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Utilities Race to Restore Power as Area Braces for New Storm

By Martin Wilbur and Neal Rentz

County Executive George Latimer declared a state of emergency Sunday afternoon as communities throughout Westchester were left reeling with blocked roads and thousands remained without power following last Friday's powerful Nor'easter.

As of late Monday, 38,613 Con Edison customers in the county remained without electricity, down from a high of about 61,000 on Saturday. Another 19,801 households in New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) territory, mostly in northern Westchester, were still in the dark.

Despite the daunting numbers, Latimer said Con Edison projects that it will be able to complete 90 percent of its restoration by 11 p.m. Tuesday, while NYSEG claimed it would restore that level of service by 11:45 p.m. Monday.

With the possibility of another storm bearing down on the region for

Wednesday – a winter storm watch has been issued by the National Weather Service for the area – there is extreme urgency for the beleaguered utilities to finish making the repairs, he said.

"We are maybe a couple of days away from a significant snowstorm," Latimer said during a late Sunday briefing. "If power is not restored to people for whom the snow hits and it hits with a ferocity, the problems that we have today will be multiplied tremendously."

Gov. Andrew Cuomo also declared a state of emergency in four lower Hudson Valley counties on Sunday, including Westchester. Cuomo deployed an additional 100 National Guardsmen on Sunday, doubling the number from Saturday, Latimer said.

Officials said they understood that residents and municipal leaders were frustrated at the slow response to the massive outages. An estimated one-third of the county was without electricity



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Topped trees at Banks Cemetery in Pleasantville was just a fraction of the damage that was caused by last Friday's Nor'easter.

following the storm.

"Many of our municipalities, as we know, are extremely frustrated with the pace of repairs to restore electrical service to homes, businesses and critical

infrastructure," said Joan McDonald, the county's director of operations. "The county executive also understands those frustrations."

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New Castle Councilman: Forgo Murphy Funds to Advance Gun Laws

By Martin Wilbur

New Castle Councilman Jeremy Saland sparked an intense squabble last week after he argued the town should reject \$200,000 state Sen. Terrence Murphy secured for a new basketball court because of his refusal to support commonsense gun legislation.

A discussion during the Town Board's Feb. 27 work session about a potential local law regarding the safe storage of firearms and ammunition suddenly erupted into a shouting match. Saland had called out Murphy for his previous support for repealing the New York SAFE Act and for towing the Senate Republican line to reject a package of Democratic-backed bills designed to bolster the state's gun laws.



New Castle Councilman Jeremy Saland, left, and Supervisor Robert Greenstein sparred at the Town Board's work session last week once Saland suggested the town relinquish \$200,000 obtained by State Sen. Murphy because he doesn't support tougher gun laws.

Saland said it's hypocritical for Murphy to support victims of domestic violence,

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Developer Outlines Projects to Energize Downtown Pleasantville

By Anna Young

Representatives of a local real estate firm announced plans to transform Pleasantville's downtown with the construction of three luxury rental buildings.

During last Wednesday's Pleasantville Chamber of Commerce meeting, Robyn Errico and Ted Lai of Hexad Holdings LLC updated the status of the Washington Avenue Lofts project that has been under construction since last year. It will be ready to be occupied in September.

The pair also announced plans to develop two new buildings, one on Memorial Plaza and another on Washington Avenue within the next few years.

"It's a really exciting opportunity for the village and an opportunity to take a piece of the village that has been a declining asset in many ways and that's going to be turned around in a very significant way," Mayor Peter Scherer said. "I could not be happier to have the team here and to see some of the projects that we thought about for a long time coming to fruition."

The Lofts, at 39 Washington Ave., 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 building will have solar panels on the roof, a fitness center and a dog wash for residents.

A two-level parking garage with 105

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Over the weekend, Latimer lambasted both utilities, particularly NYSEG, which didn't communicate with county officials from Friday into Saturday. He charged that both outfits were inexplicably unprepared for a severe storm that was predicted several days in advance.

"I actually believe that the two utilities were not prepared for this, that they heard the warnings of the coming snowstorm and they assumed it would be at a certain magnitude and it turned out to be much higher than that, much more profound than that," Latimer said.

John Rhodes, chairman of the Public Service Commission (PSC) which regulates the state's public utilities, said since a large swath of the eastern United States was impacted by last Friday's storm, the out-of-town crews from neighboring states that New York typically relies on for mutual aid were either busy in their own communities or helping other municipalities closer to home.

Crews from states as far away as Tennessee, Wisconsin and Texas as well as personnel from Hydro-Quebec, a Montreal utility, arrived in the area by Monday in hopes of accelerating the pace of restoration, he said.

"In situations like this, it's pretty simple, we are never satisfied until the last customer is restored and we are never

satisfied with the pace of that restoration, even in a situation like this with over two million outages in our part of the country," Rhodes said. "It's a massive event, which means it's hard to look for help from elsewhere."

Local highway and DPW crews did their best to clear roads of trees and debris, so when the utility crews arrived they would be able to start working on restoration, Latimer said. However, local crews could not work near the many live wires that had fallen, he said.

Westchester is also coordinating with the state Department of Transportation to restore power to traffic signals, McDonald said.

It was announced Monday afternoon that the County Center in White Plains would open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Tuesday as a warming center. There will be showings of children's movies at 11 a.m. and 5 and 7 p.m.

Municipalities Learning to Cope

By late Monday afternoon, New Castle and North Castle were two towns in the immediate area that had among the most customers without power. At about 2:30 p.m., there were 1,667 customers with no electricity, down from about 3,000 over the weekend, said Supervisor Robert Greenstein. Virtually all roads have been cleared and should be passable, he said, although a tree fell Monday afternoon on

Roaring Brook Road shutting that street for a period of time.

Greenstein said the shortage of crews who can do the restoration work is apparent. He said he was told that Con Edison is missing some of its personnel, which had been dispatched to Puerto Rico to restore power in the hurricane-ravaged island.

"We've got the schools open, we've got the roads clear, we got the traffic lights working...but at the end of the day we still have one crew," Greenstein said.

Progress in North Castle was slower. Supervisor Michael Schiliro said early Monday evening that 2,098 customers had no power. That was down from a high of 2,825 over the weekend.

As a result, Hergenhan Recreation Center on Maple Avenue in Armonk, which was opened during the weekend as a warming center, became an emergency shelter to receive residents without power on Monday evening. The facility will operate indefinitely until power is restored. The North White Plains branch of the North Castle Public Library will also be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Schiliro said with a snowstorm forecast for Wednesday, if Con Edison doesn't get power restored by Tuesday night, residents should make contingency plans.

Mount Kisco Mayor Gina Picinich said

Monday afternoon there were still 130 properties in the village without power, down from about 1,200 on Sunday.

She expressed frustration that Con Edison had failed to send employees to determine if fallen power lines were live. The village was forced to obtain the services of an electrician to make those determinations.

Croton Avenue between Emery Street and the Saw Mill River Parkway was the only road closure in the village as of Monday, Picinich said.

The library and the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester, which is allowing residents to shower, are serving as warming centers.

The Village of Pleasantville was faring best among local municipalities, although there were still pockets of outages. Lake Street, the site of a blown transformer, was the only street that remained closed by Monday afternoon, said Mayor Peter Scherer.

Scherer is hopeful that for those local residents whose power was knocked out, that Con Edison's estimate for restoration is correct.

"For people who don't have power, it's been cold but not bitter cold," he said. "To have a snowstorm, that puts it in a different category."



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Q: I'll be 50 next month and the thought of a colonoscopy makes me nervous. What should I expect?

