food to the North Castle Citizen Corps Council (NC4) and made it possible for residents who lost power at home to save their frozen food by bringing it to the store's freezers, which was able to keep operating on three generators.

Since 2004, St. Stephen's has been part of the roster of northern Westchester houses of worship that gives shelter and a hot meal to the area's homeless population in the cold weather months through its participation in the Emergency Shelter Partnership. When the church takes in the homeless, DeCicco's provides much

of the food and to feed those who stay overnight have a hot meal.

"This does mean a lot to this community, and people are very grateful, and like I was saying in my sermon, seemingly small things can have a very large exponential effect on people and you never know the difference you've made, like the difference made to our homeless guests in March," said Rev. Nils Chittenden, pastor of St. Stephen's. "That's incalculable and we don't necessarily know the effect."

Maria DeCicco, wife of John DeCicco, one of the supermarket's owners who are now Armonk residents, said the family has had a long history of helping the communities where its stores are located.

Since 1972 when the first DeCicco's opened, it has been the company's mission to help out any way it can.

"The reason why we do what we do is because we feel that it's the right thing and we built on that mantra, she said.

Lena Cavanna, a member of the church's Mission & Outreach Committee, said each year the church will be recognizing a North Castle resident or organization that exhibits outstanding levels of altruism and neighborliness by coming through in a crisis in a way that makes a difference in the community.



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Rev. Nils Chittenden, center, with members of the DeCicco family and church leadership on Sunday. The church's Mission & Outreach Committee recognized DeCicco & Sons for its charity to the community during times of need.

"The response could be for either one-time needs, ongoing needs or both and I think DeCicco's has exemplified that because whenever we have reached out or we have looked to them for help, they have always risen to the occasion," Cavanna said.

The award was presented a day before

the seventh anniversary of the DeCicco's groundbreaking at Armonk Square. The plaque used wood from a 300-year-old maple tree in the churchyard that needed to be removed a few years ago because it threatened to be a hazard, Chittenden said.

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# Research Program Helps Make Byram Hills Senior a Rising Scientist

By Martin Wilbur

Byram Hills senior Ellen Amico had been intrigued by science for a long time but when she decided to enter the school's highly regarded Dr. Robert Pavlica Authentic Science Research Program she initially didn't know which direction to take.

She spent the summer before sophomore year when the three-year program starts reading up on potential topics to pursue.

When Amico finally decided she never looked back. Last week she was honored by the Child Mind Institute and the City University of New York with the 2018 Rising Scientist Award for her work researching the fields of child and adolescent mental health or pediatric neuroscience.

She had been nominated for the award last year by her science research teacher and was one of five recipients throughout the entire New York metropolitan area.

Amico's research centered on how using evolving technology can improve some of the deficits that are associated with people who have autism spectrum disorder.

"I thought it was really interesting how technology played a huge role," Amico

said. "What happens a lot of the time is the autism population can't afford or can't access traditional therapists and using technology as a treatment, or what they call as an intervention, really. By using technology it's a lot more accessible and a lot cheaper for a family. I think it's really the future for autism treatment and autism therapy."

Amico mentored with a leading researcher in the field based at Vanderbilt University. As part of her research, she studied teenagers with and without autism. The subjects viewed videos of human faces and computerized avatars.

Through her research and working with people on the autism spectrum she realized that while there are similarities there are no two cases that are identical.

"There are just little things that make you realize that every single person with autism is different," she said.

Last Thursday, Amico traveled to Manhattan where she received the award along with a \$2,000 scholarship at the On the Shoulders of Giants Scientific Symposium.

"It felt really rewarding to be acknowledged for my work," Amico said. "At first, I didn't know how many people receive the award. When I found out it



Byram Hills High School senior Ellen Amico was one of five New York-area students to win a Rising Scientist Award last week.

was five, I was really excited. It felt really special."

Dr. Harold Koplewicz, president of the Child Mind Institute, said each of the award recipients demonstrated "drive,

commitment and vision for the future of mental health and neuroscience."

"At such a young age, these impressive students already have the motivation and the promise to make strides towards changing the way we look at and treat mental health disorders," Koplewicz said.

Amico, who volunteers at White Plains Hospital and is captain of the school's field hockey team, said the project also has helped her begin to focus on what her course of study may be when she reaches college. She has thought about medicine but may now weigh pursuing psychology or computer science.

Before she gets to college, though, Amico plans to enter Regeneron's Science Talent search.

She said with the success and fulfillment Byram Hills' science research program has given her she would recommend that any student thinking about participating in it to give it a try.

"It was just a rewarding experience and I learned so much from this course," Amico said. "Writing this paper and other assignments in the class have been really helpful, so it prepares us really well for college."

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**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.**

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**CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2018-CV-1751-AM REMONNE JOSEPH Plaintiff v. JOSEPH PIERRELUIS Defendant**  
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## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CTP

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# Everyone Depends on the Health of the Bee Population

By Louise T. Gantress

Many people think of bees as those buzzing insects that magically transform pollen into honey. True enough, but honey bees have a far more important role. They pollinate and generate agricultural products from almonds to zucchini. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), one-third of our diet is a result of bee pollination.

This garden idyll is at risk because bees are beset by a number of serious problems, such as habitat destruction, climate change, disease and pesticides. The collapse of bee colonies is not only about an increase in the price or unavailability of honey, it signals the collapse of agriculture. Without pollinators, almost 100 major crops will be unable to yield



fruits or vegetables. The potential demise of bees is a potentially catastrophic event.

We, as gardeners, can do something about habitat and pesticide use.

When selecting seeds or plants be cautious about their pre-treatment. Both the NRDC and the Sierra Club have warned about the use of neuro-toxic pesticides, a class which spreads through the entire plant. A treated seed/plant conveys the toxin

to leaves, pollen and nectar. According to the Sierra Club, "The surge in neonicotinoid use coincided closely with the honeybee population crash." Not only are

neonicotinoids

more toxic than DDT, but they weaken a bee's resistance to disease and fungus or even an ability to survive winter.

Read labels! Select seeds and plants that are untreated and non-GMO. Avoid hybrids and double-cluster flowers. Choose from annuals and perennials such as beebalm, cornflower, hyacinth, asters, zinnia, honeysuckle, goldenrod, mint and lilac – or even clover – to help bees.

The European Union has suspended the use of neonicotinoids and 28 member states have voted to ban all open field use of three neonicotinoids. In contrast, under President Obama, the EPA permitted use of this neuro agent pending a review in 2018 and delayed a review of another toxin, chlorpyrifos, a class of organophosphates that include sarin gas, until 2022. President Trump seeks to abolish the EPA.

