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#### **Potential Buyer for Senter Street** Firehouse Surfaces in Chappaqua

#### By Martin Wilbur

A potential buyer has emerged for downtown Chappaqua's Senter Street firehouse who could transform the nearly century-old building into a restaurant.

Last month, local residents Steffi and Phil Green reached out to the New Castle Fire District No. 1 Board of Commissioners to express interest in the property.

The overture comes after public signals from the fire district and town officials that there could be a sale of the firehouse. Supervisor Robert Greenstein said redevelopment of the parcel could help with the revitalization of the downtown in conjunction with the Chappaqua infrastructure and streetscape project. That work is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

While the Greens declined to answer questions at this time, Board of Commissioners Acting Chair Danna

Schoenberg acknowledged the fire district may consider a transaction under certain conditions.

"We are open to discussing the sale of the Senter Street property only if it is fiscally best for the district and best for the needs of the fire department," Schoenberg said in a statement. "Right now we do not have an alternate space to replace the functions of the building."

In the months leading up to the soundly defeated October 2016 King Street firehouse expansion referendum, fire district representatives said a larger facility would allow them to house the antique equipment at King Street and provide volunteer firefighters with adequate training space. Those are the principal uses for the Senter Street firehouse.

In a Feb. 13 letter to the Board of Commissioners, the Greens briefly continued on page 2

#### Serious Scientists



More than 250 Chappaqua students are expected to showcase their work at the fourth annual Chappaqua STEM Fest this Saturday at Robert E. Bell Middle School. The event will feature student designed experiments, inventions and research covering a wide range of topics. The STEM Fest runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is open to the public.

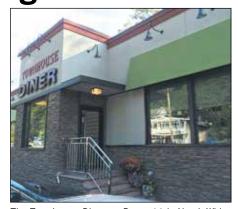
# No. Castle Planners, Diner at Odds Over Parking Lot Entrance

#### By Martin Wilbur

The North Castle Planning Board last week told representatives for the Townhouse Diner to return with a revised plan to address safety concerns at the site of the North White Plains restaurant.

A dispute between the board and the applicant arose at the Mar. 12 meeting after Katherine Zalantis, the attorney for the diner, asked the board to remove a key condition from the approved site plan that would enable her client to obtain a permanent Certificate of Occupancy.

Zalantis said the state Department of Transportation (DOT) refused to grant the diner permission to paint an area in the state right of way in front of the establishment on Route 22. The condition was designed to attract the attention of



The Townhouse Diner on Route 22 in North White

drivers exiting the parking lot so they wouldn't back up into northbound traffic on Route 22. There were also concerns that

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#### County Legislators Demand Storm Response Answers From Utilities

#### By Anna Young

The Westchester County Board of Legislators demanded answers Monday from Con Edison and New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) representatives for the muddled response to the widespread power outages inflicted by dual Noreasters this month.

Throughout the special three-hour meeting of the entire board, lawmakers skewered the utilities for inadequately preparing for the Mar. 2 wind and rain storm and the Mar. 7 snowstorm. Legislators strongly agreed there were communications breakdowns and misinformation presented to the public that must be rectified.

"We've heard from you before that lessons were learned. We heard that after (Superstorm) Sandy that lessons were

learned," Majority Leader Catherine Parker (D-Rye) said. "The unfortunate thing from this experience is that it really throws that into question. Truly, it seems there was a first failure in responsiveness, a failure in accuracy and a failure of dissemination of information. It just seems we're back exactly where we were with Sandy."

Con Edison representatives said they prepared a week before the storm but were surprised by the "hurricane-like event" that arrived on Mar. 2. They said restoration procedures were followed once the first storm impacted the electrical system.

"After the storm arrived Friday, that didn't actually finish until Saturday in terms of the wind, we were still getting outages and you size your mutual aid to the outages you are experiencing," said Kyle Kimball, continued on page 2



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#### **Potential Buyer for Senter Street Firehouse Surfaces in Chappaqua**

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described their preliminary plans for the property.

"Our vision is to create a unique space that attracts residents in the morning to converse over coffee/baked goods and, in the evening, entices residents to enjoy local (Hudson Valley) craft beer and spirits," their letter stated. "As long time residents, we believe that downtown Chappaqua lacks vibrant venues that lure residents to spend time in our town center. We believe that a space like the old firehouse can be that unique and exciting venue."

On Mar. 6, the Town Board discussed the issue and how if a sale materialized it could be an important boost to the downtown revitalization plans. Greenstein said other municipalities have attracted entrepreneurs who have repurposed old firehouses into restaurants, which have become community attractions.

"I think residents should know that there are people who want to turn that firehouse into a restaurant and that the only reason the fire department is holding onto it is because they use the building," Greenstein said.

He proposed sending a letter encouraging the commissioners to consider selling the firehouse.

Councilwoman Hala Makowska said

it is likely that for any sale to occur, fire district officials would need to float another referendum for a proposed firehouse expansion at King Street. That could result in a multiyear process, she said.

"So now what they need to do is they need to rebuild (the public's) confidence, and it may take a couple of years, and they need to confirm the cost of the plans," Makowska said.

#### County Legislators Demand Storm Response Answers From Utilities -

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Con Edison's vice president of government relations. "That's why if you look at the timeline of us requesting mutual aid it begins to ramp up."

He added the storm was so widespread with 147,000 outages that crews were requested from across the United States.

"This was a practically devastating storm for our electrical system," Kimball said.

Trish Nilsen, NYSEG's director of emergency preparedness, said the utility's personnel followed group emergency plans and staged about 150 line and tree resources in their service areas prior to both storms. NYSEG's service area in the county, which was hit particularly hard, includes Yorktown, Lewisboro, North Salem, Bedford, Pound Ridge and Somers.

Following the first storm, Nilsen said

NYSEG expanded to 1,200 workers, which comprised the utility's own personnel, local contractors and additional resources; in Brewster there were 72,000 customers impacted. A company review process is underway to analyze the response.

But legislators didn't appear satisfied with many of the answers they were receiving.

"Listening to completely inconsistent information on how things are going and what the plans are from day to day, I'll tell you, is beyond infuriating and it tells me there are people who should be in charge of upper management in your company who don't know what the heck they're doing," Legislator MaryJane Shimsky (D-Hastingson-Hudson) said. "And the fact that we've lived through this before is a really serious problem."

Minority Whip Gordon Burrows (R-Yonkers) and Shimsky demanded that

more line workers be hired to offset the travel time of the out-of-state utility crews.

"If you need to call mutual aid from 1,500 miles away and they're not here... for two to three days that compounds the problem," Burrows said. "If you have experienced line workers living in the area there's not a need maybe to call all the mutual aid staff. I want to address the immediate problem of staffers that are in the area."

Legislator Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers), who said his district "was blown out like a bomb," was concerned that seniors at Heritage Hills in Somers could die without power for extended periods. Legislator David Tubiolo (R-Yonkers) shared similar concerns that the slow pace of restoration put lives at risk.

Jane Solnick, Con Edison's director of public affairs in Westchester County, said the utility has conducted outreach with

senior facilities to provide preventative measures during storms. She agreed to collaborate with municipalities to prepare more effectively in the future.

Following the storms, County Executive George Latimer, who attended Monday's meeting, called for Con Edison and NYSEG to clean house of its senior management.

"You've lost the public's trust and that's a big problem for a utility company to have," Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) told the representatives. "I think this is a wakeup call for all of us on how we communicate with each other."

The utilities failed to answer several questions posed by lawmakers. The board suggested they meet again to discuss methods of preparation and to continue a dialogue.

The utilities' representatives failed to answer questions

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#### **Local Officials Search for Ways to Improve Storm Response**

By Neal Rentz and Martin Wilbur

Local municipal officials last week continued to join the chorus of calls for the utilities to explain what went wrong in its post-storm response and communication and how they plan to address it in the future.

While local town boards praised their employees, the many crews who worked tirelessly on the power lines and Con Edison liaisons who responded to the emergency, numerous unanswered questions remained for Con Edison brass.

Each town is also reviewing its own procedures, including how to more effectively communicate information to residents.

Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said the town will also be reviewing its information systems and may consider cutting and replanting trees, especially old and diseased trees near power lines.

"We live in an age where everyone wants instant information but from my perspective, the information I was receiving was not accurate and misleading," Fulgenzi said. "We will be looking at ways to expand our use of our alert systems and do our best to get more factual information posted as soon as possible in the future."

However, there were issues that the supervisor is pressing Con Edison to address, including the utility's lackluster communication to residents and town officials; the absence of updated

information regarding crews in the area; why there was no communication with the town's Highway Department following the storms; why it took three days for dry ice to be provided; Con Edison's failure to provide accurate updates regarding the status of repairs and outages; and why it took so long for crews to begin restoring power when it knew beforehand that the storms would be severe.

Fulgenzi said he wants to hear why Con Edison during the early stages of the restoration effort there were 12 out-of-state utility trucks in the Town Hall parking lot but only one went to work in Mount Pleasant.

Last week, the Board of Legislators unanimously approved a resolution calling on the state Public Service Commission to review rules for Con Edison and New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) on how to deal with severe storms, she said.

New Castle officials, who remained frustrated last week with the poor communication from Con Edison, will also be addressing how the town can be better prepared. On Wednesday night, there will be a panel discussion at the Chappaqua Public Library at 7 p.m. to learn how the town could better prepare itself for storm emergencies and to gather suggestions from the public.

Many town residents had no power for as much as a week and in some cases 10 days



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Toppled trees that took down power lines and damaged property was a common sight around Westchester following the two winter storms earlier this month, but local officials are still frustrated that communication from Con Edison was poor in the storms' aftermath.

unless they had a generator.

Councilman Jeremy Saland said important information such as how Con Edison decided to mobilize its manpower remained a mystery. At one point, New Castle had 505 customers out with four crews in town, while another municipality had 29 outages with seven crews deployed, he said

There is a long series of questions on other topics related to the storm.

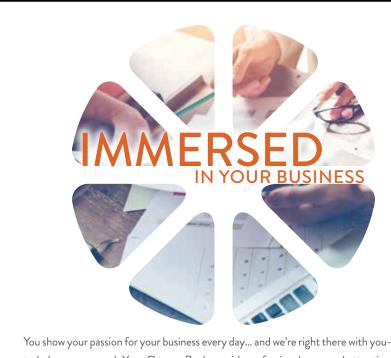
"I'd be curious to know what, if any, issues with overtime came into play to staff people after 10 o'clock or on weekends," Saland said. "Why were we all told that we could have power, for example, back one day at 11 p.m. and at 10:30 we get a phone call saying

you're not going to have power?"

However, there were bright spots in every town. North Castle officials lauded restaurateurs throughout the town who gave food away for free to volunteers, first-responders and those without power. The volunteers from the North Castle Citizen Corps Council (NC4) who staffed the around-the-clock emergency shelter at the Hergenhan Recreation Center.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro said assistance from so many people who work for the town and resident volunteers helped North Castle weather the storms.

"It was a heavy lift and everybody pitched in wherever they needed everybody," Schiliro said.



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#### Parents Join Walkout in Chappaqua to Demand Stricter Gun Laws

By Martin Wilbur

While millions of students across the United States participated in the National School Walkout to fight for stricter guns laws last Wednesday, a group of local parents pledged solidarity to ensure changes are made.

About 30 people gathered at the Chappaqua gazebo for 17 minutes at 10 a.m. on Mar. 14 to support the students both locally and nationwide who have taken up the cause and to remember the victims of last month's Parkland, Fla. mass shooting. They stood across the street from Robert E. Bell Middle School, where students and staff held their own walkout.