A: One of biggest misconceptions is that it'll be painful or uncomfortable. You'll barely know you've had one. You'll be sedated, making the procedure painless. Other than some post-colonoscopy grogginess and a little bloating, you won't feel a thing. The toughest part is the day before when you have to take laxatives to clear the colon.

Colon cancer begins in polyps inside the colon, and it can take five to eight years to develop. If pre-cancerous polyps are found, the doctor can remove them during the procedure. Should a colonoscopy detect cancer that can't be treated during the procedure, surgery is the next step.

Q: If I need surgery what are my options?

A: There are a few options: traditional open surgery, laparoscopic and robot-assisted. Find out if your doctor is — or can refer you to a surgeon who is — board certified and trained in colorectal robot-assisted surgery. You'll get the best information and best range of options from a surgeon who has experience with open incision, laparoscopic, and robotic techniques. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each as they pertain

to your condition. Spend time weighing these options and discussing them with your regular doctor and your surgeon.

Q: How is robot-assisted surgery different from laparoscopic surgery?

A: Both are minimally-invasive with a faster recovery and less scarring than open surgery. However, robot-assisted surgery offers several advantages. With the da Vinci® Surgical System, used at Northern Westchester Hospital, the surgeon sits at a console and controls a high-definition, 3D-camera and highly-specialized, 'wristed' instruments that cut, clamp and suture through tiny incisions. Better visualization (3D vs 2D) allows critical structures to be seen in much finer detail. Together, the advanced imaging and 'wristed' instruments enable precise surgeries and the ability to preserve more of your healthy tissue.

Q: In addition to a colonoscopy, is there anything else I can do to reduce my risk for colon cancer?

A: There are lifestyle choices you can make: Eating a high-fiber diet, maintaining your weight and staying active will significantly reduce your risk, according to the research. If you have a parent, sibling or child who developed colorectal or a related cancer such as endometrial, stomach, pancreas, ovary, kidney or brain before they turned 50, you may want to talk to your doctor about getting genetic counseling.

Latimer, Covill Discuss Legislative Agenda at Mt. Kisco Forum

By Martin Wilbur

County Executive George Latimer and County Legislator Kitley Covill (D-Katonah) provided residents with a sneak preview Saturday morning of upcoming legislative initiatives in White Plains that will soon include a revamped Immigrant Protection Act.

Residents who navigated roads strewn with debris to make it to the Mount Kisco Public Library for Latimer's latest in a series of local forums called Coffee & Conversation, also learned that county lawmakers are considering measures that could allow pharmacies to have an opioid drop box and to ensure the only criteria considered for potential co-op purchasers is financial wherewithal.

While the opening portion of the free-wheeling meeting centered on efforts to help residents in the aftermath of last Friday's damaging storm which knocked out power to roughly one-third of the county, the few dozen residents who attended raised a wide array of county issues during the 90-minute session.

Covill said lawmakers are poised to reintroduce a revised Immigrant Protection Act that will be supported by law enforcement throughout the county. Currently, attorneys are recrafting the bill, she said.

Last year, even before former county executive Rob Astorino vetoed the

measure after it narrowly passed the Board of Legislators along strict party lines, police were concerned that the legislation could jeopardize interagency cooperation, particularly with the federal government, and the collection of information regarding standard booking processes and ongoing investigations.

The proposal is to prevent the county from using its resources for immigration enforcement.

Latimer dismissed concerns voiced by opponents that the law could raise the ire of the Trump Administration exposing the county to litigation or loss of federal money. Latimer noted that Astorino's administration cost the county as much as \$35 million in federal grant money for battling Washington on the affordable housing settlement.

He said local police should do the job they were hired to do, which is community policing, he said. If there is a judicial warrant issued for an individual's arrest, the county and local police will comply.

"No one is giving sanctuary to a violent criminal. No one, and it's a political misnomer, purposely made, to try and create an effort of community policing and trying to turn it into protecting MS-13," Latimer said of the notorious violent gang.

Covill said the county will not be

intimidated as the federal government has been sending out letters threatening loss of money to communities that have passed similar legislation.

She said legislation is also being considered that would protect people who submit applications to live in co-op apartments. Covill said that in some communities there is a suspiciously homogenous population in many buildings. The only criteria that should be considered is finances.

"A co-op board has to say why they rejected your application, and the reasons why we have co-ops here in Mount Kisco that often accept (different) people is because it's a diverse community," Covill said. "Down county not so much, and we've heard quite a lot about that problem."

To make a contribution toward reducing the opioid epidemic, Covill said lawmakers are considering legislation to allow pharmacies to have an opioid drop box. Currently, some police stations throughout Westchester have a medication drop box, but it's not always well-publicized. Others have it available only on specific days.

Many people, particularly the elderly, have large amounts of unused medication or old prescriptions, which could either fall into the wrong hands or harm the environment. All types of pills

would be accepted.

"We hope that we will get the starter opioids – the OxyContin – out of your medicine chest and into the boxes," Covill said.

Pharmacies might be granted an opt-out because some owners could be concerned about a security issue, she said.

The Board of Legislators may also weigh a countywide Reusable Bag Initiative, Covill revealed. Several communities around the county have approved a local law that bans the use of single-use plastic bags while others are considering it. She said it would make sense for there to be a level playing field throughout Westchester.

Former county legislator Alan Cole asked Latimer and Covill to make a commitment to maintain Merestead, the mansion and grounds the county was bequeathed on Byram Lake Road. Friends of Copland House hold concerts at the site.

Cole said there are donors who would contribute significant sums to restore the mansion and grounds, but would only do so if there is a long-term commitment on the county's part.

Latimer said his administration was ready to help encourage shared services opportunities between municipalities or between municipalities and the county.



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Threat Against P'ville Schools Deemed 'Not Credible' as Students Rally

By Anna Young

The Pleasantville School District was placed on a two-hour delay last Wednesday morning after a threat was made against the district the night before.

A message was sent out to parents at about 10:20 p.m. last Tuesday that the "potential threat" was made by a middle school student and police would investigate the matter. Superintendent of Schools Mary Fox-Alter said police determined that the threat was "not credible." Staff operated on a normal schedule.

"Last night we received information about a verbal comment made by a middle school student that was heard by another student at the end of the school day," Fox-Alter wrote in a letter to the community Wednesday explaining the circumstances. "The student reported it to an adult who then reported it to the middle school administration. The student and the adult did the right thing. The exchange included concerning comments that rose to the level of a potential threat. As per our security protocols, we take reports of this nature very seriously and immediately contacted the Pleasantville Police Department."

Within an hour of being notified, the Pleasantville Police Department informed the district that the threat was not credible,



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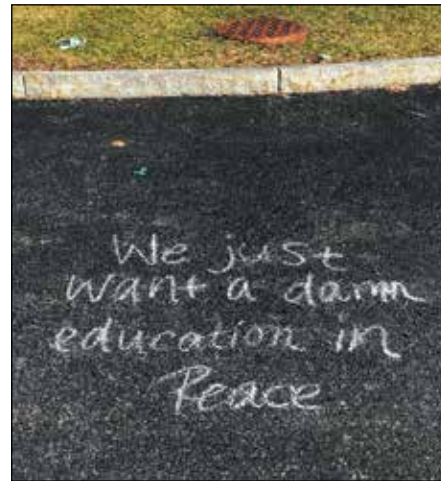
Several of the messages left on the blacktop outside Pleasantville High School by students last Wednesday after the district received a threatening message and school officials enacted a two-hour delay.

"meaning that it did not have intent, means, or motive to be carried out," Fox-Alter stated in her letter.