Monsanto markets RoundUp, which is Agent Orange, and Syngenta also produces these toxins. Dow Chemical sells a pesticide that is a neurotoxin and contains chlorpyrifos. Bayer is a major producer of bee toxic neonic, containing imidacloprid and clothianidin and is the leading producer of pesticides of this class. Bayer, along with other chemical

producers, has now begun a bee health campaign but hasn't stopped its chemical production.

More than 1,200 chemicals are registered for use in the U.S. in some 18,000 different products. Some items may have warnings that they are toxic to bees. When shopping for garden supplies, beware of "greenwashing" tactics. There are companies which seek to appear nature-oriented and claim to be eco-friendly or green. A report by the law firm Davis & Gilbert states that companies "... should carefully consider how their products will be used by consumers in 'real world' conditions when making green product claims."

Such "green" terms "may convey to consumers that a product has far-reaching environmental benefits and no negative environmental impact." Read labels.

"Bee" an informed gardener. Save the bees and our food supply.

*Louise T. Gantress is a Westchester writer who is active in conservation issues and the author of "Bitter Tea," a novel set in Japan.*

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## Tuesday, Oct. 23

**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.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**"I Shall Not Hate: Seeking Peace in a Difficult World."** A lecture and fundraising dinner on behalf of its four Daughters for Life Foundation (DLF) scholars. DLF was founded by acclaimed author and physician Izzeldin Abuelaish who will deliver the lecture, followed by recipients of the I Shall Not Hate Awards. Proceeds from the fundraiser dinner will support scholarships for Manhattanville College DLF students. Manhattanville College's Reid Castle, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. Lecture at 5 p.m. Awards dinner at 7 p.m. Lecture: Free. Dinner: \$125. Info and registration: Visit [www.alumni.mville.edu](http://www.alumni.mville.edu).

**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 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**"Hormonal Therapies for Breast Cancer."** A webinar that discusses hormonal therapies that are commonly used to treat breast cancer that is estrogen-receptor positive. This webinar will address the different hormonal therapy options; the latest research; how recommendations have changed; and how long should one continue treatment. A question-and-answer period will follow. Dr. Diana E. Lake, a medical oncologist whose practice is dedicated exclusively to the care of breast cancer patients, will be the speaker. Open to people nationwide who are living with breast cancer. 8 to 9 p.m. Free. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Contact Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

## Wednesday, Oct. 24

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**Baby Time.** A fun interactive lap-sit story time that includes songs, rhymes and a few very short stories. The experience gives babies an opportunity to socialize and

parents a time to share. Recommended for newborns through 12 months old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday and Wednesday. Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://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. Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Senior Benefits Information Center.** Counselors offer older adults one-on-one counseling covering a broad range of topics including Medicare health and prescription plans, food stamps, HEAP, EPIC, weatherization, minor home repair and tax relief programs. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-231-3260.

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

**Meditation Series: Midday Mind Break.** Benefits of meditation include increasing focus and memory; increased health; reduced stress, anxiety and pain; and increased productivity and happiness. Led by Alka Kaminer. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Also Oct. 31. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.com](http://www.northcastlelibrary.com).

**The Clinton Street Singers.** The group will present musical and comedy highlights from the works of Gilbert and Sullivan. All welcome. Clinton Street Center, 1A Clinton St., Pleasantville. 12:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-2021.

**Chair Yoga With Alka Kaminer.**

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**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.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**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, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Free. Also Nov. 7 at the main branch in Pleasantville. Registration requested. Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Teacher Comedy Night.** Dante Plush presents a fun night of comedy. Lineup to be announced. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 6 p.m. \$20. Info and advance tickets: Visit [www.lucyslaughs.com](http://www.lucyslaughs.com). Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

**Modern Warrior Live.** Join the Mental Health Association of Westchester as it partners with Modern Warrior Live for a theatrical musical performance that promises to captivate audiences and aims to destigmatize veterans' experiences. Through a tapestry of storytelling and breathtaking music, veterans will share their personal and emotional journeys to raise awareness about the importance of mental health and healing in all our communities and provide inspirational hope for all. An eye-opening evening that shares the powerful story of former infantry Staff Sgt. Jaymes Poling, who spent three years in Afghanistan with U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division. Poling wrote and created Modern Warrior Live, along with renowned jazz trumpeter

Dominick Farinacci. Followed by a talk and Q&A with Poling. Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. Pre-performance reception at 6 p.m. Performance at 7:30 p.m. \$150 (includes reception featuring drinks and dinner by the bite and the performance). Veterans and military members: \$50. Info and tickets: Contact Connie Moustakas at 914-265-7511 or e-mail [development@mhawestchester.org](mailto:development@mhawestchester.org) or visit [www.mhawestchester.org](http://www.mhawestchester.org).

**Great Books Club: The Civically Engaged Reader.** "Waiting for the Barbarians" by Constantine Cavafy and "I Shall Not Beg for My Rights" by Henry MacNeal Turner will be discussed. New Castle Town Hall, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Art Series: Donatello.** Born around 1386, this Renaissance artist is noted for sculpting and creating gorgeous works in various media, including stone, clay and wood and developing a unique style of sculpting in the round as well as in shallow bas-relief. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

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**"Wing Night: For Men Only."** Support Connection invites men whose lives have been affected by a spouse or partner going through breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer to come and relax for a fun evening. Enjoy a night out with the guys. Meet others who understand what you're going through. Travelers Rest, 25 Saw Mill River Rd. (Route 100), Ossining. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Pre-registration is required. Info and pre-registration: 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

**Lucy's Laugh Lounge: AJ Foster.** AJ Foster, the winner of the 2018 Summer Comedy Contest is headlining. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. \$20. Info and advance tickets: Visit [www.lucyslaughs.com](http://www.lucyslaughs.com). Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

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# SAVI SCOUT Makes Breast Surgery Easier for Women

By Dr. Alice Police

For women who need surgery for early stage breast cancer, the goal is to remove all cancer cells while leaving as much of the breast as possible. A new breast cancer treatment option called SAVI SCOUT is helping surgeons target and remove tissue more effectively while offering more comfort to patients.

## First technology to use radar in human tissue

The SAVI SCOUT surgical guidance system uses radar to target or localize tissue that needs to be removed. It's like a GPS for abnormal tissue in the breast. It goes straight to an abnormality very precisely. It tells doctors exactly where something is in the breast that needs to be taken out. SAVI SCOUT replaces the practice of inserting hooked wires into the breast to mark the site of a tumor, which doctors have been doing since the 1970s.