"I have students who go to school every day and they come to me for music lessons and I think they have the right to go to school and not be concerned about what's going to happen at school," said Rachel Alexander, a private music teacher from Ossining. "I mean, I should be concerned talking to them about college issues or social studies exams or AP exams, not if you're going to go to school today and get shot."

With 2018 is taking shape as a crucial election year, not only with the congressional midterms but in Albany as well, participants and organizers of last week's gathering said they would back legislators who make tighter gun



Some of the roughly 30 parents who gathered at the gazebo in downtown Chappagua during last week's National School Walkout to press for more robust gun legislation.

restrictions a priority and work to defeat those who don't.

Chappaqua resident Gail Markels said among the measures she would like to see approved is a bill that would prohibit people who are a danger to themselves or others from buying or possessing firearms. She said state Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown), who represents the area including New Castle, has opposed that legislation and many others gun-related bills that

would help make society safer.

"It's one of many steps that can and should be taken and that's one that Sen. Murphy has said he could not support," Markels said. "The (state) Senate majority is tight because of the (Independent Democratic Conference) and every vote counts. Sen. Murphy could be a deciding vote if he doesn't support it."

Some in the group carried signs as part of the gathering. The names of each

one of the 14 students and three adults who were killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School last month were read aloud. Karen Bazik held a sign with the names of each victim and their ages.

"It's heartbreaking," Bazik said. "I sat down and wrote the names of every student and I look at their faces. We can't let it happen again."

Elyse Alexander said she's confident there will be change following the Parkland shooting because of the determination of students who are holding elected officials accountable. That's not only happening in Florida but throughout the country.

"The younger people know this isn't right, and they're mobilizing and they're doing things," she said. "I mean, I'm here but a lot of parents aren't and thank God for these students. They're incredible."

Dawn Greenberg, who helped organize the parents' event the day before, said there is still a lot of work to be done. She encouraged other attendees to attend one of the walks against gun violence, whether it's in Washington, Manhattan or White Plains.

"The trick is not to let it fade away," Greenberg said. "Peoples' memories are short and the kids are not going to let it fade away, and we are here to ride the



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#### P'ville Students Join National Walkout for Gun Control Legislation

#### By Anna Young

Hundreds of students poured out of Pleasantville High School last Wednesday morning as part of the nationwide school walkout demanding stronger gun legislation while memorializing the victims in last month's high school massacre in Parkland,

At the stroke of 10 a.m. exactly one month after 17 people were killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Pleasantville students and faculty members joined hundreds of thousands of students across the country in a 17-minute protest to highlight the political inaction against gun violence.

Mickey Kennedy, whose Junior grandfather Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1968 with a .22-caliber revolver, believed the cause of the gun violence is easy accessibility to firearms. She said students have watched people their age continually die through gun violence and many elected officials have been unwilling to address the problem.

"My grandfather was killed by a man with a gun who never should have had a gun. His brother (President John F. Kennedy) was also killed by a man with a gun who never should have had a gun," Kennedy said. "These students in Parkland were killed by a boy with a gun who never should have had a gun. These deaths could have been prevented and my family and families everywhere who have been affected

by tragedies like these should never have to feel the pain of someone being ripped away from them with the pull of a trigger."

During the protest, middle school students read aloud the names of the 17 victims, ringing a bell after each name. Those gathered then stood for a moment of silence sporting shirts reading #Enough.

Students spent the week leading up to the walkout selling the #Enough shirts for the community to wear. They said the money they raise will be donated to the Parkland shooting victims.

Members of the Pleasantville student body said they were motivated after having witnessed students their age suffer. They've grown accustomed to hearing about mass shootings on the news and strenuously agreed that action must be taken.

"These were students just like us," senior Teresa Hoffmeister said. "This could have been us."

Senior Kamelle Ruano said the walkout was a momentous occasion to get involved and bring attention to an issue that will have a long-lasting effect on her generation. Ruano said she hopes government officials will strengthen background checks and focus on mental health issues, criminal records and making it more difficult to purchase a firearm.

"Now our generation has realized we have the power as the people of the United States to raise our voices and have our rights and show our representatives that we are



willing to make the change we want to see," Ruano said.

Senior Sophie Rapley advised students to never be complacent with silence and to confront their local representatives about why change is essential.

"We will not silently watch children be killed in their classrooms. We will not watch as teachers die protecting their students," Rapley said. "We will not rest until schools are safe from violence."

At Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua, students also participated.

"I walked out so that I could express our feeling as students across this nation of wanting to feel safe in our own schools along with honoring the 17 innocent lives that were taken away from us just last month,"said student Sami Contractor.

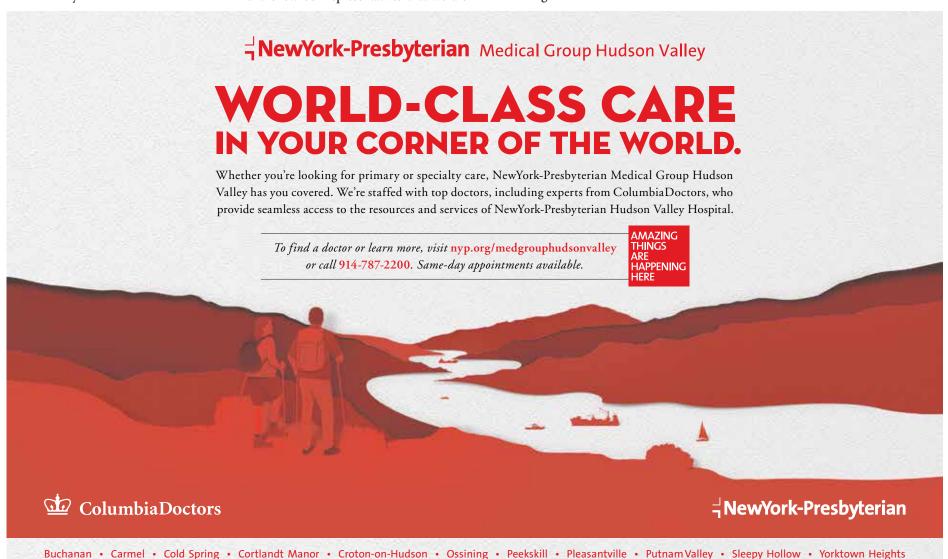
Another student, Ava Foster, said it's time to see change.

High School last Wednesday during the National Walkout to fight for tougher gun laws. Left: Junior Mickey Kennedy, granddaughter of Robert F. Kennedy, speaks out against gun violence during ast Wednesday's walkout.

"No matter what side of the aisle you align with, it is important to remember that countless lives have been lost over the years to school shootings," Foster said. "Whether you think guns are responsible or not, no parent should send their kid to school and think 'This is (a) place my child might die."

New Castle Councilwoman Lisa Katz said last week she met recently with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Ackerman to arrange for a group of Greeley student representatives to travel to Albany on Apr. 20 to meet with state legislators on pending legislation.

Aaron M. Notis and Martin Wilbur contributed to this article.



#### No. Castle Planners, Diner at Odds Over Parking Lot Entrance

continued from page 1 pedestrians could be endangered.

She said the diner, which has continued to operate under a temporary Certificate of Occupancy, made a good faith effort to convince the DOT to grant permission to stripe the pavement. However, the agency turned down the request because it was an unsatisfactory plan.

Zalantis said that a diner has been at the site for decades and is a non-conforming, pre-existing use. Since all other conditions have been met, the Certificate of Occupancy should be granted. The temporary certificate is costing the owner \$500 a month, she said.

"There was no curb there," Zalantis said. "There's nothing preventing people from backing out over that painted area. So to ask my client to restripe and do improvements to the entire lot that's already been approved, that's completely unfair and seems like you want to rehash issues that we addressed when you granted approvals in March 2017."

Although the Planning Board granted the diner a revised site plan approval, last week it asked that the owner, Koutros Property, LLC, tweak plans and devise another solution to address the safety issue. The board, Director of Planning Adam Kaufman and the town's engineer, Joseph Cermele, all maintained reservations about allowing the diner to move forward

without safety improvements.

Cermele pointed to concerns raised by the town's police department regarding traffic. The DOT also does not consider the area safe for pedestrians, Kaufman

Board member Michael Pollack said safety has been the key focus since the original application was received. The diner needed site plan approval because it installed a handicapped accessible ramp.

"Now you're coming to this board and saying we're not willing to do anything to address it, and that's where I think we're having a hard time," Pollack said.

"We can just give it because the striping wasn't approved by DOT, and because DOT didn't find the striping satisfactory, that dispenses with the concern and that dispenses with the requirement, and I can tell you in my mind it doesn't. It has to be addressed in some way, shape or

Project architect Joel Greenberg said while there are safety concerns police records show that there haven't been accidents as a result of the current configuration.

The board ajourned for an executive session, then reconvened to inform Zalantis and Greenberg that it wanted to see some type of improvement.

"The Planning Board is utterly concerned about the safety of that site," said Board Chairman Christopher Carthy. "We are concerned about the exit and entry of that site and we think it's in everyone's best interests to do whatever we can to enhance the safety of that site."

Zalantis asked whether the monthly \$500 fee could be reduced or waived. Board members said the Town Board would have to address changing or eliminating the fee.

The board approved a six-month site plan extension to give the diner's representatives time to revise the plan.

#### Mt. Pleasant Town Justice Maselli to Resign; New Justice Sought

#### **By Neal Rentz**

Mount Pleasant Town Justice Nicholas Maselli has submitted his letter of resignation, which will end a 12-year run on the bench.

The Town Board voted unanimously Mar. 13 to accept his resignation.

"Because of my desire to spend more time with my family, I tender my resignation as justice of the Town of Mount Pleasant effective June 1," Maselli stated in a letter to the board.

Maselli thanked town officials and employees in his letter. He also complimented Robert Ponzini, Mount Pleasant's other Town Justice.

"I thank him for openly sharing his judicial wisdom gleaned from his years on the bench," Maselli wrote. "I can honestly say we had a positive working relationship."

"We thank Nick for all of his years of service to the Town of Mount Pleasant and we will all miss him," said town Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi.

Fulgenzi said residents interested in the position, can apply online at cfulgenzi@ mtpleasantny.com or in person at Town Hall. The interview process is scheduled to begin this week, he said.

The appointee will be required to run in this November's election for a full fouryear term.

#### Mt. Pleasant Hires Grant Writing Firm

The Town Board last week selected the firm Choice Words at a \$90-an-hour rate up to a maximum of \$40,000 for the remainder of 2018 to help the town write and submit grant proposals. The company, with offices in Poughkeepsie and New Paltz, has already suggested many options to the town, Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said.



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#### Proposed \$122.5M Budget Unveiled for Chappaqua Schools

By Anna Young

Chappaqua Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Ackerman last week released the district's proposed \$122.5 million budget for 2018-19, which will come under the tax cap ceiling.

The preliminary spending plan contains a budget-to-budget spending increase of \$2,988,300, or 2.50 percent, over the current year. As proposed, Chappaqua would see a 2.13 percent tax levy increase. The district expects to receive a 1.3 percent increase (\$113,537) in state aid.

Assistant Superintendent for Business John Chow said the district will not have approximate tax rates available until the

"We are way under the tax cap," Chow said. "This is zero-based, we really look from the bottom up. We look at every number, we look at every staff position and then we come up with the budget."

Under the proposed budget, spending on salary will rise 1.55 percent (\$969,785) with employee benefits increasing 4.54 percent (\$1.1 million). Chow explained the increase to employee benefits is due to a significant 10.63 percent hike in Teachers' Retirement System expenses and a 3.75 percent increase in health insurance premiums.