High school students organized a rally outside the high school Wednesday morning where they expressed their anger over the potential threat and advocated for change. Several students also reacted by writing messages of frustration, hope and unity in chalk on the blacktop near the school's entrance.

Threats have also been investigated at The Harvey School in Katonah, Valhalla High School and Scarsdale High School.

The Pleasantville threat comes less than two weeks following the deadly school shooting in Parkland, Fla. that killed 17



people. It also comes after Tarrytown, Irvington, Hastings-on-Hudson, Ardsley and Dobbs Ferry schools were placed on lockdown for the entire school day last Tuesday after a fatal shooting at the Sleepy Hollow Gardens Apartment in Tarrytown.

"This event also serves as an important reminder of the mantra heard nationwide recently: 'If you see something, say something,'" Fox-Alter said. "The safety and security of our students and staff will always be our first priority. Please know that we take any threat seriously, even when deemed not credible. If a student or students are involved, they will be



JONATHAN CUNNINGHAM PHOTO

Pleasantville High School students organized a rally outside the school last Wednesday morning demanding action to stem the nation's gun violence.

disciplined according to the Code of Conduct."

Fox-Alter said she was proud of the high school students who were motivated to demonstrate outside the school Wednesday morning.

"It's called freedom of speech and an engagement in civics and they felt very strongly they wanted to make a statement about that," Fox-Alter said. "The kids were great and they're feeling this sense of anxiety over what's taking place in this nation of ours and this was a way they could express it."

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Pace Students Vow Change During Tribute to School Shooting Victims

By Anna Young

More than 100 Pace University students rallied at the school's campus last Wednesday denouncing gun violence and honoring the 17 people that were gunned down in the Florida high school massacre last month.

Sophomore Lindita Kulla, who grew up about 20 minutes from Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut, organized the Feb. 28 #NeverAgain rally. She explained that since the Sandy Hook tragedy more than five years ago she's had a residual fear of school settings, calling the lockdown that day as a high school freshman a terrifying experience.

"Personally, when I heard about the Parkland shooting I was sad but not surprised because I saw what happened in Newtown and saw that no action happened," Kulla said. "I was very young and very afraid, but I never expected change to happen because it's perpetual and it's just happening so much that it became normal."

Kulla said she was inspired by many of the students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School who have been actively advocating for legislation to help stop gun violence after the Feb. 14 school shooting. She said she organized the last Wednesday's demonstration to pay tribute to the lives lost but also provide students with impetus to get involved to enact



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Lindita Kulla, the Pace sophomore who organized last Wednesday's #NeverAgain rally at the Pleasantville campus, has sought to inspire fellow students to help create change by supporting gun control legislation.

change.

"These students are using their pain as a gateway to create change, and while these types of occurrences have been happening throughout our country over and over, it took students in high school to make this change and that's something important to recognize, is that kids are done with these violent acts and we're angry and willing to

be vocal about it," Kulla said. "There's so much energy in the world and we just have to get up and use it to make change in our society."

During the rally that started at noon and included a small number of faculty members, Kulla read aloud the names of the 17 victims. For 17 seconds, the Pace community stood for a moment of silence.

Natalie Holguin, a member of the university's Senate for Community Action and Research, stressed the importance of voting. She said many government officials refuse to discuss the issue of gun control and voting is the only way to influence lawmakers to make change.

Sophomore Breana Battles agreed, encouraging her fellow students to change the conversation at the polls.

"This is a topic we all need to come together and take a stand and fight for if we really want to see a change," Battles said. "We do this by protesting, but we also need to vote."

Junior Jamie Delforo, who grew up in Waterbury, Conn., recalled being scared following the Sandy Hook shooting. She said she sympathized with the students in Florida who had to return last week to an environment they felt was unsafe. Hoping to become a teacher, she said she shouldn't be concerned with what she might have to say to her future students the morning after a similar tragedy occurs.

"I cannot imagine what I would say to my students the next day," Delforo said. "I am here to make sure that I will never have to step into a classroom and think of how to console my students after something like this. The question of what do you say the next morning should not be a question I have to answer. It is a question we have to change."

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New Castle Councilman: Forgo Murphy Funds to Advance Gun Laws

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for example, but refuses to support greater gun restriction in light of the recent Florida high school shooting that he described as "a defining moment."

As a result, the town should return the \$200,000 Murphy obtained in state funds to be used toward the basketball court that is scheduled to be built behind Town Hall next year.

"It sends a message that it's not about dollars, it's not about things that are relatively easy to do that you support," Saland said. "If you stood, genuinely stood, with victims of domestic violence or children, then there is zero rational reason that you could say I can't support taking the firearms out of their hands if there's probable cause to believe they're a danger to themselves or others."

Supervisor Robert Greenstein attempted to put a halt to Saland's critique during the meeting, accusing the councilman of putting his political agenda over the good of the town and the board. Greenstein argued that it wasn't the role of the Town Board to posture politically but to work with New Castle's elected representatives at other levels of government to enact the toughest legislation possible. He also said the

Town Board would pursue writing its own stringent local legislation.

He said the funds Murphy obtained for the town isn't from special interests but state taxpayer money that shouldn't be lost because of a disagreement with the senator on a separate issue.

"It doesn't take courage to say we're going to return \$200,000," Greenstein said. "That's political. That doesn't take courage. That's a political stunt to be honest with you. What takes courage is coming up with legislation so New Castle would have the toughest legislation in the state on gun control."

Greenstein then urged Saland to personally report to the Recreation and Parks Commission his idea of refusing the money and see what the commissioners' reaction would be.

The next day, Saland denied his comments during the work session blowup were political. Earlier this winter he had entertained the idea of running against Murphy in this year's 40th state Senate District seat but decided against it because of family and career considerations.

Instead, he said he wants to use every tool at his and the town's disposal to fight what is one of the most important

issues facing the nation. Saland added that it wasn't a shock to anybody on the board that he proposed forfeiting the money since he e-mailed his colleagues about the issue prior to the meeting.

"I don't want anyone to think my aim is to give away money," said Saland, a former Manhattan assistant district attorney and currently a criminal defense lawyer. "That isn't my goal. My objective is to think out of the box and establish without equivocation responsible gun laws and supporting legislation reflecting that is of central import to me and the majority across New Castle and the state."

Councilwoman Lisa Katz, who briefly engaged in a shouting match with Saland during the work session, said no one on the board believes the gun violence issue isn't important. However, to make constructive change board members should reach consensus on the laws they want to see supported and put pressure on the state legislature and Congress. Furthermore, the town should explore what it can do at the local level.

"We need to sit down as a Town Board, and have a work session purely devoted, politics aside, purely devoted

to what we can do as a Town Board and what legislation we want to get behind and what letters we want to write," Katz said.

Two days after the Florida shooting the town sent identical letters to Murphy and Assemblyman David Buchwald urging both legislators that more must be done to strengthen the state's gun laws and address gun violence. The letter stated that the board supports measures that would force domestic abusers to surrender their firearms and the package of measures to reinforce the SAFE Act.

Councilwoman Ivy Pool said she supports local legislation but asked Town Attorney Nicholas Ward-Willis to research whether it would be redundant with existing county law.

While not committing to Saland's idea, Pool said that all options have to be kept open.

"If there's a way to make more clear and send a more definitive message to our representatives than we should consider it," Pool said. "We want to consider every possible avenue that's available to us."

The Town Board is tentatively scheduled to resume discussion of potential local legislation at its work session Tuesday night.

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Bedford's \$135M School Budget Tax Cap Compliant, Adds Staff

By Erin Maher

Bedford Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christopher Manno last week unveiled the district's \$135 million 2018-19 preliminary budget, which complies with the tax cap, adds administrative and student services positions and funds much-needed capital maintenance.