## Benefits

With the SAVI SCOUT system, a radiologist injects a radar wave "reflector" into the breast to show the location of the lesion as indicated by an ultrasound or mammogram image. The reflector is tiny – smaller than a

grain of rice – and the patient can't feel it. It's made of metal and has little antennae; it looks like a tiny airplane. It's also MRI-compatible and doesn't go off at airport monitors. Patients are often worried about that.

## Less anxiety, less discomfort

SAVI SCOUT is a much better way to target tumors than traditional wire localization. It's more accurate and it's also easier on the patient. With wire localization, a radiologist must insert the wire into the breast on the day of surgery. The patient has to come in hours early and sit around with the wire hanging out, often causing discomfort and anxiety while waiting for the operation. There is also a chance that the wire will move, requiring that the site be re-excised.

The reflector can be put in up to 30 days prior to the operation. The patient doesn't have to wait around on the day of surgery and can have surgery earlier in the day. Patients have less anxiety because of shorter waiting times. It also makes surgery scheduling much easier, making the entire process timelier and more efficient.

## Greater precision and accuracy

In the operating room, I use a



console connected to a flexible wand to help guide the surgery. The wand sends an infrared light into the reflector, which turns it on, causing the reflector to emit a signal that's picked up by the wand. A continuous readout on the console shows me how far I am from the reflector and it directs me straight to the lesion. During the procedure, I remove the abnormality and the reflector. We take pictures of what's taken out and can see the little reflector is there.

## Smaller incisions, better cosmetic result

Overall, women have a great outcome with SAVI SCOUT. Smaller incisions are made because I go straight to the lesion and remove less normal tissue so women have improved cosmetic results.

Researchers are still gathering data on whether use of SAVI SCOUT increases the chance that all cancer cells are removed during surgery, reducing the need to reopen the site.

## Saving the breast

We're doing a lot more breast-conserving surgeries today and treating early breast cancers due to improved imaging. We're not doing as many mastectomies. Our goal is to save the breast; we want to know exactly where the problem is to take out the cancer and leave as much normal tissue as possible. While surgeons use SAVI SCOUT primarily for breast cancer surgery, they can also use it to remove benign lesions from the breast and cancerous lymph nodes from the armpit.

*Dr. Alice Police is the regional director of breast surgery for Northwell Health. She was the first surgeon in the U.S. to use SAVI SCOUT technology after the system was approved by the FDA in 2015. She brought the technology to Northern Westchester Hospital and Phelps Hospital a year ago. To learn more, visit [www.nwhbreastinstitute.org/DrPolice](http://www.nwhbreastinstitute.org/DrPolice).*

## Kensico Cemetery to Host 5K on Oct. 28 for Alzheimer's Association

Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla is hosting its third annual Kensico 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, Oct. 28 at the cemetery to benefit the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley chapter.

Organized by Alzheimer's Association volunteer Jocelyn Roberts of Tarrytown, the event is from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and includes the 3.1-mile run/walk through the Kensico grounds, a full catered breakfast, the awarding of medals for the top times and the opportunity to win baskets of raffle prizes.

The route begins and ends around Mineola Lake and takes participants up and down avenues of sycamores, oaks and maples in full autumn colors and alongside examples of inspiring architecture and design.

The public is invited to support the Alzheimer's Association as runners, walkers, volunteers, contributors or sponsors by going to the registration website at [www.endalz5k.com](http://www.endalz5k.com) and selecting their preferred form of

participation. The registration fee for runners and walkers is \$40. Children 12 and under are \$10. On the day of the event, the registration fee for adults is \$45.

Organizations wanting to support the run/walk can select from four levels of sponsorship (Start Line \$500; Mile One \$1,000; Mile Two \$1,500; Finish Line \$2,000 and up) listed on the registration website that offer a variety of recognition opportunities.

As the host, Kensico Cemetery is providing the location, hospitality services, publicity support and underwriting setup costs.

Proceeds from the 5K will benefit the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley chapter, which seeks to advance research to end Alzheimer's disease and dementia while enhancing care for those living with the disease.

"It was a natural for us – to partner with another not-for-profit organization that has memory-keeping as its mission," said Kensico President Raymond M.

Planell. "Plus, this event provides another opportunity to share a beautiful landscape with our community."

"What makes this partnership even more special is that the community is coming together to get some good exercise, with the lovely landscape that the Kensico Cemetery provides, to raise

funds and awareness in the fight to end Alzheimer's disease," added Lauren Voorhees, Longest Day and special events manager.

*Established in 1889, Kensico Cemetery is a nonprofit membership organization serving the burial needs of the New York metropolitan area.*

## Touro College of Dental Medicine to Give Vets Free Dental Services Nov. 8

In celebration of Veterans Day, Touro College of Dental Medicine is partnering with the Ninth District Dental Association to offer free oral health screenings, x-rays and cleanings for veterans, military service members and their families on Thursday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dental care will be provided at Touro Dental Health, the 81-chair clinical training facility and full-service dental practice located at 19 Skyline Drive in Hawthorne. In addition, veterans and their families can enjoy entertainment, giveaways and educational activities aimed at encouraging good oral health practices. Elected officials and other local leaders are expected to attend.

"Veterans have already done so much to support us. 'Smiles for Veterans' is one small way we can honor them and give back," said Dr. Ronnie Myers, the college's dean. "Oral health is a part of overall health and by ensuring comprehensive, affordable care is available, we can keep our community, and especially our veterans, healthy."

Care is limited to 150 participants, so advance registration is required by Oct. 25. To make an appointment, call 914-594-2700.

For those unavailable on Nov. 8, Touro Dental Health offers veterans and military personnel 20 percent off dental treatment all year.

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## Thursday, Oct. 25

**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](http://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 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday and Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887.

**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 technique called improvisational integrated music/drama. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Also Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: Visit [www.lifelinetheaterinc.org/index.html](http://www.lifelinetheaterinc.org/index.html).

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

**Creative Writing Workshop.** The stories of our lives bubble up from inside us and they can take many forms. But where do we begin? This generative writing workshop will give you tools to work with memoir, poetry and/or fiction and explore a variety of techniques that will make your work vivid and compelling. For beginners and experienced writers. Led by Catherine Wald. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10:30 a.m. to noon. Free. Registration requested. Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Using a Revocable Trust in Estate Planning.** The use of revocable trusts in estate planning is on the rise. Like a will, a trust is an estate planning document that is used to pass assets on to beneficiaries at death. However, a revocable trust provides

other advantages as well. Amy C. O'Hara, Esq., of Littman Krooks LLP will explain the benefits of incorporating a revocable trust as part of your estate plan. Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Rd., Elmsford. 10:30 a.m. to noon. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-898-2114 or e-mail [events@littmankrooks.com](mailto:events@littmankrooks.com). Include name, telephone number, e-mail address and how many people are attending.