Chow said the district's contribution toward health insurance is more favorable compared to the 8 percent increase the district faced for 2017-18. The district is

looking to adjust its health insurance plans by increasing copays for its employees, among other steps to limit costs.

BOCES expenses will fall 4.92 percent (\$106,762). Special education services are estimated to increase 0.44 percent, or \$21,069. District transportation costs will jump 2.29 percent (\$152,479). Technology costs are projected to rise 4.8 percent (\$82,080), while debt services will increase 14.25 percent (\$808,611).

Operation and maintenance expenses will see a significant 5.75 percent decline (\$330,000). The reduction is due to a \$475,000 reduction in the interfund transfer for capital projects made possible by the \$42 million bond, Chow explained.

He said the district anticipates a slight enrollment decline at the elementary schools and Horace Greeley High School but expects a substantial increase of at least 60 students at the middle schools. Additional Spanish and science teachers will be added to the middle schools to support the influx of students.

There are few planned staffing changes. The elementary schools will see a reduction of four core teachers, while plans call for the high school social worker to be increased to a full-time position. Special education will lose two teaching assistants, and there will be two additional head coaches and three assistant coaches in the Athletic Department.

There will also be three security guards

under contract at the high school.

The board is scheduled to adopt a final budget on Apr. 11. The state mandated budget hearing will be held on May 2, with the annual statewide budget vote

and school board election scheduled for Tuesday, May 15. For further information on the proposed budget, visit www.ccsd.ws/.

#### Mt. Pleasant School Taxes Proposed to Increase 4.3% Next Year

Mount Pleasant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Guiney has proposed a nearly \$61.8 million budget for 2018-19 that would raise taxes more than 4 percent but comply with the tax cap for the seventh consecutive year.

Guiney, who is retiring at the end of June, is seeking a tax rate increase of 4.29 percent and a tax levy increase of 4.68 percent, the maximum amount allowed while still adhering to the cap, said Director of Business Administration Andrew Lennon. The budget would increase spending by 4.8 percent over the current year's \$58.95 million budget.

Lennon said salaries and benefits for district employees are driving the increase. The district faces a 10.6 percent jump in contributions to the state Teachers' Retirement System, an anticipated employee health care premium increase of between 4 and 5 percent, rising costs of Medicare reimbursements and nearly \$3.4 million in debt service incurred to pay for capital projects.

The district also anticipated a 3.5 percent increase in expenses related to contributions to the Employee Retirement System.

Lennon said 87 percent of the district's revenues come from property taxes.

At the Mar. 14 Board of Education meeting, the non-instructional portions of Guiney's proposal were discussed.

The instructional portions of the proposed 2018-19 budget is scheduled for board discussion this Wednesday, Mar. 21. The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Westlake Middle/High School library. The district's Citizens Budget Advisory Committee will present its report at the Apr. 9 Board of Education work session.

The district is anticipating that trustees will approve the budget on Apr. 17. The mandatory public hearing on the budget will be held on May 7.

District voters will vote on the spending plan on Tuesday, May 15.









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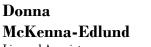
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#### **Police Blotter**

#### **County Police/Mount Kisco**

Mar. 12: A woman reported to police at 6:09 p.m. that her son was receiving threatening text messages from a former classmate. The matter was turned over to detectives for additional investigation.

Mar. 13: Report of a domestic dispute on Hyatt Avenue at 12:46 a.m. A woman told officers she had been in an argument with a male relative but that the dispute was verbal.

Mar. 14: Report of an intoxicated man lying in Target's parking lot near



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Preston Way at 5:11 p.m. The man was transported by ambulance to Northern Westchester Hospital.

Mar. 14: Police responded to Main Street and Moore Avenue at 6:27 p.m. after it was reported that a man was screaming at passing traffic. The man told officers he was waiting for a taxi and was angry it had not arrived. The taxi arrived as the man was speaking with officers and he left in the cab without further incident.

Mar. 14: Police responded to Spencer Street at 6:59 p.m. after a man reported that a guest who had been staying in his home was refusing to leave as requested. The female guest gathered her belongings and left after officers arrived.

Mar. 14: A West Street resident reported at 11:23 p.m. that she was being disturbed by noise from an upstairs apartment. The upstairs tenant agreed to be quieter for the remainder of the night.

Mar. 15: Police responded to an East Main Street store at 10:02 p.m. on a report that two men were trying to open the rear doors. It was subsequently determined that the men were store employees who were ensuring that the doors were secure before leaving for the

Mar. 16: Report of an activated fire alarm on East Main Street at 9:54 a.m. It was determined that the alarm was set off due to construction in the area.

Mar. 16: Police responded to Green Street at 10:54 a.m. on a report that a youth was extremely upset and having an emotional crisis. The youth agreed to be transported to Northern Westchester Hospital for evaluation.

#### **North Castle Police Department**

Mar. 10: A complainant reported at 3:43 p.m. that she lost her wallet and its contents somewhere in the vicinity of 405 Main St. at about 3:35 p.m. the previous day. Police advised the complainant to close any open credit or debit cards.

Mar. 11: A caller reported that a suspicious vehicle, a grey Lincoln SUV, was parked in the cul-de-sac on Guion Lane at 12:30 a.m. The responding officer reported that vehicle is unoccupied and issued a summons.

Mar. 11: An Evergreen Row caller reported at 3:30 p.m. that she was walking her dog in the area about an hour in the past when a silver Audi with New York plates came close to striking her and her dog. The responding officer later located the driver and spoke to the individual.

Mar. 12: Officers responded to a Nethermont Avenue residence at 2:01 p.m. to report that a house guest has been refusing to leave the residence. The responding officers spoke with the involved parties.

Mar. 12: A Whippoorwill Road resident reported at 3:57 p.m. that during the Mar. 2 storm a transformer had exploded near her residence. The explosion apparently caused a large surge of electricity to her house. which led to her electric meter sustaining significant damage. The complainant reported a large amount of black soot was exposed from her electric meter after being damaged. Her residence needed all new wiring, which was completed by an electrician and cost \$2,600. A report was made as a matter of record.

Mar. 14: A complainant reported at 7:48 p.m. that he was robbed while walking on the side of Route 22. Responding officers arrived. No further details were immediately available.

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#### THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz By Edward Goralski

Spring Things. This year spring makes it debut on Mar. 20. The quiz this week features some words that you may want to debut in your vocabulary this season. While spring only lasts for three months, there is no time limit on how long you can use these words in your vocabulary.

1. lissom (adj.) A) agreeable	B) attractive	C) nimble
2. cavort (v.) A) to advise caution to	B) play boisterously	C) effect by force
3. miry (adj.) A) soggy	B) foggy	C) smoggy
4. disquisition (n.) A) a formal inquiry	B) a final settlement	C) a verbal quarrel
5. scry (v.) A) to pry apart	B) be frugal	C) foretell the future
6. raillery (n.) A) a brief foray	B) light teasing repartee	C) a vantage point
7. Boeotian (adj.) A) an unconventional lifestyle	B) without refinement	C) fearless spirit
8. quondam (adj.) A) ordinary in nature	B) worth quoting	C) at one time

4. A. A formal inquiry into or discussion of a subject; 8. C. At one time, former

7. B. Without cultural refinement; dull; obtuse

6. B. Light teasing repartee; banter

3. A. (of soil) Soft and watery; soggy; boggy;

2. B. To play boisterously; rollick

waterlogged

orner reflective object 1. C. Moving and bending with ease; nimble; supple 5. C. To foretell the future using a crystal ball or aiscontse

**ANSWERS:** 

#### Scherer Sees Promising Future for Pleasantville in Next Term

By Anna Young

Peter Scherer has enjoyed his time as Pleasantville's mayor but never could have predicted he would have been elected, much less serve nine years.

"It's a wonderful place with a lot of great people doing a lot of incredible things and I can say with conviction I never envisioned becoming the mayor of anywhere I lived," said Scherer, who had no competition for the seat in this week's village election. "I moved to this place and you get involved and the place grabs you and (you) realize there is something special going on here and that has proven to be the case."

Scherer cites a desire to see several projects reach completion as a key reason behind his decision to serve again.

As the Village Board works to reinvigorate downtown, development of a Memorial Plaza civic space has Scherer excited for a promising future. He said the project would be a magnetic center that will make the downtown more attractive and create opportunities for residents and local businesses.

"I hope it's going to do exactly what folks asked us to do in the programming process and that was reinforce and encourage opportunities for folks of all ages to be downtown and share in the life of our community," Scherer said.

The development of The Lofts at 39 Washington Ave. and the proposed four-

story mixed-use structure at 70 Memorial Plaza will be a notable change, attracting more people to downtown. He said having more people live downtown will add to Pleasantville's vibrancy while sustaining and enhancing the retail base.

"All of us on the board have a deep investment in keeping Pleasantville Pleasantville," Scherer said, "but we also have a deep responsibility to not let pieces of our economic base wither into nothingness, driving up the tax burden on everybody else and honestly producing what some of our neighbors in Westchester County are confronting, which is a downtown that has a rather uncertain future"

The Lofts will be a three-story building consisting of four retail spaces on the ground floor and 23 studios and one- and two-bedroom apartments on the second and third floors. The Memorial Plaza project would include about 70 residential units with retail on the ground floor and apartments on the top floors.

"There is no part of me that wants to change the vibe and change the sort of level of civic engagement, level of neighborliness and all the other aspects of Pleasantville that makes it an incredible place," Scherer said.

Debate over an assisted living facility at the United Methodist Church site on Bedford Road remains a controversial



Peter Scherer

issue. Scherer voted against a proposal for an assisted living facility at the site in 2014 and opposed last year's plan.

While Sunrise restructured its proposal and presented the board with a smaller memory care facility last year, Scherer acknowledged he would be happy to see a facility on a property with little impact on adjacent homes, such as at the Cottage School site.

A proposed ban on single-use plastic bags has been encouraged by the Village Board. Opposition from Key Food owner Richard Grobman has officials slightly revising the law, although Scherer said the board and PleasantvilleRecylces will create legislation that accommodates everyone.

Scherer said the law won't hurt businesses. He added how he uses reusable bags and that residents want stores to reduce waste.

"Nobody is trying to make life extraordinarily inconvenient," the mayor said.

As Scherer reflects on his time in office, he praised the size of the village for being a place where people remain involved and connected.

"It's a small enough boat that when you pull the tiller it turns," Scherer said. "I imagine if you're the mayor of White Plains you can pull pretty hard and the boat doesn't turn, and happily if it's turning in a direction somebody is concerned about I'll hear about it at the farmers market or the school play or in the dairy aisle."

Having the chance to speak with residents involved in civic affairs who are willing to talk about different issues is something Scherer enjoys. With its nonpartisan elections, Pleasantville has avoided the "horrifying partisan divides" that has crippled other municipalities.

"There are lots of people of lots of different stripes but we're able to carry the Pleasantville flag and do so with most peoples' hands on the pole," Scherer said.

# Stargiotti Eyes P'ville Downtown Redevelopment as Key for Village

By Anna Young

Joseph Stargiotti is eager to embark on another three-year term on the Pleasantville Village Board.

Stargiotti, who along with David Vinjamuri is running uncontested for one of the two trustees' seat, is enthusiastic about the prospect of continuing his work as the village is pursuing plans to expand development and fiscal strength.

"Now that I'm ending my second term and I can see what are some really great things happening in the village, and I'd like to think I had something to do with contributing to that, I'd like to see some of those things become reality in the village and become a part of that," he said.

Stargiotti, a partner at the Pleasantville law firm Stargiotti & Beatley, was first elected in 2006, but stepped down two years later, due to a work conflict. He was elected in his return in 2015.