Under the current plan, Bedford would see a 2.99 percent tax levy increase, the highest allowable number while adhering to the cap. Administrators have yet to calculate the tax rate increase for taxpayers.

The first draft of next year's budget increases spending by \$5,958,661, or 4.62 percent over the current year.

The brightening fiscal picture for the district comes after Bedford Central School District was named the third most fiscally stressed school system in the state for the 2015-16 school year. District officials were forced to slash 52 positions district-wide.

Since Manno has taken over as superintendent in mid-2016, he has made budget innovation and fiscal responsibility a major priority. This is the first proposed budget since 2015-16 that includes additions and no reductions.

Manno proposed preliminary spending plan calls for much-needed maintenance and structural repairs districtwide, as well as the addition of four student services and support positions.

About \$1.8 million of the proposed increased spending will be allotted to deferred repairs and maintenance projects. Any unused funds from this line would be placed in the repair reserve at the end of the year.

Officials hope to add 5 librarians, which would bring the number of elementary school librarians to three, one for Mount Kisco Elementary School and two others that would be shared among the district's four other elementary schools.

The administration would like to see the addition of a English as a Second Language teacher for Mount Kisco Elementary, which is desperately needed, Manno said.

"We are dramatically understaffed



Superintendent Dr. Christopher Manno

at (Mount Kisco Elementary), and this position is to address that and meet state standards," he said.

The preliminary budget also calls for the creation of a .5 receptionist position at the district office and one computer aide at Fox Lane High School.

Manno has proposed adding one high school guidance counselor, an additional dean at Fox Lane Middle School to bring the number of deans at that school to three and a .2 psychologist for the Hillside Program.

At the Feb. 28 Board of Education meeting, trustees recognized Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) for his advocacy for the district through securing local funding for school programs.

The district also hopes to add a student assistance counselor position to provide emotional and developmental support and guidance to the students, which Buchwald enthusiastically supports.

"If there's one aspect that the country's been going through since the tragedy in Florida, it's a recognition to support our student body in a much more holistic way from maybe even when my generation was going through public schools," Buchwald said.

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 set for May 15.

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Police Blotter

North Castle Police Department

Feb. 23: A Troy lane resident reported at 9:31 a.m. that three vehicles parked in his driveway were rummaged through overnight. He believed only loose change was taken and reported finding an ice cream carton filled with change in his driveway. The caller had cleaned up the driveway and taken the change inside, then went to work prior to calling police. The three vehicles had been left unlocked overnight. A fourth vehicle in the driveway had been locked and remained secure. The incident occurred between 9 p.m. the previous evening and 7:15 a.m. this morning. An officer was not dispatched for a report due to the residents having gone to work for the day and the evidence having been cleaned up.

Feb. 26: Report of a third-grader having a seizure at Wampus Elementary School at 1:26 p.m. The student is located in the third-grade wing in Room 13. The call was transferred to the county Department of Emergency Services for dispatch of Armonk Ambulance and paramedic. The responding officer reported that the student will be transported to Northern Westchester Hospital with ALS aboard.

Feb. 27: A complainant arrived at headquarters at 8:53 a.m. to have old shotgun shells destroyed. The shells were found in a cabinet at home.

Feb. 27: Report of a residential burglary on Hillandale Avenue at 4:38 p.m. A caller stated that four males had broken into her residence. She stated that she answered the door and encountered the subjects who stated that they worked for the gas company and that they needed access to the residence to repair a leak. The resident said she stepped outside while two of them entered the house and the other two waited with her. The parties left about two minutes later and headed toward North Broadway where they got into a dark compact SUV and traveled northbound on North Broadway. She described the subjects as in their late 20s, spoke with accents, possibly Hispanic, and all were wearing dark clothing.

Feb. 28: A caller reported that his vehicle is on fire on North Greenwich Road at 11:54 p.m. The call was transferred to 60 Control and the Armonk Fire Department was dispatched. The responding officers reported that the fire was extinguished.

Obituaries

Jane Pearl

Jane Vanderbogart Pearl passed away Feb. 24.

She was 84.

Pearl was born Mar. 6, 1933. She is survived by her husband, Richard (Dick) A. Pearl, and two daughters, Jennifer V. Pearl and Merrie M. Pearl.

Pearl lived in Bedford for 48 years and strongly advocated for the environment through her role with the Conservation & Wetlands Board, The Westchester Land Trust and the Mianus River Gorge, among other efforts. She was at her happiest when walking in the woods and enjoying the sights and sounds of nature. Her tireless efforts to protect various watersheds throughout Westchester County have preserved innumerable acres.

Pearl and her husband were instrumental in forming a group of

investors to create the Record-Review, the local newspaper in town. She was a devoted horsewoman and animal lover and passed that love onto her daughters. She was also an avid tennis player and skier.

Jane and Dick were fortunate to travel extensively and met many wonderful people along the way. Her wry sense of humor always got a chuckle from those she touched. Her yearly Christmas letters were legendary. She will be greatly missed by all those who had the privilege of knowing her.

There was a celebration of Pearl's life on Mar. 1 at Cassidy-Flynn Funeral Home in Mount Kisco. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Westchester Land Trust – Jane Pearl Memorial Fund for the Environment.

Audrey Morgan

Audrey Morgan, a former Chappaqua resident, died on Feb. 17 at the age of 89 in New Canaan, Conn.

Morgan was born in Toronto and arrived in the United States after she graduated from the University of Toronto, majoring in political science and economics. She met her husband, Glenn, in Los Angeles where her five children were born. In 1964, the family moved to Chappaqua. Morgan devoted a great deal of her time to her community, including her church and other charitable organizations. She was most passionate about art. She served on the board of the Katonah Art Museum, where she volunteered her skills and energy as an exhibition project director, docent program director and developed

educational outreach materials. After she retired from the museum, Morgan took up drawing and painting.

She is survived by her five children, Catherine, Peter, Caroline, Jane and Michael, as well as nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Mar. 24 at 10 a.m. at Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Chappaqua, where Morgan had been a member for more than 50 years.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Episcopal Charities of the Diocese of New York. To send expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.nutmegcremation.com.

Patricia Giuliano

Patricia Giuliano of Valhalla passed away peacefully on Mar. 4.

She was 82.

Born on Mar. 10, 1935, in Yonkers to Mary and Frederick Hatton, she attended Gorton High School and graduated from Westchester (Grasslands) School of Nursing. Her life was centered around her loving family. She also enjoyed reading, knitting and crossword puzzles.

Giuliano was a parishioner of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Valhalla and a past member of the Rosary Altar Society. She volunteered for many years at the school.

Giuliano was predeceased by her sister, Veronica. She leaves behind the love of her life, Richard. In January, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. She will be greatly missed by her children, Susan of North White Plains, Andrew (Joanne)

of Thornwood, Michael (Enzara) of North White Plains, Ricky of Valhalla and Steven (Laura) of Valhalla; her nine grandchildren (Nicole, Dana, Andrew, Anthony, Christopher, Nicholas, Kirsten, Michael, and Matthew) and seven great-grandchildren with one on the way. She also leaves behind a brother, Frank Skrivane (Trudy), and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation will be at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Wednesday, Mar. 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. A funeral Mass will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Valhalla on Thursday, Mar. 9 at 10 a.m. followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

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Mt. Kisco Officials Raise Concerns Over Intersection Reconfiguration

By Neal Rentz

Changes at the intersection in front of Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco would improve pedestrian safety but cause additional traffic delays, Department of Transportation (DOT) representatives told village officials last week.