**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.mountkiscoslibrary.org](http://www.mountkiscoslibrary.org).

**Mahjongg Club.** Intermediate players welcome. Participants must bring their own set. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscoslibrary.org](http://www.mountkiscoslibrary.org).

**Bridge for Beginners/Intermediate Players.** With Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays through Nov. 15. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Read to Rover.** Dogs love listening to stories. Come meet Rover and read your favorite story. For children five years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 5 to 6 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscoslibrary.org](http://www.mountkiscoslibrary.org).

**NT Live's "King Lear."** This contemporary retelling of Shakespeare's classic features the incomparable Ian McKellen in what he's said is his last Shakespearean role. He is extraordinarily moving as the aging father whose blindness and madness plunges both family and state into a violent power struggle that leads to a bitter end. Directed by Jonathan Munby. Broadcast live from London's West End. Jacob Burn Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 6 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$30. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**"The Unsilent Picture."** An immersive theater experience through a screening of the original black and white silent film starring Tony Award winner Bill Irwin and directed by Alex Harvey. Accompanied by live musicians and a special effects "Foley artist." Historic Hudson Valley commissioned the film, which is based on the Washington Irving short story "The Adventure of the Mysterious Picture." Shot on location in Croton-on-Hudson. Recommended for children 10 years old and up. Philipsburg Manor, 381 N. Broadway (Route 9), Sleepy Hollow. 6:15, 7:15, 8:15 and 9:15 p.m. \$18. Historic Hudson Valley members receive a \$5 per ticket discount. Daily through Oct. 31. Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org).

**Know Your Government.** How does our government work? Who represents

us? How can we reach out to elected officials on issues we care about? Learn this and more. A question-and-answer session will give participants a chance to discuss what's learned. Presented by the League of Women Voters of Westchester. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-949-0507 or visit [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org).

**Heroes of Horticulture.** Hear about the people who have made a major impact on the American landscape from author Barbara Paul Robinson. Based on her book of the same title, the talk is hosted by The Native Plant Center in partnership with The Garden Conservancy and Westchester Land Trust. A light reception precedes the lecture. Books will be available at a special event discount for signing. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-606-7870 or visit [www.nativeplantcenter.org](http://www.nativeplantcenter.org).

**Overcoming Obstacles: An Inspirational Evening With Justice Richard Bernstein.** Blind from birth, Bernstein is the first blind justice elected to the Michigan Supreme Court, and in his spare time, an avid runner. Come hear his story of inspiration and hope. All welcome. Chabbar of Bedford, 133 Railroad Ave., Bedford Hills. 7 p.m. \$18.

**The Mavericks in Concert.** The group returns supporting their newest album "Brand New Day." The genre-defying Mavericks are declaring their independence and stepping out on their own with this latest work, the first studio album release on Mono Mundo Recordings, which they founded in 2016. Flashing the same exhilarating, beyond-category style that has defined the Mavericks, the new album introduces a collection of taut, energetic, economical songs sure to be embraced by fans of their top 10 albums and hit singles of the '90s and a new generation of listeners who have come aboard since the band's 2012 reunion. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$52, \$68, \$72, \$80 and \$90. Also Oct. 26. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusicall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusicall.org).

## Friday, Oct. 26

**Hopp Garden Club Tag Sale.** The Hopp Ground Garden Club of Bedford, nonprofit organization, is having a huge two-day tag sale to raise funds for its civic beautification program. The club maintains six public sites in Bedford Village, Bedford Hills and Katonah. Bedford Hills train station, 46 Depot Plaza, Bedford Hills. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also Oct. 27.

**ZUMBA®** With Amy. Fun cardio dance fitness workout, low-impact approach, easy learning environment. This feel-good workout is exercise in disguise. Free trial class available. Addie-Tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza, lower level, Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. \$14 drop-in

fee. Every Friday. Also Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Walk-ins welcome. Info: Call or text the instructor at 914-643-6162 or visit [www.amyolin.zumba.com](http://www.amyolin.zumba.com).

**My Sisters Place Annual Fall Luncheon: Connections Between #MeToo and Domestic Violence.** A panel of experts will take an in-depth look at the intersection of domestic violence, human trafficking, harassmen, and assault to discuss how agencies are responding to the #MeToo movement. The program will discuss what is happening, help connect the dots between these issues for the community and talk about what others can do to help. Hosted by My Sisters Place, an organization that has been working to end domestic violence and human trafficking in Westchester County for more than 40 years. Brae Burn Country Club, 39 Brae Burn Drive, Purchase. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$175. Info and tickets: Contact Carly Levine at 914-683-1333 ext. 105 or visit [www.mspny.org](http://www.mspny.org).

**John Jay Homestead Founders Series Lecture: Why History is Necessary.** Darren Walker and David Rubenstein will lead this discussion. Followed by a Q&A. Walker is president of the Ford Foundation, an international social justice philanthropy with a \$13 billion endowment and \$600 million in annual grant making. For two decades, he has been a leader in the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors. Rubenstein is a financier and philanthropist, co-founder and co-executive chairman of The Carlyle Group. He is also an eminent historian and public communicator of history. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. Wine and cheese reception at 6 p.m. Lecture at 7 p.m. \$50. Info and tickets: 914-232-8119, e-mail [friends@johnjayhomestead.org](mailto:friends@johnjayhomestead.org) or visit [www.johnjayhomestead.org](http://www.johnjayhomestead.org).

**Opening Reception for "All Aflutter."** A solo exhibition of sculptural paintings by American artist Barbara Hirsch featuring 12 works, varying in size, all completed in the past year. Inspired by the seasonal changes surrounding her adopted home of Aspen, Colo., Hirsch creates dimensional narratives of color and composition in encaustic infused with oil. Encaustic is the ancient medium of beeswax, resin and pigment, applied while molten. Hirsch, an innovative master of the medium, manipulates wax, rice paper and found objects into exacting abstract, monochromatic wall works. Hirsch will be in attendance. Madelyn Jordon Fine Art, 37 Popham Rd., Scarsdale. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Dec. 8. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Info: 914-723-8738 or visit [www.MadelynJordonFineArt.com](http://www.MadelynJordonFineArt.com).

**Film and Discussion: "Blow."** Followed by a discussion by Carol Wertheim and

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# Embarking on an Exploration of Spanish Wines



By Nick Antonaccio

In my research and travels as your wine adventures columnist, I have the opportunity to attend several wine showcases offered exclusively to the wine trade during the year.