With the board eyeing downtown redevelopment, Stargiotti said the village is in a good place. Currently, there are plans for a civic space at the west end of Memorial Plaza and a four-story commercial and apartment complex at 70 Memorial Plaza.

He praised the 70 Memorial Plaza project for using an underutilized space



Joseph Stargiotti

that will attract residents to Pleasantville who will likely spend money in local businesses.

"The economic progress we're making is good," Stargiotti said.

He said that the civic space would be a unique amenity that will enhance village life. While the proposal is expected to trigger the loss of about 25 parking spots, he said officials are looking for opportunities to mitigate the problem. He said the concept for the civic space is "really lovely" and will provide a more appropriate area for the Memorial Plaza war memorials.

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#### Newcomer Vinjamuri Looks Forward to Serving Village

**By Anna Young** 

David Vinjamuri is committed to maintaining Pleasantville's unique character while helping the village reach its full potential.

In what will be his first taste of public office starting next month, Vinjamuri, a six-year village resident and adjunct professor of marketing at New York University, said his expertise in branding and enterprise will assist the Village Board revitalize downtown as officials embark on several development projects.

"I think Pleasantville has a very distinct set of values," Vinjamuri said. "The balance that we have to strike is understanding that we have to think about that character of friendliness, of openness, of actually having relationships with one another and protecting one another."

Vinjamuri is the author of "Accidental Branding: How Ordinary People Build Extraordinary Brands" and president of ThirdWay Brand Trainers, a leading brand marketing training company. He is also a contributor to Forbes magazine.

"This is the first place I've lived in my entire life where I feel like we can be at a school function after school hours and we can let our kids run and that if somebody were to grab them or step in a place they



David Vinjamuri

weren't supposed to step, another parent would be watching out for them," he said. "And I think that is the essential character of the village."

As the board considers a proposed four-story development at 70 Memorial Plaza containing retail and residential units, Vinjamuri said the board must consider who will live in the building, the function it will provide and how it could change Pleasantville's feel and character.

While unfamiliar with the application, Vinjamuri said adding retail space is a logical way to fuel downtown business. An influx of residents will also result in

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#### **Obituaries**

#### Joseph Armisto

Joseph Armisto of Pleasantville died on Mar. 14.

He was 83.

Armisto was born on May 15, 1934, to the late Antonio and Antonia (nee Calabrese) Armisto in Pleasantville. He served proudly in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1956. He was a retired automotive service manager with Russo Pontiac in Port Chester. Armisto was a member of the Thornwood American Legion and a former proud member of the Pleasantville Fire Department where he served as captain.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Shirley (nee Roberts) Armisto, of Pleasantville; his loving children, Joseph (Ruth) Armisto of Carmel, Tony (Nancy) Armisto of Cary, N.C., Debbie (Joe) DeLosa of Celebration, Fla. and Nina Cargain of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; four cherished grandchildren; and four greatgrandchildren. He was predeceased by his beloved sister, Frances Rinaldi.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Mar. 18. Graveside services were held at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla on Mar. 19.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Good Samaritan Fund, 1001 Carpenter's Way, Lakeland, Fla. 33809 would be appreciated. Checks should be made payable to The Estates at Carpenter's.

#### Theresa Ryan

Theresa Magee Ryan of Hawthorne died on Mar. 15.

She was 77.

Ryan was born on Feb. 12, 1941, to the late Peter and Mary (nee Gilsenan) Magee in New York City. She was predeceased by her devoted husband, Robert Ryan, in 1990 and by two brothers, Patrick and Michael Magee. She is survived by her brothers, John F. Magee, of Fairfax, Va. and Peter Magee of Stamford, Conn.; sister Catherine Magee of Hawthorne; and by her many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Mar. 18. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne on Mar. 19 followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

#### Frances Sevillo

Frances Servillo of Hawthorne died on Mar. 14.

She was 91.

Servillo was born on Dec. 8, 1926, to the late John and Vincenza (nee Streppone) Giannetta in New York City. She was predeceased by her devoted husband, Frank Servillo, in 1990 and daughter-in-law Carol Servillo. She is survived by her loving children, Frank Servillo of New Milford, Conn. and Linda Servillo of Canoga Park, Calif.; her four cherished grandchildren, Jaclyn Servillo, Krysten

(Gustavo) Lopez, Jeffrey Notchick (Luis Roybal) and Dennis (Josie Perez) Notchick; and three great-grandchildren, Ryan and Kyla Connolly and Austin Notchick.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Mar. 17 followed by the funeral Mass at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne. Entombment followed at Ferncliff Mausoleum in Hartsdale.

In lieu of flowers, donations to any breast cancer foundation or eye research foundation would be appreciated.

#### C2 Education to Hold College Admissions Seminar in Mt. Kisco Mar. 24

C2 Education, which specializes in tutoring and tutoring for standardized achievement tests, will hold a free college admissions workshop on Saturday, Mar. 24 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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is open to all area high school and middle school students and their parents.

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#### Downtown the Focus at Mt. Kisco Comprehensive Plan Forum

By Neal Rentz

About 35 Mount Kisco residents and merchants brainstormed on ideas to help reshape the village's downtown area during a Comprehensive Plan workshop last Saturday.

Mayor Gina Picinich said the village encouraged feedback for the update.

"This is up to the community," she said. Frank Fish, president of BFJ Planning, the firm hired by the village to lead the update, said an 11-member steering committee that has been created to help revise the plan. A public meeting was recently held at the library.

Three additional meetings have been scheduled for Apr. 11, May 12 and June 13. Similar to Saturday, the May 12 meeting will also focus only on downtown.

BFJ Planning Senior Associate Jonathan Martin said public transportation is an advantage for Mount Kisco, with its Metro-North station and Bee-line bus service, providing residents opportunities to travel without a car.

The revised Comprehensive Plan could recommend downtown zoning changes that could be implemented if residents supported them, Martin said. The shopping district has been plagued by numerous vacancies during the past few years.

He presented examples of work BFJ Planning has done for other municipalities

to improve their downtowns. Armonk Square in North Castle has created a center where one did not previously exist. In Bronxville, BXV Villa, with its roughly 60 housing units, has spurred new commercial development for that village's downtown, Martin said.

Resident Brian Pickard said "walkability is the key to everything else" in improving Mount Kisco's downtown, including increasing foot traffic for businesses.

Another resident, John Rhodes, said there are parts of downtown, such as the area near Northern Westchester Hospital, that are dangerous for pedestrians because of speeding traffic.

"You take your life in your hands" in those areas, he said.

Local business owner Ralph Nuzzi said traffic backups are a problem on Route 172. Traffic signals in that area should be better coordinated to improve the flow of vehicles, he said. Fish responded that state Department of Transportation approvals would be needed because Route 172 is a state-owned road.

Nuzzi also suggested two- or threestory parking structures be built in the village parking lots, which could free up land for new development. Improvements to the Route 117-172 intersection are under consideration.

Attendees divided themselves into four groups with specific topics to be discussed



NEAL RENTZ PHOT

About 35 residents and business owners dove into issues related to downtown redevelopment at the Mount Kisco Comprehensive Plan update design workshop last Saturday.

at each table, led by a BFJ Planning representative.

The table discussing transportation, transit and parking made several recommendations, such as the expansion of Westchester County Bee-line bus service in the village; greater turnover in parking spaces; replacing the current parking meters with solar-powered digital meters; increasing penalties for motorists who have had several parking violations; and promoting bike riding.

Reaching out to local artists to create signs to help guide pedestrians to their destinations, a dog park and making downtown walking easier were improvements suggested at the public realm table.

Those who discussed Moger Avenue recommended more mixed-used developments, reducing traffic in the area and building a pedestrian bridge leading to the Metro-North parking lot.

Some of the suggestions from the downtown revitalization table included enticing specialty stores and service providers offering goods and services not easily obtained on the Internet, grouping types of businesses in an area, and finding ways to have landlords and business owners beautify their properties. That would include those who own vacant storefronts.

Picinich encouraged those who attended last Saturday's meeting to reach out to neighbors and friends and bring them to future Comprehensive Plan meetings.

Fish said the steering committee will complete its work during the summer. The Village Board will hold a public hearing on the revised document and the board is slated to approve it in either December or January, he said.

The Apr. 11 workshop will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the library, located at 100 E. Main St.

For more information about the Comprehensive Plan update, visit www. envisionmk.org.





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#### **New Castle Approves Food Scrap Composting Pilot Program**

**By Martin Wilbur** 

A pilot program to recycle food scraps was approved last week by the New Castle Town Board that will allow up to 500 families to reduce its total household trash.

The board committed to spend \$10,000 for the food recycling kits, signage and public education efforts to launch the program, said Suzi Novak, a Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) member. The 500 kits that are being ordered would cost about \$7,500 of that sum and include a one-gallon kitchen

pail, a six-gallon container to transport food scraps from an entire week and compostable liners for the two bins.

Novak said she expects the program to start sometime in May, which will allow for the roughly six-week wait to receive the kits and public outreach. Town residents will be able to buy a kit for \$25 at the town's recycling center on Hunts Lane or at the outdoor farmers market near the Metro-North station when it reopens this spring, she said.

"We want it to be revenue neutral but we want to let people know we're doing it and it's really up to the SAB to educate people," Novak said.

Signs and posters will be printed and placed around town to inform residents of the pilot program. Residents would bring their food scraps that they have collected in their larger bin to the recycling center about once a week, she said. Sani-Pro would then take the collection of scraps away.

It is estimated that if close to 500 households sign up, the program will at least break even. Since an estimated 15 to 20 percent of a household's trash are food scraps, the town would also expect to save on tipping fees to its hauler.

The town will reevaluate the program by the end of November, Novak said.

Town Administrator Jill Shapiro said when the SAB and the Town Board had begun discussing the possibility of starting a food composting program last year, it was hoped that the county would also explore the option, which would result in a centralized location. A county program has yet to materialize.

At last week's Town Board meeting, Councilwoman Ivy Pool said unless there is an unforeseen problem there should be no interruption to the sixmonth program.

"If they purchase the containers and are part of the pilot program, unless



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

One of the containers that will be part of the food scrap recycling program kit was exhibited as Suzi Novak, seated right, explains the benefits of the program during a New Castle Town Board work session last spring.

there is a reason for us to discontinue it, such as excessive spills or smells or what not, the program continues to move forward," Pool said.

An increasing number of communities around Westchester have started food composting programs. Currently Scarsdale, Mamaroneck, Larchmont, Greenburgh and Bedford have a program in place, Novak said.



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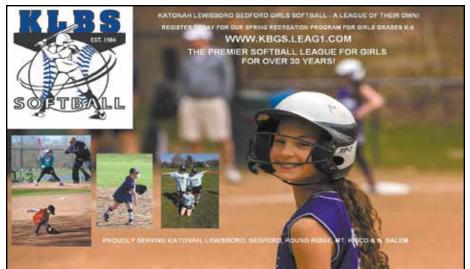
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#### **Chappaqua Schools Chooses New Assistant Superintendent**

**By Anna Young** 

The Chappaqua Board of Education appointed a Mahopac educator to serve as the district's new assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction last week.

Dr. Adam Pease was appointed during the board's Mar. 14 meeting following a six-week interview process that attracted more than 100 applicants for the position. He will begin in Chappaqua in July.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Ackerman said Pease stood is highly regarded by his colleagues who spoke enthusiastically about his professionalism, instruction, vision and administrative potential.