The DOT is seeking to eliminate the two righthand slip lanes for vehicles where Route 117 intersects with Route 172. One lane feeds traffic from Route 172 onto eastbound Route 117 while the other brings vehicles off of eastbound 117 onto Route 172.

Doug Cotton, DOT's deputy project manager, described the intersection changes as "a safety project" because the area has been the site of pedestrian and vehicle accidents. The busy intersection contains the hospital, a CVS Pharmacy and a church. More than 100 pedestrians use the intersection each day, he said.

The plan is to reconfigure the roadway so vehicles that stop for the light would come up to the intersection. There would be crosswalks with pedestrian signals, including countdown clocks, Cotton said. The islands that create the slip lane would be eliminated.

Cotton did not say how long pedestrians would have to cross the street under the proposed plan.

Though pedestrian safety would be improved, traffic delays in the area would



The intersection where Route 117 and Route 172 converge. The state is planning to reconfigure the crossing to make it safer for pedestrians.

increase by seven seconds during the morning rush hour and 12 seconds for the evening rush, Cotton said.

"We think it's a reasonable tradeoff," said Cotton, who added the increase in delays is in "an acceptable range."

"Acceptable is in the eye of the beholder," Trustee Peter Grunthal responded. "We have experienced congestion along (Route) 172 coming from Bedford toward the hospital."

During peak hours, there already are traffic backups and further delays would make the situation worse, Grunthal said. He said he was concerned about potential incidents of road rage from frustrated motorists with the slightly longer delays. Traffic delays in that vicinity have been a

longtime concern for Mount Kisco officials and local residents.

Grunthal asked that the intersections remain unchanged with buttons that help control signal changes for pedestrians to allow the public to cross the street.

Michael Schaefer, regional design director for the DOT, said Grunthal's proposal was more dangerous for pedestrians than the agency's plan. The slip lanes pose a danger for pedestrians because some motorists may be traveling at a high rate of speed or are not conditioned to slowing down, he said.

"You could do that. Unfortunately, it's not a safe situation," Schaefer said of Grunthal's suggestion.

The DOT has looked at other options for



NEAL RENTZ PHOTOS

Doug Cotton, left, deputy project manager for the state Department of Transportation, and Michael Schaefer, regional design engineer for the DOT, addressed the Mount Kisco Village Board last week.

the intersection but the proposed design meets state traffic guidelines, according to Cotton.

The work is scheduled to begin in late spring and is due to be completed by the end of the year, Cotton said. Most of the road work would be done from June to October, with landscaping and other minor tasks completed afterward, he said. New sidewalks and curbs for pedestrians would also be installed in the area.

Mayor Gina Picinich said she was concerned with pedestrian safety as well as contributing to traffic congestion. She hoped the project would be completed well before the end of the year so it would not interfere with the holiday season.

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Man Sentenced for Attempted Murder of Officer in Mt. Kisco

By Martin Wilbur

A man who attempted to kill a county police officer in Mount Kisco in 2016 was sentenced last week to 40 years to life in jail.

Ronald Greenland, 55, of Mount Vernon, was sentenced by County Court Judge Susan Cacace for first-degree attempted murder after engaging in a high-speed car chase followed by a chase on foot through the woods during the early morning hours of Nov. 8, 2016. It ended with Greenland stabbing Officer David Sanchez.

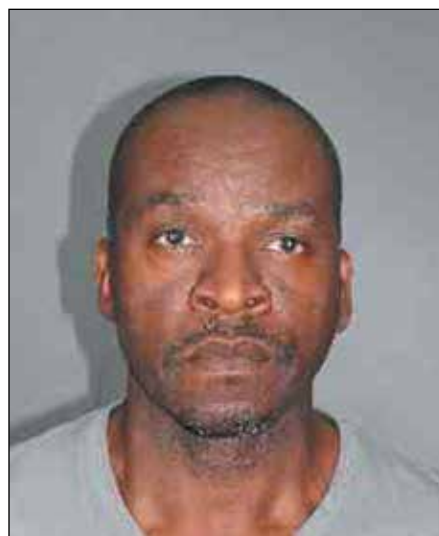
Sanchez was saved because he was

wearing his bulletproof vest, preventing the knife that was used in the attack to penetrate his body.

"We have no tolerance for attacks on our police officers and will prosecute aggressively and to the fullest extent of the law," Westchester County District Attorney Anthony Scarpino said in a statement following the sentencing. "We are pleased with the sentence imposed by the judge for this crime."

According to the district attorney office's account, Greenland was attempting to steal rims from a truck at the Arroway Chevrolet-Cadillac car dealership at 175 N. Bedford Rd. in Mount Kisco when Sanchez, who was on patrol, spotted a suspicious green Honda Odyssey in the dealership parking lot at about 2:15 a.m.

Sanchez attempted to pull over the minivan, which had been reported stolen, at a traffic light but the defendant sped off and a chase ensued. When Greenland stopped the vehicle on Knowlton Avenue, he left the van and began running away. Sanchez chased him through dark backyards eventually



Ronald Greenland was sentenced on Feb. 27 to 40 years to life in prison for attempting to kill a county police officer in November 2016.

crouched in the dark as Sanchez approached the defendant.

When Greenland rose to his feet, he stabbed Sanchez multiple times in the chest. Sanchez eventually subdued Greenland, who was taken into custody when backup officers arrived. The knife that the defendant used in the attack was recovered from the defendant. Sanchez's vest had multiple tears from the knife.

Greenland was also sentenced to 15 years in prison, plus five years post-release supervision for first-degree attempted assault, a Class C violent felony; 20 years, plus five years post-release supervision for attempted aggravated assault upon a police officer, a Class C violent felony; seven years for second-degree assault, a Class D felony; 28 months to seven years for third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, also a Class D felony; and one year for fifth-degree criminal possession of stolen property, a Class A misdemeanor. All sentences will run concurrently.

catching up to him on Dickson Lane in Mount Kisco.

Greenland hid in a wooded area as Sanchez drew his gun, demanding that he show his hands and come out. The defendant refused and remained

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Opponents Hammer Sunshine Home's Disregard of Local Laws

By Anna Young

Residents lined up last week during a public hearing to portray the Sunshine Children's Home & Rehabilitation Center as an entity that continuously disregards local laws and operates under its own rules.

Throughout the hearing for a revised special use permit before the New Castle Zoning Board of Appeals, project opponents argued that Sunshine officials have been engaging in a pattern of misconduct where they have violated the town code and zoning laws to perform site work without required permits.

They argued Sunshine Children's Home's actions should be considered before voting on the permit for the expansion.

Sunshine, which cares for medically fragile children, is looking to expand its 33-acre property at 15 Spring Valley Rd. from about 18,000 square feet to more than 147,000 square feet and to increase the number of beds from 54 to 122.

"I've seen my neighbors take down trees without getting the approval of the zoning board and they get hammered, they get penalized, they get fined and their permits are pulled," New Castle resident Gail Markels said at the Feb. 28 hearing. "But here, as a resident, I've seen the Sunshine home go on Thanksgiving

when they think nobody is looking and take all these steps and nothing is done. As a resident it really sends the wrong message to my neighbors. The Sunshine home is allowed to overstep time and time again with no punishment."

ZBA Chairman Kenneth Cooper interrupted Markels stating that the town and county investigated the November disturbance and that the issue had been addressed.

"I would argue that it's not been addressed sufficiently," Markels responded.

During the last week in November, Sunshine demolished a shed housing one of three wells on its land as it sought to make improvements to the well. The applicant had also taken down a tree.

Resident Kristen Browde agreed that the response to Sunshine's violations has been inadequate. She urged the board to hold Sunshine to the same standard as other applicants.