Recently, the Foods and Wines From Spain consortium presented its 25th annual "Spain's Great Match." My invitation was enticing: "meet the winery representatives, importers and distributors of Spanish wine, while discovering new wines, varieties and regions." My impression of the event? ¡Viva España!

My day-long sojourn of walking from the tasting floor to seminar halls re-inspired my appreciation of Spanish wines and food, so much so that I've decided to reprise and update a series of column themes I wrote several years ago in this space.

My continuing – and growing – affinity for Spanish wines is largely attributable to the progress made by a new breed of pioneering winemakers. The Spanish wine industry is an amalgam of the old and new. The older generation of today's winemakers are emblematic of their forebears, staying the course of old-world

techniques. The younger generation, as they transition into and assume decision-making roles, have embraced 21st century techniques and technology in their pursuit of more modern expressions of the 100-plus indigenous grapes of Spain.

Yet the centuries-old wine industry and its recent growing popularity in the United States is more than a wine-centric phenomenon. It is the combination of wine, food, culinary innovations, passionate people, art, architecture, design and a deep-rooted geopolitical history. It is this broad influence on the American palate that has formed a cultural profile that is the foundation for a rich culinary experience.

I began experimenting with Spanish wines in the 1980s. Typically, the wines were produced from a region I was unfamiliar with (Rioja), a grape I was unfamiliar with (Tempranillo) and wines that were nondescript. In the past decade, I've thoroughly enjoyed the arrival on the American shores of high quality, unique wines, grown from previously unknown grapes.

A brief history: Phoenicians planted vines over 3,000 years ago. It wasn't until the 12th century that winemaking surged as French and Italian monks, banished from Catholic Western Europe for political power-brokering, migrated to Spain, planting vines they brought with them. In

the 19th century, French vineyards were devastated by the Phylloxera insect and the French ventured over the Pyrenees to save their vines. While there, they introduced modern techniques and the Spanish wine industry began to gain legitimacy. Fast forward to the 21st century and we see the confluence of these factors in the wines available in the states.

Today, Spain has the most acreage dedicated to vines anywhere in the world and is third in wine produced. The spectrum of Spanish wines runs from sparkling wine to whites to rosés to young reds to full-bodied, aging-worthy reds. There are 69 designated wine-producing regions bearing the highest classifications. Two bear the highest (DOCa) and 67 the next highest (DO). The next tiers, DO de Pago, VdIT and VdM are subsets of the 69 regions. The premier wine-producing regions and the dominant grape in each region are listed below. It is these regions we will explore in depth in future columns.

1. Rioja (DOCa, Tempranillo). 2. Priorato (DOCa, Garnacha). 3. Ribera del Duero (Tempranillo and Garnacha). 4. Penedès (Cava, Macabeu, Xarello and Parellada). 5. Rueda (Verdejo). 6. Rias Baixas (Albarino). 7. Navarra (Tempranillo). 8. La Mancha

(Airen, Garnacha). 9. Jumilla (Monastrell). 10. Jerez (Palomino).

Don't be intimidated if you're unfamiliar with one or more regions or grapes. Within a few columns you'll have sufficient familiarity to feel comfortable with the vocabulary, and most importantly, to walk into your local wine shop and begin experimenting with these hot wines. Soon you too will be chanting ¡Viva España!

Note: I will be hosting a fundraising wine and food pairing event, featuring little known Italian wines, to benefit A-Home, a provider of local affordable housing. It is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 9 at the Holy Innocents Church social hall in Pleasantville

at 7 p.m. For tickets (\$75), contact Barbara Coleman at bcoleman@a-homehousing.org or 914-741-0740.

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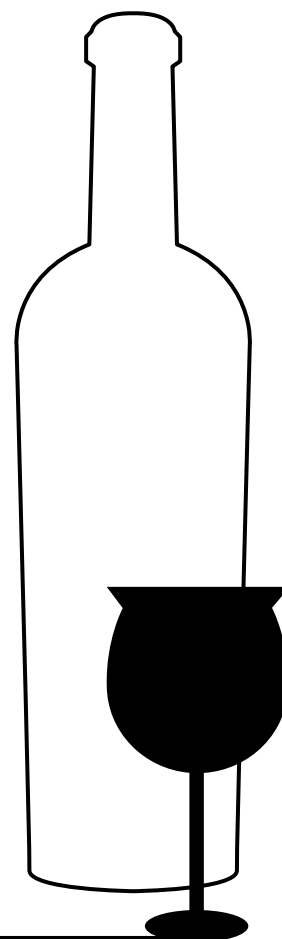
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Ellen Fried, former attorney with the New York State Attorney General's Office of Consumer Affairs. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.org).

**Friday Night Film Series: "Il Paradiso all'Improviso."** Comedy master Leonardo Pieraccioni stars as Lorenzo, a single man who refuses to believe in love. Everything changes when he meets Amaranta, and Lorenzo's world and all he believes in changes in a heartbeat. Is love this amazing too good to be true? This romantic comedy is written and directed by Pieraccioni. In Italian with English subtitles. Post-screening 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](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Spastic Parapelegia Foundation Fundraiser.** The event includes entertainment by the groups Bedside Manor and The Forget-Me-Nots. The event is pot luck and includes a silent auction with gift certificates, jewelry and other interesting items. United Methodist Church of Mount Kisco, 300 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 7 to 9 p.m. Suggested donation: \$15.

**"Debussy and Friends."** A celebration of the music of Claude Debussy 100 years after his death. He transformed the ambiguity, audacity and complexity of the late 19th-century French Impressionist painters and Symbolist poets into a magical, mysterious sound world that propelled music into the Modern Era. Works to be performed include Debussy's Petite Suite for two flutes and piano; Sonata for violin and piano, L. 148; Lia's aria from L'Enfant Prodigue; Noël des enfants qui n'ont plus de maison; Sonata for cello and piano, L. 144; Fauré's Sonata for violin and piano in A, Opus 13-1; and Lutoslawski's Grave. Performed primarily by faculty. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Seniors (60 and up): \$15. Students: Free. Info and tickets: 914-723-1169 or e-mail [hb@hbms.org](mailto:hb@hbms.org).

**Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Ryan Lakestream and Friends.** Lakestream is bringing a huge night of laughs to Pleasantville. With Tom Luciano, Alex Tragellis, Greg Cantone and headliner Mark DeMayo (Comedy Central, Showtime). Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Info and advance tickets: Visit [www.lucyslaughs.com](http://www.lucyslaughs.com). Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

**Black Violin and Purchase Symphony Orchestra.** This stereotype-smashing duo of Kevin Sylvester and Wilner Baptiste (aka Kev Marcus and Wil B.) blends classical, hip-hop, rock, R&B and bluegrass music on violin and viola, accompanied by ace

turntable whiz DJ SPS and drums, and backed by the entire Purchase Symphony Orchestra. Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$30 to \$65. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit [www.artscenter.org](http://www.artscenter.org).