Pease will fill the vacancy created by Eric Byrne, who left Chappaqua to become superintendent of the Rye City School District. Mary Ford has served as interim assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

"Adam possesses a strong background in redesigning instructional spaces to foster authentic, student-centered collaboration, creation and differentiation," Ackerman said. "He also employs a professional development philosophy that supports teacher creativity, innovation, empowerment and motivation, which makes him an excellent match to advance Chappaqua's vision and goals for teaching and learning."

Pease is currently assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the Mahopac School District, a post he had held the past two years. He previously served as house principal for Mahopac High School starting in 2003 before being appointed to principal in 2008. He began his career teaching science at John Jay High School.

Ackerman cited Pease for his commitment to a flexible learning environment and infusing technology throughout the curriculum while creating a collaborative and reflective

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Throughout the search process, Pease said he remained true to his core values and beliefs and was glad to see them align with Chappaqua's. He added how schools need to be a safe, positive, welcoming and exciting place filled with educators on a mission to make students successful.

"High performing school districts don't happen by accident," Pease said. "They are the result of hardworking students, involved parents, a supportive community, dedicated faculty members, strategic district and building leaders and an entire school community working together with a purpose of doing what's best for our young people," Pease said. "I couldn't be more proud to be the newest member of the Chappaqua leadership team."

Pease, a Carmel High School graduate, lives in Brewster with his wife and two daughters.

Dr. Adam Pease was appointed the Chappaqua School District's new assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction last week. He will start his new job on July 1.





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#### **Editorial**

#### Time to Start Thinking Outside the Box When it Comes to Storms

With two Nor'easters slamming Westchester within five days earlier this month, one has to acknowledge that keeping up with storm preparedness is becoming increasingly difficult and expensive.

The utility companies serving Westchester were not prepared for what hit the area despite accurate forecasts up to 72 hours before each storm that also called for widespread outages in areas typically prone to losing power.

Other areas surrounding Westchester were also unprepared. All former modes of planning and preparation, reliance on mutual aid for speedy repair work from outlying areas and expectations for a quick recovery flew out the window and people suffered, in some cases for a week to 10 days.

While there is no excuse for the utilities' inability to have kept residents

and government agencies informed so groups could plan and work together, storms are increasing in size, intensity and frequency.

No matter your take on climate change, the methods of receiving energy supplies and the sources of power we use may be our greatest risk. By relying on a grid system with an infrastructure that covers large areas with wires above ground, we might become caught on the treadmill of destruction and repair over and over again, until we decide to do something different.

To take a new approach, a more flexible approach, maybe residents – single-family homeowners, co-op building owners, neighborhood civic association members and local governments – need to take on some of the responsibility.

By relying on smaller and more local energy grids and backup generators that utilize renewable energy sources such as solar and wind, for example, we would have, in place, ways to help ourselves.

Even if we did invest in the prohibitively expensive endeavor of putting power lines under ground, that would solve only part of the problem.

If the utility companies can't keep up with storm preparedness and repairs, it might just be time we consider not depending on them so heavily and begin investing in technologies that give us more independence and control. Not only could it make our society less susceptible to the whims of Mother Nature, it could also provide good investment opportunities in new forms of technology.

Our long-term survival might be found in using the primary energy grid as a backup rather than as our only source of energy.

#### Letter to the Editor

#### Kesten's Gun Safety Proposals Would Be Refreshing Change in Senate

Gun safety is on everyone's mind after the latest mass school shooting in Parkland, Fla. Something is very wrong in our society when our schools are forced to have active shooter drills and children have to worry about the possibility of a gunman shooting them in their classroom.

At a town hall in New Castle last Wednesday, Democratic state Senate candidate Robert Kesten presented his sensible views on gun safety, which are refreshingly different from his opponent's, Sen. Terrence Murphy.

Kesten applauded the state Assembly for passing several proactive bills mandating a bump stock ban, an extended background check for gun purchasers and the Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO), which would enable families and police to prevent dangerous individuals from accessing guns.

"We need to ensure that those who are a danger to themselves or others don't gain access to weapons," he said.

In contrast, he noted that the state Senate is working on reactive legislation that only raises our fear level and turns our lives into something akin to a police state – expanding armed officers in schools (mandatory for New York City public and private schools) and declaring mass shootings "domestic terrorism." Unfortunately, these bills do nothing to keep guns out of the hands of unstable

people who are regularly massacring Americans where they work, study, shop, worship and go to enjoy themselves.

Kesten's focus on prevention, without diminishing the rights of law abiding gun owners, is exactly what we need in New York. I agree with Mr. Kesten and will be voting for him in November. Any legislator who refuses to support bills that will make it more difficult for unhinged New Yorkers to purchase a gun, are putting every man, woman and child at risk and should be voted out of office.

Nancy Huehnergarth Chappaqua

#### Westmoreland Sanctuary Receives \$20G Con Edison Grant

Westmoreland Sanctuary Nature Center & Wildlife Preserve, a local nonprofit organization with 640 acres of land in Mount Kisco and Bedford announced last week that it is the recipient of a new, one-year Con Edison grant that will enable school children to apply STEM education skills to the environment. STEM is a curriculum based on educating students in science, technology, engineering and math.

The \$20,000 grant will continue to support Westmoreland's long-established earth science and civic conservation education programs. It will also serve to update and expand Westmoreland's green STEM-based educational program to comply with state public and private

school requirements.

Con Edison's donation will enable Westmoreland to hire an experienced STEM educator to help improve its science curriculum. Westmoreland staff, interns and other organizations will receive updated teacher training. The STEM educator will use workshops, exercises and field work from the sanctuary's forest to ensure innovative and effective techniques to advance a green STEM curriculum.

"We're thrilled to continue our partnership with Con Edison to enable us to impact so many young lives in Westchester and to remain at the forefront of conservation and environmental education," said Ann Paul, Westmoreland Sanctuary's executive director.

"This is the cornerstone to Westmoreland's overall mission to secure and protect land for the enrichment and enjoyment of all through environmental education and conservation programs," Paul added. "Whether it's work done in the class room to work done in the field, we remain dedicated to educating the community to better understand, embrace, protect and restore our natural habitat."

The STEM project is expected to be completed about a year from now.

For more information about Westmoreland Sanctuary, visit www. WestmorelandSanctuary.org.

## Award-Winning Journalist Dishes on Trump in New Book

**By Martin Wilbur** 

David Cay Johnston has no doubt that the upcoming midterm election is the most important vote in the United States since the depths of the Great Depression.

In 1932, with the country reeling from the worst economic conditions in its history, some Americans advocated turning to communism to solve the nation's ills. Others lurched toward fascism, scapegoating various groups. Instead, voters chose Franklin D. Roosevelt, who over the course of his presidency gradually restored Americans' pride and saw it become a world power.

Johnston, a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter and author, said the nation faces another watershed election in 2018. This time a change of direction is needed not because of a financial crisis but to elect a Congress that can rein in the worst impulses of President Donald Trump, he said.

"Do we want the United States of America, I believe flaws and all is the greatest political idea in the history of the world, to endure or do we want to throw it all away?" Johnston said. "And if we don't make a clear stand now that, no, we don't want incompetence, and people who are delusional who brag bout making things up and pay off people to be silent, people who voice their admiration for murderers and dictators all around the world, then all the wonderful things we've got we can throw away."

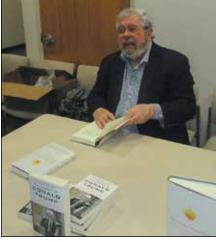
Johnston spoke last Friday evening at New Castle Town Hall in Chappaqua and signed copies of his new book, "It's Even Worse Thank You Think: What the Trump Administration is Doing to America." His book examines how Trump's actions and appointees have in just over a year chipped away at Americans' rights and civil protections. The program was presented by Left of Main Street and Briarcliff-Ossining Indivisible.

Johnston has written about Trump for 30 years, initially while covering the Atlantic City casino industry for The Philadelphia Inquirer in the late 1980s. When Johnston moved to The New York Times, he focused on tax reporting, which earned him a Pulitzer in 2001. That coverage would frequently bring him into Trump's orbit on various issues in New York City real estate circles

Last year, Johnston was the journalist who had a copy of Trump's 2005 income tax return anonymously mailed to him. Johnston is convinced that Trump wanted him to receive a copy.

The danger of the Trump presidency is not necessarily what can Trump do to the country while he's in office, Johnston contends, but it could serve as a blueprint for the next power-hungry hopeful who would actually have the competency, intelligence and temperament to pull off much of what Trump hopes to achieve.

Throughout his hour-long talk, Johnston,



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter and author David Cay Johnston came to Chappaqua last Friday for a discussion about his new book "It's Even Worse Than You Think: What the Trump Administration is Doing to America."

who said he is a registered Republican, leveled withering criticism at Trump, calling him "the greatest con artist in the history of the world." Similar to his father, he is mostly a showman.

Johnston said Trump managed to bankrupt his casinos because he's "a cash extractor." He's also been able to keep significant parts of his past hidden because of his propensity for non-disclosure agreements over the decades, even demanding them for low-level campaign volunteers in 2016.

"Donald Trump is not who the American public thinks he is," Johnston said. "He's not a successful businessman, he's not smart, he doesn't know anything. He's literally an ignoramus."

Perhaps Trump's worst quality is his need to exact revenge, he said.

"Donald has written and said repeatedly over the years that he gets pleasure from destroying the lives of other people," Johnston said.

Trump has run roughshod over the country's institutions and the norms of office of the president, which have been established by his 44 predecessors over more than two centuries. Some presidents were successful and smart, others were failures or had serious flaws, but all understood the gravity of the office and what was expected of them, Johnston said.

That's why citizens of all political stripes must educate themselves and vote to activate real checks and balances – before a Trump political disciple one day executes his agenda, he said.

"I may be gone, you may be gone before it happens, but it will happen if we don't change direction the same way we changed direction in 1865 when we got the child labor laws, when women got the right to vote in 1920, when Richard Nixon signed the Clean Air and Clean Water acts," Johnston said. "What are you going to do? It's up to you."





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#### Getting Girls Interested in STEAM Subjects

Science, art and math are becoming increasingly important school subjects to embrace. Here are five ways to ensure your girls get interested and stay interested in these critical subjects through the years.

- 1. Get involved early. Setting a foundation of math, science and the arts is essential to getting young children, especially girls, interested in continued learning. Encourage them from a young age to participate in hands-on science, arts and math activities and those with an interest or aptitude in these subjects will continue to pursue these paths as they learn and grow.
- 2. Find practical applications. Science, art and math are an integral part of everyday life. Finding the practical applications as you go about your day, demonstrates for children of all ages how important these subjects really are in life. Use the weather report as an opportunity to discuss meteorology. Bake with your daughter and work on figuring out measurements for doubling recipes. On the road? Have your daughter calculate the distance from your current location to your destination, as well as the amount of gasoline you'll need to get there. Seeing math, science and art in the world will help keep children engaged.
- **3. Provide intuitive tools.** Intuitive learning tools can foster a better



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understanding of a subject and make learning easier, encouraging students to continue their studies with enthusiasm. For example, Casio's fx-CG50 PRIZM Graphing Calculator will support students and educators of math through middle school and high school and into college. With Natural Textbook Display and an intuitive icon-based menu, students will find the calculator easy to use. Plus, its brand new 3D Graph

Drawing and improved catalog function allows for greater engagement and reallife application in the mathematics classroom.