"The fact it required multiple permits issued retroactively should be sufficient to warn this board of the inappropriate action taken," Browde said. "The law should be applied equally to all, not selectively granting retroactive permits, multiple retroactive permits, to a violator."

Mark Weingarten, an attorney representing Sunshine, said a mistake

was made in November to fix an existing problem unrelated to the current application. He claimed a permit should have been sought, but later said they didn't think one was required to take

down a tree or part of the shed. Once they realized an error was made, work stopped and hasn't continued since.

The board agreed to keep the hearing open until Mar. 19.

Works of Art



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Chappaqua resident Stuart Schaffer, right, presented New Castle Supervisor Robert Greenstein with two of the six framed paintings created by his late wife, artist Valery Morris, that he donated to the town at last week's Town Board meeting. The paintings depict recognizable structures throughout the town and will be hung in municipal spaces.

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Editorial

Utilities Can't Control Nature, But Must Communicate More Effectively

Despite the aggressive storm-hardening campaign over the past decade to limit damage, the utilities serving Westchester still have a difficult time preventing their customers from losing power when significant weather events occur.

It's understandable when you look at last Friday's storm. If you are in a county with likely millions of trees, particularly in an area that has hilly terrain and rural territory, widespread outages are a fact of life.

What should never be acceptable are elected officials and the public at large being kept in the dark when it comes to

receiving reliable information. There were times last weekend when trying to get an answer and accurate information from the utilities, Con Edison and New York State Electric & Gas, proved more elusive than getting enough crews to repair the damage.

That should never happen. During the last eight to 10 years, these entities have had enough practice with extreme weather events to get their act together.

That's not to criticize the utilities for the outages. But ratepayers deserve to know that if it takes an extended period of time before they have power restored,

that should be communicated. If there are issues with manpower, whether that's because of the magnitude of the storm, or as several people have raised, there are significant numbers of crew members still working in Puerto Rico to restore power there, the utilities need to proactively provide information before being publicly shamed.

It's no one's fault that trees and poles toppled last week, but when the general public knew for at least 48 to 72 hours that last Friday would be a difficult day, the utilities shouldn't be the ones who are least informed or the last to find out.

Letters to the Editor

Kesten is the Authentic Democrat Running in the 40th Senate District

Having read in your paper about Robert Spolzino considering a run for the 40th state Senate District seat as a Democrat, one can only ask why?

The longstanding declared candidate for state Senate to date is the highly qualified Robert Kesten, a progressive Democrat who has been working tirelessly and effectively since last fall. He has been speaking at multiple town halls, answering questions about local concerns, engaging at train stations and Westchester events, demonstrating in defense of people wronged by the prevailing system, clearly identifying problems of concern and offering pragmatic solutions.

Most importantly, Kesten has been waging an aggressive and values-oriented campaign against the incumbent, Republican state Sen. Terrence Murphy, documenting the senator's inaction or opposition to progressive legislation and

his reliance on opportunistic photo-ops at many events he had little or no hand in initiating.

Spolzino, by contrast, would be entering this race with a long history as a Republican, far exceeding his more recent registration as a Democrat. He is on record using familiar "red state" rhetoric, questioning Democrat opposition as "not being tough enough" on crime, taxes being "out of control," supporting the death penalty and more.

His longstanding cozy association with Nick Spano and the entire Yonkers political machine raises serious questions about his integrity, as does his 2016 financial contributions in support of Republican Congressman John Faso in the 19th Congressional District against Zephyr Teachout. Faso supports concealed gun legislation and the Trump tax law and opposes a woman's right to

choose. We are known by the company we keep.

One might ask why Spolzino, who has switched parties and positions like someone changing his wardrobe, might be exploring an entry into a race which already has a viable Democratic candidate with a proven track record of devotion to Democratic principles and service to the community.

By entering the race at this late date and forcing a primary, Spolzino would only create a drain on the finances and resources needed for the defeat of Trump buddy Murphy.

Let's make sure we support a candidate whose record makes winning that race a reality.

Jay Forbes
Croton-on-Hudson

Kesten is the Best Choice for the 40th State Senate District

The Examiner reported that Robert Spolzino is "mulling a run" against Terrence Murphy. But as Mr. Spolzino mulls, candidate Robert Kesten continues his campaign that he began last summer by holding Town Hall meetings in every town in the 40th Senate District. This has proven to be a very effective tool for Mr. Kesten to get his message directly to the

people.

In Mr. Kesten's latest Town Hall in Yorktown there was standing room only and the audience, which included both Republicans and Democrats, enthusiastically responded to his vision for dealing with issues hurting our economy. He reminded people that streamlining our healthcare system, moving to a single-payer process (not socialized medicine) would shave billions of dollars off our property taxes and have an immediate effect on our property values. It was refreshing to hear a cogent and informed plan to review the need to invest and support our local business community if we want towns and villages with activity and without the blight that comes from empty and darkened store windows. In addition to Town Halls, he is meeting with constituents every day and

has already proactively developed plans to tackle our tenuous job situation, i.e. the closing of Indian Point. I encourage the community to attend upcoming Town Halls; he is holding one Wednesday, Mar. 14 in New Castle at 7 p.m.

Robert Kesten is our best choice to defeat Terrence Murphy. He is the real Democrat in the race. We recall Mr. Spolzino contributing to and backing John Faso, a Republican who supports concealed carry, the new tax law, voted against the ACA and is vehemently against a woman's right to choose. I feel confident that by having Mr. Kesten in the state Senate that we can regain our status as the economic Empire State.

Andrea Black Jeffries
Mohegan Lake

Revisions Weighed for Pleasantville's Plastic Bag Ban Measure

By Anna Young

Pleasantville officials are considering possible changes to a proposed local law that would ban single-use plastic bags in stores within the village.

Since a Jan. 22 public hearing where Key Food Marketplace owner Richard Grobman expressed his opposition to the proposed law, the Village Board has been advised by its legal counsel to make modifications to the legislation.

Mayor Peter Scherer said the board is currently considering whether to move forward with a modified version of its proposal or legislation that was recently approved in Suffolk County that imposes a five-cent fee on both plastic and paper bags.

"I think it's pretty clear throwing away bags of any kind is a significant problem for the country," Scherer said last week. "The idea of all of this is to try to get people to transition to reusable bags and produce less waste."

The currently proposed law, recommended by the volunteer organization PleasantvilleRecycles, would call for certain stores, such as groceries, food markets, pharmacies and convenience stores to charge customers a five-cent fee for each paper bag used to carry out merchandise. The carry-out bag cost would increase to 10 cents after one year.

During the January hearing, Grobman said the ban would hurt his supermarket, insisting customers would shop in neighboring communities that don't have the plastic bag ban. A county-wide law would provide a level playing field, Grobman said, but he would support a village law that placed a fee on both paper and plastic bags because it would provide customers with a choice.

Scherer added that the board is also working with adjacent communities to coordinate efforts to pass a similar reusable bag initiative. He said it would create an alliance and put pressure on the Board of Legislators to enact a county-wide measure.

"Whether that turns out to be realistic is an open question, but among the questions in play here to address the idea of a level playing field is the idea that at least adjacent communities might have similar laws, and also the question whether Westchester County may at some point take this matter up and provide a county-wide law," Scherer said.

Trustee Nicole Asquith said she thought it was a good step toward building alliances and creating an even playing field.

Trustee Colleen Griffin-Wagner said Pleasantville should be a local leader by enacting the law. A version of the proposed legislation was presented years

ago and trustees shouldn't wait for other municipalities to agree before moving forward.