**Westchester Photographic Society Presents: Photography Competition 2A.** Members compete in color prints and digital black and white in three levels of experience, critiqued by a professional judge. All photographers, whether beginner or professional, are invited. For anyone 18 years old and up. Westchester Community College's Technology Building, Room 107 (Parking Lot 11), 75 Grasslands Rd. Valhalla. 8 p.m. Free. Info: Visit [www.wpsphoto.org](http://www.wpsphoto.org).

**"Constellations."** Hudson Stage presents a production of Nick Payne's award-nominated hit that is a charming, devastating and profound exploration of the universal truth of finding and losing love. A play that balances on the question of "what if" is, at its core, a poignant picture of "what is." Directed by Mark Shanahan. Whippoorwill Hall, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 8 p.m. \$40. Seniors and students: \$35. Also Oct. 26 and 27 and Nov. 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 28 and Nov. 3 at 3 p.m.

**"Fun Home."** A story centers around graphic novelist Alison. When her father dies unexpectedly, she dives into her past to tell the story of the volatile, brilliant, one-of-a-kind man whose temperament and secrets defined her family and her life. Leading the cast are three Broadway veterans, Robert Cuccioli, Lauren Cohn and Rita Harvey. Based on the graphic novel by Alison Bechdel. Directed by Amy Griffin with musical direction by Stephen Ferri and choreography by Lexie Fennell Frare. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 8 p.m. Starting at \$35. Also Oct. 27 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit [www.wppac.com](http://www.wppac.com).

**Hollywood Movie Marathon V.** Get ready to stay up all night for the fifth annual Halloween Movie

**Marathon.** Hosted by Jacob Burns Film Center Senior Programmer Andrew Jupin, don't miss this year's selection of restored classics, oddball gems and shocking new favorites. There will be 10 features along with tons of terrifying shorts playing across three screens. There will be a costume contest and activities in the Jane Peck Gallery the concession stand will be open all night with plenty of coffee. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. Check-in begins at 8:15 p.m. Screenings begin at 9 p.m. Members and students: \$45. Non-members: \$55. Info, including the films to be screened, and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

## Saturday, Oct. 27

**Pleasantville Farmers Market.** Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" from 2014 to 2018. With 56 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, it's a delicious good time. This week, there will be a chef demo by Mission Taqueria from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and Living Edge Designs visits with creative cutting boards and more. Rain or shine. The market is a dog-free environment. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 17. Info: Visit [www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org](http://www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org).

**Chappaqua Farmers Market.** Locally-raised and produced food to the community creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. Chappaqua train station, Chappaqua. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit [www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org](http://www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org).

**National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.** Turn in your unneeded or expired prescription medication for safe disposal. Made possible by the Westchester County police and the Mount Kisco Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Council's Partners in Prevention. Northern Westchester Hospital, 400 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info (including other locations): Visit [www.DEATakeBack.com](http://www.DEATakeBack.com).

**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.

**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. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adults: \$10. Children: \$5. Every Saturday and Sunday in October. Info: 914-864-7268 or visit [www.westchestergov.com/parks](http://www.westchestergov.com/parks) or [www.lasdonpark.org](http://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](http://www.addie-tude.com). Call or visit website because classes are subject to change.

**Halloween Carnival and Parade.** Come for crafts, games and refreshments. Dress in your favorite costume for the Children's Parade. Open all to ages. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 12 to 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.library.org](http://www.mountkisco.library.org).

**Memoir Readings.** Readings from a new self-published book "Bagel Tuesdays." Be part of the community as community members read heartfelt memoirs. Through a writing memoir class held at the Mount Kisco Public Library, a group of writers bonded over the years to create and publish the work. Light refreshments will be served. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.library.org](http://www.mountkisco.library.org).

**Know Your Government.** How does our government work? Who represents us? How can we reach out to elected officials on issues we care about? Learn this and more. A question-and-answer session will give participants a chance to discuss what's learned. Presented by the League of Women Voters of Westchester. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-949-0507 or visit [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.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](http://www.poundridgehistorical.org).

**Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Nick DiPaolo.** DiPaolo's brutally honest performances remind us of what great standup should be – funny, socially relevant and a little bit reckless. With Josh Kincade. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 6 p.m. \$30. Info and advance tickets: Visit [www.lucyslaughs.com](http://www.lucyslaughs.com). Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

**Velvet Caravan.** Gypsy swing and European redneck music? Why not! Savannah-based Velvet Caravan is one of  
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# New Castle Historical Society Explores New York's Role in World War I

On Sunday, Oct. 28, the New Castle Historical Society will host a public lecture by New York State Archivist Thomas Ruller entitled "Poets Can Be Soldiers: Remembering New York's Role in the Great War," at the Millwood Fire House at 2 p.m.

This Nov. 11 marks the 100th anniversary of the end of hostilities of World War I, the Great War. New Yorkers played a major role in the war effort, both overseas in the trenches and at home. Thomas Ruller, New York State Archivist, will speak about New York's contributions to the war effort, highlighting the stories of several individuals, including the poet Joyce Kilmer, as well as the aftermath of the war and how it affected New York and the lower Hudson Valley region.

Thomas Ruller has been the State Archivist of New York since November 2015. Prior to serving in this role, he held various positions within the State Archives and the State Education Department, beginning in 1988 when he was initially hired as a senior



Thomas Ruller, New York State Archivist

archivist in the State Archives.

Prior to his service with the state, Ruller worked as an archivist at the Alabama Department of Archives and History where he had the privilege of visiting every county courthouse in the state as part of a team that developed records management guidance for local governments across Alabama.



Joyce Kilmer

Ruller is also proud of his service as a local government historian, serving as the deputy city historian for his hometown of Gloversville, N.Y. in the late 1970s through 1983.

The Millwood Fire House is located at 100 Millwood Rd. in Millwood. The event is free and open to the public. While

walk-ins are welcome, registration is recommended. Attendees are encouraged to register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lecture-remembering-new-yorks-role-in-the-great-war-tickets-50914516690>, by calling 914-238-466 or e-mailing [director@newcastlehs.org](mailto:director@newcastlehs.org).

## League of Women Voters to Hold Buchwald-Nuculovic Forum Oct. 29

The League of Women Voters® of New Castle (LWVNC) invites the community to Candidates' Night on Monday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. Candidates for the 93rd Assembly District, Democratic incumbent David Buchwald and Mr. John Nuculovic (R, C), have accepted the invitation.