4. Encourage group and club participation. From outdoor education clubs that focus on environmental science to math competition leagues, support and encourage girls and young women to join special groups that focus on math, science and art – both in and

out of school. For example, robotics clubs have been growing in communities across the nation and foster an understanding of key math and science functions

**5. Make it fun.** Get girls interested in science, math and the arts by making it enjoyable. Children won't even realize they are learning if they are having a good time while doing so. For example, music students can try out the LK-265 keyboard from Casio, which includes a Dance Music Mode, letting musicians create and remix electronic dance music quickly and easily. Select from 50 styles of EDM and use the lower keys to choose different variations of drum beats, bass lines and synth parts. Its lighted keys show you how to play your favorite songs, which users can download from MIDI files. Or connect your device's headphone output to the LK-265's audio input and explore an endless library of music.

By starting early and making it fun to integrate these key subjects into their daily lives, you can help girls develop a lifelong love of science, art and math, which can help them in school and, later, in the workplace.

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#### A House's Ceiling Height Has Evolved Over the Years

A visitor to our home last week commented on its luxuriously high ceilings and how "open" it made our living space.

Yes, we opted to pay more money for the top floor of our condo building, which featured ceiling heights that are two feet higher than on lower floors. Once experiencing 10-foot ceilings, it's hard to go back.

Many years ago, when my wife and I discovered our dream home, we were delighted that we could figure out a way to turn a one-and one-half story saltbox wing with all original

18th century details into a separate apartment.

However, it came with one caveat. Whenever it was available for rent and we received inquiries from prospective tenants, the first thing my wife would ask was, "Do you mind telling me how tall you are?"

There was always a questioning pause on the other end of the line, but if the answer was 6-foot-2 or over, her response was, "Sorry, I don't think this apartment would be for you."

The reason was simple to explain. The structure was built in 1734 when people were shorter, and the ceilings on both

The Home Guru



By Bill Primavera

floors are barely two inches more than that in height. We didn't want to waste any very tall person's time in considering a home where they might feel like Gulliver visiting Lilliput or Alice in Wonderland inside the rabbit's house.

In those days, most houses were utilitarian structures and homebuilders knew that lower ceilings meant less space to heat in winter and, therefore, less wood chopping to fit into a day already bursting with physical activity.

Greater affluence afforded ceilings with greater height.

The same holds true today. While ceiling heights in Victorian times had reached an average of 13 feet, based on English city houses, heights moderated to eight feet with the advent of mass housing developments after World War II. That height, based on the standardized length of an eight-foot stud, stayed in place until the term McMansion was coined in the early 1980s, where center halls and family rooms could soar two stories high.

By the end of the 20th century, increased fuel costs put a damper on ceiling heights so that today the average new construction had nine-foot ceilings

on the first floor and eight feet on the second. That extra foot in height on the first floor, it is estimated, can increase the building cost from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for a 4,000-square-foot house, depending on the region.

To keep everything in proper scale, a higher ceiling means larger furniture, taller windows, thicker crown molding, a taller fireplace mantel and bigger light fixtures. Even artwork has to be larger to cover more wall space.

What mitigates the extra expense of taller ceilings is the cost savings that come from better insulation and other energy-saving improvements to windows and doors.

In the distant past, homes were built with what we call a "balloon frame," where studs go from grade level to roof, as opposed to the "platform frame" we use today, where each floor's studs make its own separate box and one box is placed upon the other. With a balloon frame, ceilings could be any height, but as the milling of studs was standardized to eight feet in the early 20th century, ceiling heights were almost universally that same measurement.

A comfortable ceiling height today depends on who you talk to. An architect friend told me that affluent clients are asking for a nine-foot minimum ceiling but prefer 10- or even 12-foot ceilings.

Anything less than that is unacceptable to the people who do not have to be concerned with utility costs. New zoning regulations keep even the wealthiest clients from going overboard. Building height is limited in our communities, which in turn limits the height to which we can build ceilings.

Beyond cost, another factor to consider is the psychology of it all. Pulte Homes, one of the nation's largest homebuilders, recently conducted research demonstrating that while consumers like higher ceilings to give a room a more expansive feel, it can render the space cold and austere.

Today, besides an open floor plan, we want homes that are more inviting, casual and warm. Part of achieving that is with ceilings that are appropriately scaled. So, if you're a house hunter, carefully consider the space between your head and ceiling, because it can't be changed easily, unless you partake of the magic mushrooms enjoyed by Alice in Wonderland!

While Bill Primavera, The Home Guru, enjoys a career as a writer and publicist, he is a Realtor\* with William Raveis Real Estate, specializing in upper Westchester and Putnam Counties. To engage the services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.





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#### Local Funnyman to Record First Comedy Album at Lucy's

By Anna Young

If you need a break from life or just need a good laugh, head over to Lucy's Laugh Lounge in Pleasantville on Saturday evening where local comedian Tom Grossi will take the stage to record his debut comedy album.

Since Grossi got behind a microphone for the first time four years ago, he has spent his time performing his standup comedy routine throughout Westchester and New York City. But as a man just trying to make his wife laugh, Grossi, 27, built up over an hour of material that he's excited to perform.

Grossi, a Yorktown native, used comedy to get through tough times growing up. It wasn't until his sophomore year at SUNY New Paltz that he capitalized on his talent. After a friend joined the college's improv comedy group, Grossi followed and quickly realized he had found his calling.

"I had never felt so comfortable. It came super natural to me and I was good at it," Grossi said. "It's one of those things where to get up and not know what you're going to say and do, there's just something so freeing about that."

Despite a love for improv and professional training from the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre in Manhattan, Grossi earned a master's degree in education and sought a teaching career. One teaching job left Grossi, currently

at social studies teacher at The Ursuline School in New Rochelle, so miserable he began writing material for a stand-up routine.

The day Robin Williams died in 2014, Grossi contained his nerves and performed his first open mic in White

"I went up there for six minutes and I get some laughs and I started to feel good," Grossi said. "It's one of those things that's always been therapeutic. Making people laugh has always made me feel good. That's the one thing I always gravitate to and that's what I use to cope with stuff."

Although Grossi found early success performing at legendary comedy clubs throughout the city, including Carolines on Broadway, Levity Live and Stand Up NY, he said performing for free in those venues became problematic. He was sometimes required to bring a specific number of guests who needed to pay a cover and indulge in the club's minimum drink requirement.

"I learned very quickly not to do those types of shows," Grossi said.

He began performing in Westchester in 2016, joining Comedy North of Manhattan (NOMA), a local comedy outfit that schedules shows throughout the county. He also started his own comedy podcasts, which include "Packcast," a weekly NFL reaction show, and "Game



Tom Grossi, a social studies teacher by day and comedian at night, will appear at Lucy's Lounge in Pleasantville this Saturday evening to perform and record his first comedy album.

of Toms," where he reviews and reacts to episodes of HBO's "Game of Thrones."

While comedy is very rewarding, Grossi said he couldn't keep showing up to open mics hoping somebody was going to catapult his career. Instead, he focused on building a fanbase with his podcasts. After a few episodes went viral, merchandise with the #grossiposse logo has been purchased by some of his nearly 2,400 subscribers.

"Comedy is one of those things you can't go in expecting praise or you are just going to be miserable," Grossi said. "With 'Packcast,' I'm doing it because I enjoy doing it and anything more is a bonus.

The comedy, I'm doing it because I enjoy doing it. So, I can't fail because what's the worst that can happen?"

As Grossi made the decision to record his first comedy album, "Allergic to Fun," he noted that Saturday's show will give local fans a chance to see him perform without the hassle of trekking into Manhattan and dealing with the demands of a high-end club.

"I don't want my family and friends who are going to show up to this to go into the city, pay a large amount to get in, pay a two-drink minimum to get in and wind up paying \$55 to see me tell jokes," Grossi said. "I just think it's incredibly expensive to go out into the city and see a night of comedy and I don't think it's fair of me to expect my friends and family to pay that to see me tell jokes for an hour."

But while comedy today is a part-time gig for Grossi, he hopes to one day build a lucrative career making people laugh.

"I'm in the business of making my own opportunities," Grossi said. "I like my day job, but I hope there's a point where I can sustain myself doing comedy. There's no reason to stop."

Grossi is schedule to perform at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. this Saturday, Mar. 24. Lucy's Lounge is located at 446 Bedford Rd. in Pleasantville. Tickets cost \$20. For tickets or more information, visit www. lucyslaughlounge.com.





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#### You Are What You Eat, But is That Who You Want To Be?



By Nick Antonaccio

introduced the Slow Food movement and its inevitable offshoot, Slow Wine. After penning my column, I began to think about the evolution of diets European across and Asian countries

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and in the United States.

From the Mediterranean diet to the American "fast food nation" dietary habits, culinary traditions have evolved, more over the past 50 years than in the previous millennia. Historically, the American diet, which as a reflection of our entrepreneurial

spirit and ambition, has been focused on immediacy and efficiency as compared to the laidback Mediterranean diet and its Asian equivalent, which have been focused on the appreciation of food and the intrinsic, interwoven role of wine and other beverages.

Yet in this era of pandemic information overload, the two dietary patterns are beginning to cross over, for better and for worse. Allow me to contextualize these dietary changes into a historical perspective. An anthropological review provides a roadmap to the evolution of these once divergent diets.

The human body has evolved very little over the last 40,000 years. It was "designed" for a specific diet, one that was reliant on readily available products and ingredients. Think about the diet of early homo sapiens: berries, root vegetables (each a complex - or good - carbohydrate), nuts, fermented juices, wild game and a mastodon steak once or twice a year. This diet prevailed for millennia but then, as the population grew, along came cities and the need to feed the masses. Industrialized agriculture - principally processed grains and products with pumped up sugar (bad carbohydrates) - became a primary source

> for food, a divergence that is not in humans' DNA.

As the Industrial Age infiltrated gradually our lives, so too did the commercial food industry, notably in the United States. Scientific applications and additives were introduced

preserve and extend the shelf life of raw food. Not coincidentally, commencing in the mid 20th century, the incidence of cancer, heart disease and obesity began to rise to near epidemic levels. Through all of these changes, wine remained a healthy, unadulterated staple.

Until recently, Americans were uniquely impacted by the rise in life-threatening diseases. The USDA has addressed these issues, and they didn't have to look far for a solution. Mediterranean-rim countries have resisted what the Americans have succumbed to. Their diets more closely resemble a diet for which our physiology was designed: a balance of unadulterated, minimally processed proteins, and carbohydrates,

lubricated by fermented juice.

However, there is a strange irony in this tale. Americans, introduced to the "French Paradox" 20 years ago, have begun to slowly change to a more Mediterranean focused diet. The rest of the world, however, has begun to succumb to the ubiquitous American diet. As American capitalism has expanded across the globe, there has been a rise in overly processed foods, coupled with an increase in the consumption of fatty foods (hamburgers and super-sized French fries) and sugary soft drinks. For example, historically the incidence of heart disease in Japan and France was minor compared to the United States. This all changed as American food manufacturers expanded to these countries over the last quarter century. Today, heart disease has become a major concern in these countries as well as other

globalized nations that have embraced the American diet.

There is one constant in the evolution of early man's diet. Wine has been a beverage

of choice for millennia, growing in popularity to this day. This "superfood" is considered an elixir for health and a social lubricant that ameliorates modern day stress. Even the USDA "Moderate alcohol agrees: consumption also is associated with reduced risk of all-cause mortality among middle-aged and older adults and may help to

keep cognitive function intact with age."

Sound diets are on the rise in the United States. We're moving in the right direction, but the road is a long and arduous one to synchronize our lifestyle with our physiology. My advice: rather than inhaling your food, take a deep breath, exhale and smell the roses - and the rosemary - in your next meal.

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Italian Language and Culture. Mara De Matteo, born and raised in Italy and passionate about her native language, combines lively conversation with grammatical instruction in her classes. She creates interactive lessons on the richness of Italian culture, past and present, through real-life anecdotes, literature, personal memoirs, films and even photography. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. Beginners at 6:30 p.m. Advanced class at 7 p.m. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887.