A growing list of communities have a similar law on the books, including the Town of New Castle, which approved its initiative in 2016.

"I think it's time for us to do something," she said. "I don't think we need to wait any longer."

Asquith said Pleasantville is further along in passing its law than many other municipalities in the county. The initiative should be a priority and is voted on "as quickly as possible."

"I think in some ways what we're talking about is a cultural shift, it's not just about legislating; in a lot of ways it's about making it a community project that everyone ideally gets on board with of reducing our waste," Asquith said. "I'm proud of the idea that we could be a leader in what clearly is a trend moving forward, but things are worthy of discussion of community buy-in and long-term implications."

The board was scheduled to meet on Monday evening to review the legislation.



Moving Up

Pleasantville Police Chief Erik Grutzner stands with Mayor Peter Scherer and Officer Joseph Zane who was officially elevated to detective during the Feb. 26 Village Board meeting. Grutzner said the department interviewed seven officers for the position and ultimately chose Zane. "He's been a tremendous asset while on patrol and I am confident that his abilities will make him an especially good detective," Grutzner said.

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Westchester County's 2018 Fair and Affordable Housing Expo will take place on Saturday, Mar. 10 at the Westchester County Center in White Plains from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Throughout the day, various workshops will be held to help answer questions such as:

- Am I eligible for affordable housing?
- Is it better to rent or own?
- How much money do I need for a

down payment?

- Are there any programs that help with down payments and closing costs?
- What is the importance of credit, and a good credit score?
- What is the role of the not-for-profit counselor, the realtor, inspector, the attorney and the lender?

The first workshop of the day begins at 11:45 a.m., and will address available resources for down payments, closing costs and home improvements. At 1 p.m., a workshop on will discuss affordable homeownership and rental

opportunities, as well as the application and selection process. There will also be a demonstration on how to navigate through Homeseeker Online, a website that provides information about affordable home ownership and rental apartment opportunities in Westchester.

At 2 p.m., a workshop entitled Rental Housing will provide attendees with an opportunity to meet with nonprofit counselors, who will advise and describe the process of finding affordable rentals.

For more information on the Expo, contact Westchester Residential

Opportunities at 914-428-4507 ext. 314 or e-mail ganderson@wroinc.org; or contact the Housing Action Council at 914-332-4144 or hac@affordablehomes.org.

The Westchester County Center is located at 198 Central Ave. in White Plains. The fee for parking is \$7.

The event is co-sponsored by Westchester County, the Westchester Interfaith Housing Corporation and the Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors, Inc.

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spaces will be provided in the back of the building and will be equipped with charging stations for tenants with electric cars. Lai was confident the garage would provide enough parking for residents and wouldn't impact street parking. They also plan to provide Zipcar service for residential use.

Hexad Holdings has proposed developing a four-story building at 70 Memorial Plaza next to the post office. Plans include about 70 apartments with retail establishments located on the ground floor and the three remaining floors dedicated for residential use. The building would be equipped with a gym, 24-hour doorman service and possibly a pool.

Lai said there will be two underground parking levels constructed for the residents' use. He said the project is targeted for completion in 2020, depending on how quickly the local approvals are obtained.

An application was submitted to the village in early January. Hexad Holdings appeared before the Planning Commission on Jan. 17 and will also need an approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Following completion of that project, Hexad will turn their attention back to Washington Avenue. The building that contains Kimberley House and Chase Bank will be torn down to construct another 12 residential units.

Lai said he and Errico are actively searching for ideas to entice commercial tenants to occupy the storefronts. Galleries, office space or pop-up stores are among the possibilities.

"As you can tell, we're making a long-term commitment to the village," Lai said. "Our rental buildings will transform the village and we're very excited to grow along with everybody here, and our goal is to create a lifestyle brand for our residents that is unmatched. We want to provide residents with all that Pleasantville has to offer."

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Young Athletes Learn Key Lessons of Respect and Sportsmanship

By Anna Young

The Pleasantville Dad's Club hosted a special gathering at Pleasantville High School Saturday afternoon encouraging their young members to get involved in sports and to treat each other with respect on and off the playing field.

Throughout the hour-long forum, three current or former star Pleasantville High School athletes informed the roughly 50 elementary school competitors and their parents that trust, respect, hard work and compassion are essential to athletic success.

Pleasantville alumnus Jack Bramswig, who recently signed a contract with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League, said players must always look out for each other. He said the best teammates he's had were those he could rely on for support and encouragement.

Bramswig also explained the importance of good sportsmanship and how coaches seek out players with strong character.

"If you're going to be on the field you have to be a good person, you have to trust your teammates, you have to be a worthy teammate and those are things that aren't just at a high school or college level but it goes all the way up to the Green Bay Packers and it's something every coach looks for in a player," Bramswig said.

Senior Charlie McPhee, who has played football, basketball and lacrosse for the

Panthers, added that everyone deserves the same level of respect regardless of who they play for.

He said coaches instill trust and self-esteem between teammates so they can support each other regardless of the outcome of a game or season. Furthermore, it's vital to refrain from criticizing or yelling at a teammate for making a mistake. Instead, it's more beneficial to them and the team to help them through their errors because everybody wants to win.

"You want to build confidence around your teammates and you really want them to feel like they can push themselves and be that great player and step up," said senior and multisport athlete Nick Salzarulo.

He also said that opponents also have to be treated properly.

"You always got to treat your opponent with respect – you don't have to like them – but you have to have that respect," Salzarulo said.

The athletes also touched on bullying. They reminded the youngsters that if they play varsity sports their teachers and district administrators will expect them to lead by example. They encouraged the children to always provide support when someone is upset. It is their job to listen and understand their teammates and try to improve the situation.

The trio of athletes said bullying is a sensitive subject, but there's no place for it



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Youngsters who participate in Pleasantville Dad's Club sports listen to Pleasantville High School head football coach Tony Becerra and three current or former star athletes at the school talk about how treating others and handling themselves with dignity is a vitally important trait on the playing field and in life.

in sports or society.

"Not everyone sees and understands what is making someone upset," McPhee said. "It's really important that if you see someone that's upset or something that's making them upset to step in and stop it."

Pleasantville head football coach Tony Becerra said his players are held to a high standard and are expected to treat each other, their classmates, parents and teachers with respect. He said on the first

day of practice each summer he addresses behavior and bullying, making it a top priority.

"I don't care how good you are, if I can't trust you I can't have you on the field," Becerra said. "If you're not making good choices off the field you're not going to make good choices on the field. If you're trustworthy, committed to excellence and you care about others, you can lead and should."

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Familiar Merchant to Open Trattoria in Old Chappaqua Diner Space

By Martin Wilbur

A longtime downtown Chappaqua eatery will be reemerging this spring at a new location with an enhanced menu.

A lease has been signed that will enable Mario's of Chappaqua to resume operations when it takes over the old Chappaqua Restaurant and Café space at 10 S. Greeley Ave. Mario's is expected to open in about two months, said Bill Wachtel, a town resident who will be one of the people involved in the venture.

"Mario's is back as a trattoria right around the corner from its old location with curbside takeout, with an even fuller menu and the kids at Bell (Middle School) are thrilled," Wachtel said.

The South Greeley Avenue space has been vacant for about two years since the diner ceased operations, said Supervisor Robert Greenstein. He said the town preferred that the space would be filled with another restaurant, although it was hard to convince operators to take the chance at that location because of a number of obstacles.

Greenstein said the store has no basement and lacks the room to have a walk-in refrigerator. It also needed to be made ADA compliant.

Potential renters considered the location but ultimately passed on the opportunity.