Candidates for the 17th Congressional District, Rep. Nita Lowey and Joseph Ciardullo, were invited but at this time only Ciardullo has committed to appear. Due to the League of Women Voter's "Empty Chair" policy, a minimum of two candidates running against one another must be present to hold a candidate forum.

Candidates for state Senate District 40, Sen. Terrence Murphy and challenger Peter Harckham, were offered a few possible dates for a candidate forum but were unable to find a mutually convenient date. Murphy and Harckham are participating in a Candidates' Night on Monday, Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mahopac Public Library, hosted by the League of Women Voters® of Putnam County. All are welcome. The LWVNC will make every effort to obtain a recording of that event and post it on the New Castle League's website.

"It is most unfortunate that the other candidates are not participating since our Candidates' Night provides the voters a wonderful opportunity to hear about the issues most important to them," said Suzanne Kavic, president of the LWVNC.

The Oct. 29 forum is free and open to the public. The evening's proceedings will be recorded and streamed live by New Castle Community Media Center as well as for later rebroadcast.

The LWVNC will provide coffee and light refreshments. For additional information, contact the New Castle League at [lwnnewcastle@gmail.com](mailto:lwnnewcastle@gmail.com) or Mary Kirsch at 914-409-2989. For up to date information on the candidates and polling places, visit [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org).

New Castle Town Hall is located at 200 S. Greeley Ave. in Chappaqua.

# Happenings

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the most eclectic ensembles in the music business today. Combining gypsy, honky-tonk, swing and Latin, this band plays upbeat tunes from all over the world with thunderous virtuosity and a relentless sense of humor. This unorthodox, high-energy, acoustic-based quintet of guitar, violin, stand-up bass, percussion and keyboards (including accordion) will make you want to get up and dance. Purchase College; Black Box Theatre, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 7 p.m. \$97.50 (includes dinner). 914-251-6200 or visit [www.artscenter.org](http://www.artscenter.org).

**Robert Klein.** The acclaimed comedian, actor, and writer has entertained audiences for more than 40 years and continues to have an acclaimed career in comedy, on Broadway, on television and on film. With opening guest Kirsten Maxwell. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$30, \$45 and \$55. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit [www.paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://www.paramounthudsonvalley.com).

**Air Supply in Concert.** This Australian soft rock duo featuring singer-songwriter and guitarist Graham Russell and lead vocalist Russell Hitchcock are known for their heavily orchestrated sweet ballads. They had a succession of international hits, including eight Top 10 hits in the early 1980s including "Lost in Love," the Song of the Year in 1980, and "All Out of Love." Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$58 to \$108. VIP: \$199. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusicall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusicall.org).

**Evvin Rising Stars.** This program is an incubator for leaders in classical music performance. Along with Pamela Frank, distinguished artist/mentor cellist Timothy Eddy and pianist Gilbert Kalish

work alongside a new generation of outstanding young instrumentalists on the great masterworks of the chamber music repertoire. The culmination of this week of intense collaboration and musical discovery is an opportunity for the public to witness musicians on their way to becoming legends themselves. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 8 p.m. \$25 and \$40. Students (18 and under): Free. Also Oct. 28 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-232-1250 or visit [www.caramoor.org](http://www.caramoor.org).

**The Grand Slambovian Halloween Ball.** Called everything from "hillbilly Pink Floyd" to "surreal Americana," the Hudson Valley's own Slambovian Circus of Dreams is bringing its legendary annual Halloween musical costume ball to Irvington. Formed in Sleepy Hollow over a decade ago, it's a "riveting, mesmerizing, crazy, amazing machine of music" (Chronogram Magazine). And this year's Grand Slambovian Halloween Ball theme is "Legends of Sleepy Hollow," so break out your finest Headless Horsemen, Rip van Winkles or other skeletons in the style closet in honor of Washington Irving (or any of your other favorite literary icons, real or imagined). Irvington Town Hall Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 8 p.m. \$27. Info and tickets: 914-591-6602 or visit [www.irvingtontheater.com](http://www.irvingtontheater.com).

**Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Glen Miller and Friends.** Miller is bringing a motley crew of comedians to this X-rated show. Nobody under 21 will be admitted, so please, do not come if you are faint of heart. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. \$20. Info and advance tickets: Visit [www.lucyslaughs.com](http://www.lucyslaughs.com). Type in the promo code Examiner

at the prompt when buying tickets online.

## Sunday, Oct. 28

**Kensico Cemetery's Third Annual 5K Run/Walk.** This third annual event will benefit the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter. Organized by Alzheimer's Association volunteer Jocelyn Roberts of Tarrytown, it will include a 3.1-mile run/walk through the cemetery's grounds, a full catered breakfast, the awarding of medals and a chance to win baskets of raffle prizes. event runs from 8:30AM - 11AM and includes the 3.1-mile Run/Walk throughout the Kensico grounds, a full catered breakfast, the awarding of medals for the top times, and the opportunity to win baskets of raffle prizes. Kensico Cemetery, 273 Lakeview Ave., Valhalla. 8:30 to 11 a.m. Registration (in advance): \$40. Day of event: \$40. Children (12 and under): \$10. Info and registration: Visit <https://endalz5k.wordpress.com/>

**Mexican Day of the Dead.** Pelham Art Center's Folk Arts Series presents this annual festive celebration in which loved ones are remembered with joy and celebration. Renowned artist Zafiro Romero-Acevedo returns to share the history of one of Mexico's richest traditions. Young performers from Telpochcalli, the Traditional Mexican Performance Arts & Theater, will charm the audience with the traditional Day of the Dead dances from Mexico followed by an art-making workshop where traditional miniature alter will be made from tissue paper and colorful clay. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-738-2525 or visit [www.pelhamartcenter.org](http://www.pelhamartcenter.org).

# What's in a Name? For the Baby Boomers, There's Plenty

"Katie, Katie, bo-batie, Bonana-fanna fo-fatie, Fe Fi mo-matie, Katie!"  
– Shirley Ellis, 1964

The Baby Boomers were inventive enough to come up with the novelty song "The Name Game," written and recorded by Shirley Ellis, which made it to #3 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1964.

Since 1964, the song was re-recorded by Laura Branigan and has been used on television commercials for Little Caesar's Pizza. It has also made an appearance on "American Horror Story" and in one episode of "The Big Bang Theory."

Now, as the Baby Boomers advance in their golden years, many are asking the question: "How should we be addressed at this stage of our lives?"