Armonk Readers Book Club Discussion. "My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me: a black woman discovers her Nazi" by Jennifer Teege will be discussed. This international bestseller is the extraordinary memoir of a German-Nigerian woman who learns that her grandfather was the brutal Nazi commandant depicted in "Schindler's List." North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:45 p.m. Free. Info: Contact the reference desk at 914-273-3887 ext. 3.

How Does This End? Reflections on U.S. Strategy and the North Korean Threat. American options continue to narrow with the rising threat of a nuclear armed North Korea. Former senior U.S. diplomat Evans J. Revere discusses his insightful foreign policy discussion group talk last fall. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Rescheduled from Mar. 9. Info: 914-238-4779 or www. chappaqualibrary.org.

#### Wednesday, Mar. 21

America's Chronic Condition: The Rising Cost of Your Healthcare. There are many complex issues confronting us as we provide, consume and pay for health care. Now more than ever, we need to start prescribing solutions. Hear from experts in a balanced conversation as they discuss the challenges with providing healthcare coverage and keeping costs down. Find out what you need to know as a business owner, employee or healthcare provider. The panelists are Kevin Dahill, of Suburban Hospital Alliance; Mary Jo Jacobs, of USI Insurance Services; Dr. Charles Rothberg, Medical Society of the State of New York; and Eric Linzer, of the New York Health Plan Association. Presented by the Westchester County Association (WCA). DoubleTree by Hilton, 455 S. Broadway, Tarrytown. 8 to 10 a.m. WCA members: \$35. Non-members: \$45. Info and

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AARP Tax Aide. AARP Tax-Aide IRS-certified volunteers are available to assist taxpayers, especially those with low to moderate incomes and 50 years old and up. No appointment necessary. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Wednesdays through Apr. 11. Info: 914-769-0548 or visit www.aarp.org/findtaxhelp or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Ambassadors for Successful Aging. Are you aware of the benefits available to you as a Westchester County senior? Information can be provided to you on housing, home care, transportation options, counseling options, memory care, nutrition, vision and dental services along with SNAP, HEAP, EPIC and STAR and other programs that can save you money and help you plan for the future. Feel free to discuss a Westchester County "ambassador." No appointment necessary. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Also Mondays at the North White Plains branch, 10 Clove Rd., North White Plains. Info: 914-273-3887 or 914-948-6359.

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.

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

Toddler Storytime. Finger plays, action

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

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

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

**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.mountkiscolibrary.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 Whippoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www. northcastlelibrary.com.

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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:

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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.mountkiscolibrary.org.

MPPL Techies Drop-In. MPPL Techies are local teen volunteers who will be available to assist patrons for drop in-tech help on Wednesdays. Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop and a volunteer will help you download one of the many services available for Mount Pleasant Public Library cardholders. Be sure to bring in your fully charged device and your Apple App Store, Android Google Play or Kindle Amazon passwords. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Also Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Info: 914-769-0548 or www. mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Art Series: Carla Lavatelli. This Italian-American artist created boundary-pushing works for over five decades, into the 21st century, and is a mainstay of every major museums and serious art collector. Famous for abstract sculptures in stone and bronze, Lavatelli brought female sculptors to the forefront of the art scene during the politically charged late 1960s and early 1970s. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

**Somatic Meditation.** Explore the sensations actually being generated by the body, moment by moment. Cultivate awareness of the subtle energies in the body through deep relaxation and active "looking" to decrease rambling thinking and unlock the experience and wisdom of the soma. Led by Julie Farmer. The Aligned Center, 1 Bridge St., Suite 64, Irvington. 7 to 8:15 p.m. \$20 per class or \$75 for the series. Also Apr. 4. Info and registration: 914-292-0930, visit www.theAlignedCenter.com or e-mail info@thealignedcenter.com.

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

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Bedford Chamber Concert. A performance by pianist Vladimir Feltsman, who selections will include Bach's Partita No. 1 in B flat and Brahms' Klavierstucke Op. 118 and 119. Refreshments served at intermission. St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 382 Cantitoe St. (Route 22), Bedford Hills. 8 p.m. \$40. Info and tickets: 914-522-5150 or visit www. bedfordchamberconcerts.org.

#### Thursday, Mar. 22

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

**Bridge for Beginners.** With Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:15 a.m. Free. Also Mar. 29. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

**Learn to Play Bridge.** Bridge teacher Walter Heitner will help you navigate the game. The sessions will include the

mechanics of the game, bidding basics and how to work on the play of the hand. By working with a group, participants will become better players together. For beginners and intermediate players. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Also Mar. 29 and Apr. 5. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.org.

Bridge for Advanced Beginners/ Intermediate. With Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1:30 p.m. Free. Also Mar. 29. Info: 914-273-3887 or www. northcastlelibrary.org.

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

**Preschool Storytime.** This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive,

Valhalla. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

**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.mountkiscolibrary.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.mountkiscolibrary.org.

**Literary Lunch.** A social event and literary discussion led by Manhattanville alumnus Donna Miele. Bring your own lunch and join us for a discussion of current issues in the literary world. Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free.

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

National Theatre Live's "Julius Caesar."

Caesar (David Calder) returns home in triumph and is greeted by joyous throngs. Alarmed by the autocrat's popularity, the educated elite conspire to bring him down, civil war erupts and all is chaos. Ben Whishaw (Brutus), Michelle Fairley (Cassius) and David Morrissey (Mark Antony) star in this dynamic production from Nicholas Hytner. Jacob Burns Film Festival, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 3 p.m. Members: \$25. Nonmembers: \$35. Info and tickets: Visit www. burnsfilmcenter.org.

Comics Club. Join us for a comics discussion and graphic art lesson, plus snacks. Each session will covering a different exciting topic. This week's topic is "Comic Books and Beyond." Led by Alex Conte, a Kubert School graduate. For young adults. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Also Apr. 5. Registration requested. Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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

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NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF CRYPTO CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 2/2/18. Office location: Westchester County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/5/18. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 14 Kensington Rd, Ardsley, NY 10502. DE address of LLC: 919 North Market Street, Suite 950, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Formation filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PETE'S MEATS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on (1/5/2018). Location: (Westchester). SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: (United States Corporation Agents INC 7014 13th Avenue suite 202 Brooklyn NY 11228). Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF CRYPTO CAPITAL PARTNERS LP. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 2/2/18. Office location: Westchester County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/5/18. SSNY is designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 14 Kensington Rd, Ardsley, NY 10502. DE address of LP: 919 North Market Street, Suite 950, Wilmington, DE 19801. List of names and addresses of all general partners available from SSNY. Cert. of Limited Partnership filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ART BOYKOFF, LLC filed with SSNY on 1/25/2018 located in Westchester County. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. designated as agent of LLC. Process may be served against LLC to above agent located at 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, New York 11228. Purpose: Recreational art instructor

FORMATION OF BROOKMONT MANAGEMENT, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/9/18. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Penny Jackson, 45 Winchester Oval, New Rochelle, NY 10805. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NEW LOOK DEVELOPERS, LLC filed with SSNY on 1/17/18. Office loc: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 20 Van Buren Pl., White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: Buying and renovation of homes.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DENNIS J. CAMPAGNA, ARBITRATOR, LLC Art. of Org. filed with Sec. of State 01/16/18. Off. loc.in Westchester CO. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to Dennis J Campagna, 50 Main Street, Suite 1000, White Plains, NY 10606-1900 PURPOSE: Any lawful business.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE LAW & MEDIATION OFFICES OF LORI GREENE, PLLC. Arts of Org filed with SSNY 1/5/18. Office location: West-chester County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Law & Mediation Offices of Lori Greene, PLLC, 75 S. Broadway, Suite 400, White Plains, NY 10601. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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#### Newcomer Vinjamuri Looks Forward to Serving Village

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a surge in the village's economic growth.

He said the Jacob Burns Film Center is a cornerstone for Pleasantville but creating affordable restaurants would enhance the village. Vinjamuri, who started his career as a cooperate financial analyst, said restaurants would attract crowds, which will make the area more desirable and profitable to other merchants. He added that business owners will want to come to a place where taxes are held in check and commercial and residential property values increase.

"For more enticing businesses to want to invest in Pleasantville, Pleasantville has to become more enticing to them without losing their essential character," Vinjamuri said.

Creation of a civic space on Memorial Plaza would be a positive step forward because the village currently lacks a central gathering point.

"I think it's going to be great," Vinjamuri said. "What this does is it anchors civic life, if you program it well and people really engage with it, it brings many more people into the downtown."

While Vinjamuri is in favor of an assisted living facility in Pleasantville, he believes there needs to be a significant benefit to the village and residents. Sunrise Senior Living has been before

the board several times over the last year, most recently proposing a memory care facility at the United Methodist Church site. Vinjamuri said the application has received little support and believes seniors would benefit from a facility elsewhere in the village.

"I would much prefer something downtown," he said. "Something smaller where Village Hall is. That would be a great place." As the Village Board works toward enacting a ban on single-use plastic bags, Vinjamuri said the initiative should move forward, although a state-wide initiative would be best.

He would like to hear feedback from the village's seniors regarding the Memorial Plaza civic space project. While the board has held three public workshops, residents don't always pay attention, he said. "I think the most important thing we need to do is start a dialogue. With the civic space they've done a great job. It's been a marvelous design effort," Vinjamuri said. "What I'd really like to do is try to find ways to reach out to the longer-lived community here in Pleasantville and make sure they're really apart of this and they can really embrace the civic space and really use it from the beginning."

#### Stargiotti Eyes P'ville Downtown Redevelopment as Key for Village -

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Growing the tax base remains a challenge, Stargiotti said. Developing available land could stabilize taxes and ease property owners' burden while increasing property values.

"I don't think anybody is going to be getting a tax decrease anytime soon," Stargiotti said. "But certainly, keeping our taxes a little lower but at the same time with the right development appreciating property values."

Stargiotti said an assisted living facility could be an asset for the senior population within he village but isn't essential. While he withheld his opinion regarding the current application from Sunrise Senior Living for a memory

care facility at the United Methodist Church site, he believes there are other properties within the village, such as a portion of The Cottage School property, that would be more suitable.

Discussions regarding a ban on singleuse plastic bags has been discussed among officials since January. While opposition from Key Food owner Richard Grobman has resulted in potential modifications to the proposed law, Stargiotti said he wants to see legislation passed.

"For me, I'm completely in favor of a plastic bag ban," Stargiotti said. "I don't see a need for them. I don't use them anymore. We don't need to keep putting more plastic into the environment."

While he appreciates the concerns

raised, Stargiotti pointed to how DeCicco & Sons in Millwood has continued to thrive after embracing New Castle's reusable bag initiative last year.

Stargiotti recognized village officials for their accomplishments over the past decade. He's proud the village improved the turf field and built new bathrooms at Parkway Field, making for a nicer facility.

"I think we keep our streets clean, maybe not pothole free, but we really keep the village looking nice," Stargiotti said. "And I'm really proud of that. You want a responsive team to be taking care of all those municipal and civic things and I'm really proud of that."

# Happenings

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English for Speakers of Other Languages Classes. Provided in partnership with Southern Westchester BOCES. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. Free. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Mar. 29. Space limited; registration required. Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or www. mountpleasantlibrary.org.

How Birders and eBird Are Making a Difference. Join Saw Mill River Audubon Executive Director Anne Swaim for a multimedia look at how birders and eBird, the world's largest community science effort, are influencing birding and habitat protection. Learn how eBird helps birders find birds and birding hotspots, discover eBird tips and tricks and track what birds are seen where and when in our area. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-6503 or visit www.chappaqualibrary. org.