Over the years such appellations as golden-ager, elder (not elderly), vintage, perennials and aged, which in turn, evolved into senior citizen, which then evolved into older adult and then having matured into "geezer."

The 60-plus generation includes the so-called Greatest Generation, the Silent Generation



By Richard Cirulli

and the Baby Boom generation, referring to those born between 1946 and 1964.

Dr. Laura Carstensen, 64, director of the Stanford Center on Longevity, has for years advocated for people to simply call themselves old and to be proud of reaching advanced age. This off-course took off like a led zeppelin. Enough said about academe. After all, who would actually claim they feel proud

knowing full-well that to function with some sense of normality they have to rely on replaced body parts, eye glasses, hearing aids and require medications to perform most body functions.

Some have suggested the moniker of sage. The author of this one was surely experiencing a senior moment, for if we will learn anything in life, the aging process offers no guarantee that wisdom will arrive along with your AARP card. And just remember, this is the generation that took to the streets chanting their mantras: "I hope I die before I get old" and "don't trust anyone over 30."

For sure, this truly is the new name game for the 60-plus crowd. Some other options to

consider are youth challenged, time travelers or extended shelf lifers.

The author takes the position the sobriquet that is the least offensive and places a positive view on the Boomers should be to address them as "The Classics." After all, classics are timeless, respected and even coveted. Just think of classic Ferraris and Lamborghinis.

When these classics hit the road, they turn heads and most people don't even know just how old they are – and does it really matter? Just think, these exotic time pieces are also recipients of their AARP (Ancient Automobiles of Respected Performance) cards, still capable of outperforming most of the cars rolling off the assembly lines today; still red-lining at full-throttle and accelerating faster than the Boomers are aging.

Now, this is a moniker to age with!

*Classic, Classic, bo-bombastic, Bonana-fanna fo-fantastic, Fe-fi mo-classic!*

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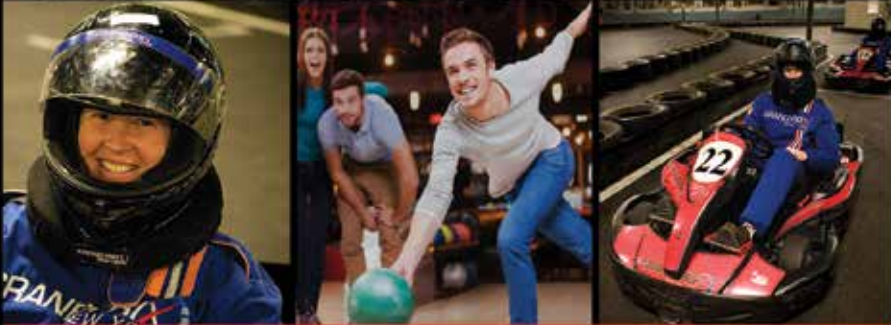
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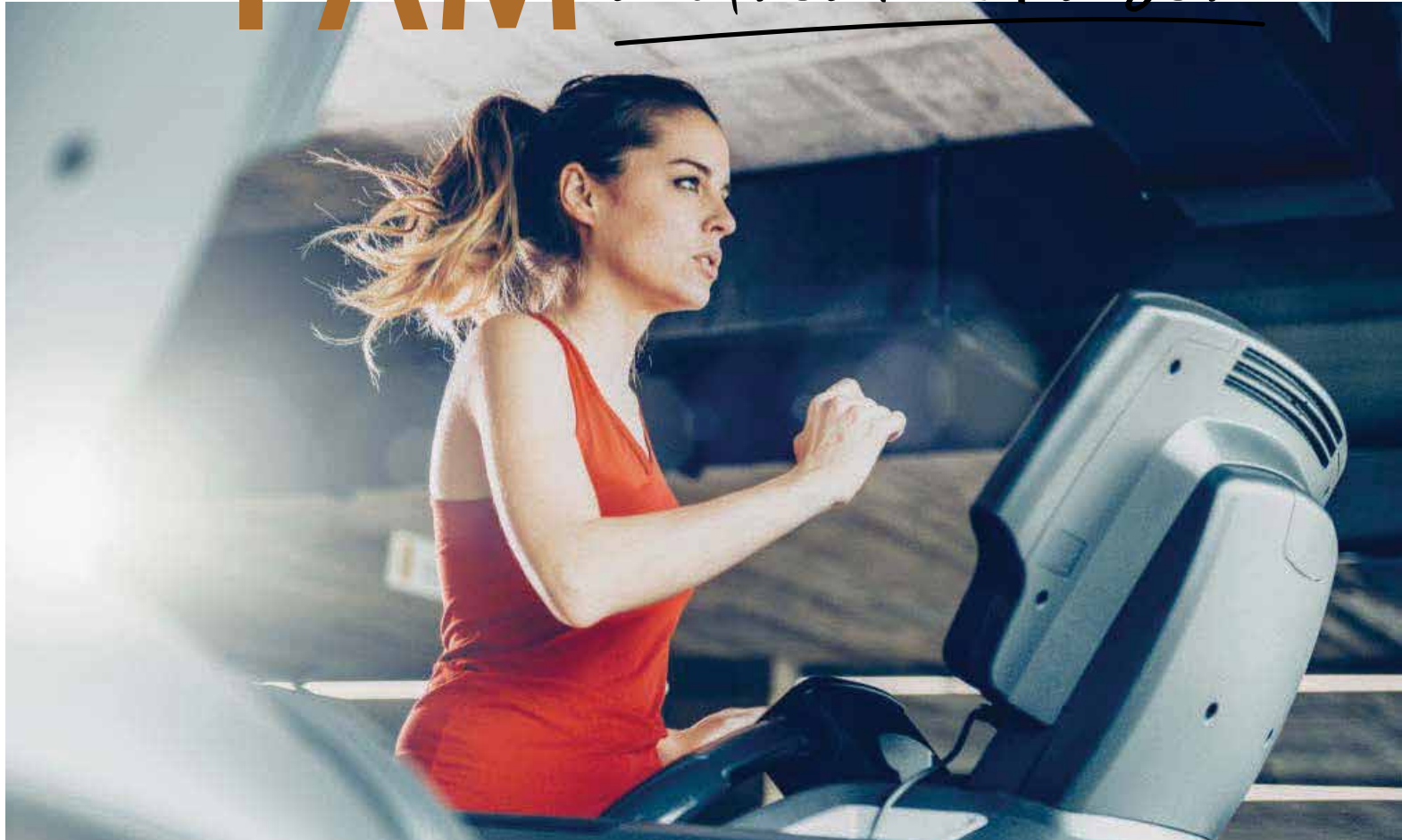
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