Meet the Writers: Tyler Wetherall. Join the MFA program and Manhattanville's undergraduate creative writing majors in celebrating the release of Wetherall's memoir, "No Way Home." Wetherall is a Brooklyn-based writer and journalist whose work has appeared in The Guardian, The Telegraph, The Brooklyn Magazine and Vice, among others. Her first book,

"No Way Home: A Memoir of Life on the Run" tells the story of her childhood as the daughter of an international pot smuggler, growing up on the run from the FBI. Her fiction has appeared in The Gettysburg Review, and she is deputy editor of the literary journal The Wrong Quarterly. She also teaches journalism and creative writing at Manhattanville College. Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 7 p.m. Free.

Literary Salon and Book Signing. Moderated by acclaimed author and three-time Emmy Award winner, Allison Gilbert Rebecca Soffer, author of "Modern Loss," and Jeff Rossen, author of "Rossen to the Rescue" and host of NBC's Rossen Reports, will read from their latest work. The event will be moderated by award-winning author and Omega Institute speaker Allison Gilbert, author of "Passed and Present." Following the readings, books will be available for sale and signing by the authors. The Aligned Center, 1 Bridge St., Suite 64, Irvington.7 to 9 p.m. Free. Info: 914-292-0930 or e-mail info@thealignedcenter.com.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge Comedy Night. Westchester favorite Brad Bruckner is celebrating his birthday with us and you're invited! Lineup includes New York City comedy stars Teddy Smith, Chrissie Mayr, Scott Blakeman and Tom McCaffrey. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville.

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Chefs Helping Vets Fundraiser Series. American Legion Post 1038 in Valhalla will host the second of three culinary sessions led by industry professionals. Tonight, Doral Arrowwood Pastry Chef Stacey Cohen helps participants create the perfect bouquet - of cupcakes. Participants will create frosting flowers - roses, chrysanthemums, daisies - and turn them into a gorgeous cupcake bouquet. Proceeds will benefit Valhalla American Legion Post 1038. Doral Arrowood Conference Center, 975 Anderson Hill Rd., Rye Brook. 6 p.m. \$55 (includes a \$30 charitable tax deduction). The series continues May 12. Info and registration: Visit www.alpost1038ny.org/

chefs-helping-vets.html.

Academy Award Nominees Film Series: "Marshall." A biography about a young Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American U.S. Supreme Court justice, as he battles through one of his career-defining cases. A post-screening discussion will be led by film buff Carol Durst. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Friday Night Cinema: "I'll See You in My Dreams." This 2015 romantic comedy stars Blythe Danner as a widow who decides to roust herself out of her rut and date not one, but two completely unlikely men. 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.

Orpheus Chamber Orchestra: The Courage to Create. The orchestra creates extraordinary musical experiences, performing at the highest level, challenging artistic boundaries and inspiring the public. Georgian violinist Lisa Batiashvili brings her insightful perspective to Prokofiev's elegant Second Violin Concerto, a work steeped in the crosscurrents between Russia and the West. Purchase College's Concert Hall, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$50, \$65 and \$80. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit www.artscenter.org.

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the principal business address: 168 Douglas Ave., Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Board of Trustees of the Village of Pleasantville will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 26, 2018, 8:00pm, prevailing time, 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, New York to hear comments as it pertains to amending Chapter 166, Article IX, Section 31 of the Village Code entitled "Cold War Veterans' Real Property Tax Exemption as follows: Section: 166-31 Grant of exemption. A. Residential real property which qualifies under the provisions of Real Property Tax Law § 458-b shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 15°/o of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$12,000 or the product of \$12,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less. TO ADD: B. The exemption provided under this article shall be effective for as long as a qualified owner of qualified residential real property remains a qualified owner thereof: without regard to the ten (10) year limitation period previously in effect. Judith Weintraub, Village Clerk, Village of Pleasantville, Westchester County, New York

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# Senior forward Jackson Gonseth hauls in a rebound.

Sixth-man Tucker Wexler takes the ball to the basket in the Bears' win over Blind Brook in the sectional final.



Head coach Cody Moffett directs the Bears in the fourth quarter of the Section One championship game.

# **ExaminerSports**



Spencer McCann tosses up a one-hander in the lane during the Section One title game.



Junior guard Miles Jones shoots the ball from the left baseline.



Jack Ryan fires up a jump shot from the left corner during a Bears' home game.

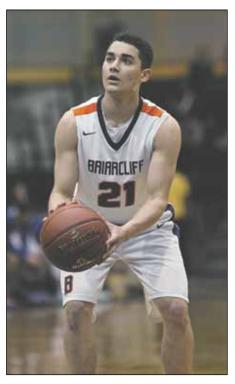
# BRIARCLIFF BEARS 2017-18 Section 1, Class B Champion New York State Semifinalist



Freshman guard Aidan Murnane drives to the basket vs. visiting Pleasantville.



Taijon Tribble, a junior forward, shoots the ball during the regional final vs. Center Moriches.

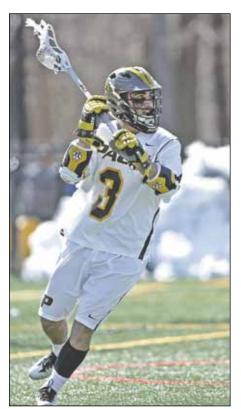


Sophomore guard A J Panarese concentrates at the foul line.



The Bears celebrate after defeating Long Island champ Center Moriches in the Class B regional final at Pace.

# focus on Pace Lacrosse



Bradley Paterson passes the ball vs. Southern New Hampshire. He scored four goals in the Pace



Pace University sophomore Daniel Lewis takes the ball past midfield in the 17-9 victory over Southern New Hampshire.



Michael Pappalardo of Pace gets set to pass the ball in the second half of Saturday's home game.



Pace junior middie Vincent Vasheo heads for the cage during the Setters' home win Saturday.



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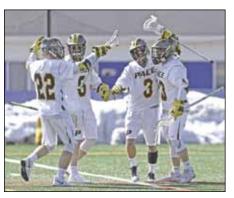
Liam Brennan scored six goals and Bradley Paterson added four more Saturday afternoon as the Pace men's lacrosse team defeated visiting Southern New Hampshire University 17-9.

The Setters, now 3-1 overall this season and 2-0 in the NE-10 Conference, remained unbeaten at home by breaking open a close game in the third quarter. Brennan tallied three of his goals in the decisive third period as Pace outscored SNHU 6-1 to open up a 13-7 lead.

Freshman Bruno Surace also had a productive day, scoring the first three goals of his college career for the Setters, who stretched their lead to 16-7 with just over 10 minutes remaining in the contest. Their next game is on the road next Saturday at Saint Michael's College.



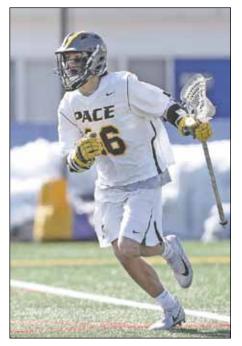
The Setters' Liam Brennan celebrates after scoring one of his six goals in Saturday's game at Pace Stadium.



Pace players, left to right, Vincent Vasheo, Liam Brennan, Bradley Paterson and Bruno Surace celebrate a second-half goal in the NE-10 win over Southern New Hampshire.



Najmah James of Pace moves the ball past midfield in the second half of Saturday's game.



The Setters' Joseph Diggle moves the ball up the field in the third quarter of Saturday's game.

ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS



Pace University senior Emily Ankabrandt is pressured by Merrimack's Catherine Mahanna during Saturday afternoon's game, won by the



Senior Casey Gelderman and freshman Emma Rafferty each scored five goals late Saturday afternoon to lead the Pace women's lacrosse team to a 16-10 home victory over Merrimack College.

Courtney Pabst also provided four goals and two assists for the Setters, now 4-1 this season. Pace was clinging to a two-goal edge nearly midway through the second half before Gelderman scored three straight Setter goals that gave them a 14-10 cushion with just under 10 minutes to go.

Two goals by Pabst just 38 seconds apart a bit later all but sealed the outcome for Pace, which was playing its first NE-10 game of the season. The Setters are scheduled to play their second conference game tonight (Tuesday, 6 pm) against Southern Connecticut State at Pace Stadium.



Amanda Dickerson takes the ball along the right sideline in the first half vs. visiting Merrimack.



The Setters' Courtney Pabst passes the ball in the second half of Saturday's home win over Merrimack.



Casey Gelderman, who scored five goals, goes on the attack in Pace's 16-10 win over Merrimack College.



Pace senior midfielder Stephanie Chadnick searches for an open teammate as she moves the ball behind the cage vs. Merrimack College.



Pace freshman Emma Rafferty considers her options as she controls the ball behind the cage. She had five goals in the Setters' victory Saturday.



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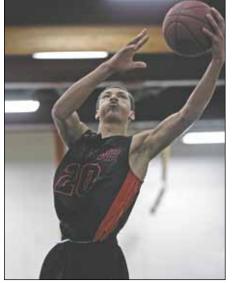




Greg Karr of Greeley shoots the ball during a playoff win over Suffern.



Briarcliff junior guard Miles Jones shoots over



Fox Lane forward Josh Olsen scores inside during a game at Greeley.

Byram Hills standout guard Skylar Sinon shoots a jumper just inside the foul line during the home win over Ardsley.

# **BOYS' BASKETBALL** 2017-18 A Look Back



Greeley guard Jeremy Block gets set to put up a



Fox Lane point guard Xander Alvarado is pressured in the backcourt by Greeley's Noah



Valhalla senior Ethan Bartlett rises above the crowd to grab a rebound vs. Briarcliff.



Orlando Clarke of Valhalla makes an acrobatic foray through the lane in a playoff win over visiting Hastings.



Nick Salzarulo of Pleasantville takes the ball to the basket in a game at Briarcliff.



Westlake junior guard Joe Mazzariello drives to the basket in a home game vs. Croton.



Willy Samsen of Byram Hills rises for a 3-point shot near the top of the key.



Greeley sophomore Chris Melis fires a jump shot.



Briarcliff forward Spencer McCann scores inside in the Bears' regional playoff win over Center Moriches.



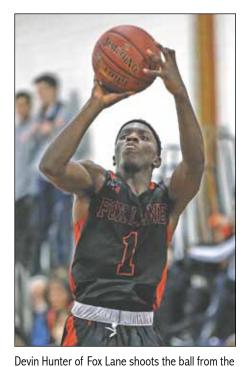
Briarcliff's Jack Ryan dribbles across midcourt during a Bears home game.



Byram Hills center Ben Leff scores an easy bucket during a Bobcat home game.



Tyler Tsiakaros of Westlake dribbles the ball just outside the lane during a midseason home game.



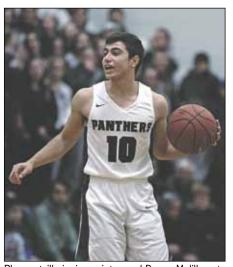
left corner in the Foxes' road game vs. Horace Greeley.



Horace Greeley's Brandon Gecaj takes the ball to the basket vs. host John Jay.



Pleasantville sophomore forward Jared Wilens draws some attention as he shoots the ball from the left baseline vs. Briarcliff.



Pleasantville junior point guard Danny Melillo sets up a play for the Panthers.



Westlake's Terence O'Brien tries to drive past Brendan O'Neill of Pleasantville.



Valhalla guard Jordan Rush pursues a loose ball in the backcourt during a Viking home game.



Jackson Gonseth of Briarcliff battles for rebound position in a home game vs. Edgemont.



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