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

The space at 10 S. Greeley Ave. that will house Mario's of Chappaqua, a new trattoria, sometime this spring. The pizzeria operated for more than 50 years and was last seen on lower King Street.

"We're lucky to have somebody from the community who is interested in investing in our community and willing to spend the money to make this into a restaurant," Greenstein said. "I think it's going to be great and I think we're fortunate to have the space leased."

Wachtel said the entire interior is being gutted and being redone. There will also be access to the 30-seat trattoria from

the South Greeley Avenue side as well as from the rear where there is parking in back. Having front and back entrances was an important consideration to try and make the operation a success, he said.

Despite the ongoing challenges presented by the ongoing downtown infrastructure and streetscape project, Wachtel said he thinks it's worth the

risk. The downtown work is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

"I like to believe it could be a success in any event, but it's a good location and now that we can enter in the front and the rear with curbside takeout, we're confident Mario's will be back better and stronger than ever," Wachtel said.

Mario's of Chappaqua was in business for more than 50 years when it closed at its former location at 13 King St. The space where it had been located is now occupied by Aesop's Fable.

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Tuesday, Mar. 6

Opera Ensembles. Led by opera buff and Taconic Opera Board Member Susan Grunthal, this lecture series begins with duets, trios and quartets and finishes with choruses. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 2 p.m. Free. Also Mar. 20 and 27. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org

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

Wednesday, Mar. 7

Zumba Fitness. Achieve long-term benefits while having a blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life. For all fitness levels. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. Every Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. Info: Contact Peggy at 914 960-4097.

Spirituality. A program designed to meet the spiritual needs of seniors as they search for meaning and purpose in life as well as peace and fulfillment. Phelps Hospital's Atrium Conference Room (off main lobby), 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 9 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail ewoods3@northwell.edu.

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

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.

Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters. This interactive workshop provides information about Alzheimer's disease and the importance of early detection as well as helpful resources for moving forward in the diagnosis process. There is no known cure for Alzheimer's, but early detection provides time for drug therapy that can help mitigate symptoms. It also allows for enrollment in clinical studies and the opportunity to make plans for the future. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley

Chapter Joseph G. Caputo Community Center, 95 Broadway, Ossining. 11 a.m. Free. Info: 800-272-3900 or visit www.alz.org/hudsonvalley.

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.

"The Basics of Alzheimer's: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease." This educational workshop is for anyone seeking more information about Alzheimer's disease or other kinds of memory loss. Topics that will be addressed include diagnoses, risk factors, disease stages, treatment options and more. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter Joseph G. Caputo Community Center, 95 Broadway, Ossining. 11 a.m. Free. Info: 800-272-3900 or visit www.alz.org/hudsonvalley.

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.mountkiscoblibrary.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.

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

Mind Games. A fun way for seniors to stimulate their minds and improve cognitive functioning (memory, visual recall, problem solving, focus and speed and spatial reasoning) by playing group games. Phelps Hospital's boardroom, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Park behind the hospital and enter through the auditorium entrance. Then proceed down one flight to the C-Level; the boardroom is at the end of the hall on the right. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail

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

Knitting at the Library. Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels. For ages 10 and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-864-8041 or www.mountkiscoblibrary.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.

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

"Equal Means Equal." The League of Women Voters of North East Westchester is hosting a screening of this documentary film that addresses the inadequacy of current laws claiming to protect women and presents a compelling case for the urgency of ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment. Katonah Village Library, 26 Bedford Rd., Katonah. 7 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail lwv.blns@gmail.com.

"The Seven-Per-cent Solution." To treat his friend's cocaine induced delusions, Watson lures Sherlock Holmes to Sigmund Freud. Part of The Game is Afoot: A Sherlock Holmes Film Series. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Art Series: Leonora Carrington. Born in the United Kingdom in 1917, Carrington was a surrealist painter and

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Burns' Popular Jewish Film Festival Remains Audience Favorite

By Neal Rentz

The Westchester Jewish Film Festival has been an audience favorite since it was established at the Jacob Burns Film Center in 2002.

This year's renewal of the festival, which opens on Mar. 13, is no different. Running for 16 days, it will include 41 documentary and narrative films, episodes from two highly regarded Israeli television series and a five-film tribute to Alan Arkin, who has been a director and has starred in films and on television since the mid-1960s.

The festival's popularity can be traced to presenting outstanding contemporary and classic films, some of which covers issues that can be debated, said Bruni Burres, who for the third consecutive year has selected the works that will be presented. It also presents opportunities for audience members to interact with filmmakers with receptions and question-and-answer sessions following many of the movies, she said.

Burres said she hopes patrons come to see films they wouldn't ordinarily consider viewing. Typically, about 40 films are selected each year to be part of the festival that contain broad Jewish themes.

This year's festival kicks off with "Itzhak," Alison Chernick's documentary released last year about the life of renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman, who continues to create great music.

"The man just keeps getting better," Burres said.

Following the sold-out opening screening on Mar. 13, a Q&A will be conducted with Chernick. Unredeemed tickets may be available for purchase on the night of the screening. "Itzhak" will also be presented on Mar. 17 and 28.

Several major films in Arkin's career will be presented throughout the series. The 1992 drama "Glengarry Glen Ross," adapted by David Mamet from his award-winning play and directed by James Foley, will be shown on Mar. 15 and 22. "Wait until Dark," the 1967 thriller directed by Terence Young and starring Audrey Hepburn, will be screened on Mar. 16 and 19.

Other Arkin films on the schedule include "Little Miss Sunshine," which earned him an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor (Mar. 20, 21 and 24); "Little Murders," the 1971 satiric comedy directed by Arkin (Mar. 25); and "The In-Laws," a 1979 comedy directed by Arthur Hiller and co-starring Peter Falk (Mar. 26).

Arkin will take part in question-and-answer sessions with audiences, something he rarely does, following the presentation of "Little Murders" and after the 5 p.m. screening of "The In-Laws" on Mar. 18.



JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER PHOTOS

"Itzhak," Alison Chernick's documentary about the life of renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman, is the opening night feature for this year's Westchester Jewish Film Festival. The festival will run from Mar. 13-29 at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

Burres said this year's festival includes episodes of two Israeli TV series, "The Writer" and "Fauda." Ten episodes of "The Writer," a follow up series from Sayed Kashua, who created the award-winning comedy "Arab Labor," will be presented throughout the festival. The series is the story of a man with an

identity crisis.

The first three episodes of the second season of the Israeli thriller series "Fauda," about an undercover Israeli Defense Forces unit, will also be screened.

Burres said Israel's television industry is currently the strongest it has ever



The 2018 Westchester Jewish Film Festival is showcasing five films with veteran actor Alan Arkin, including "The In-Laws," starring Arkin, right, and Peter Falk. The film will be shown on Mar. 18 and 26, followed by a Q&A with Arkin via Skype on Mar. 18.

been with a large array of talented actors, writers and directors bringing their talents to the country's small screen.

The Jacob Burns Film Center is located at 364 Manville Rd. in Pleasantville. For more information about the Westchester Film Festival, including the schedule and tickets, call 914-747-5555 or visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Living Proof Fundraiser This Saturday to Shine Spotlight on Mental Illness

There are still tickets available for Living Proof, an eye-opening, multi-art evening of energizing performances scheduled for this Saturday, Mar. 10 at the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

An evening of expressive arts, Living Proof will feature individuals sharing their own personal and inspiring stories of resilience, recovery and mental health challenges. The program will showcase authentic slices of life from people who are finding ways to rise above their darkest moments and live life with confidence, meaning and purpose.

Prior to the program, enjoy a delectable selection of hors d'oeuvres, spirits and desserts and enter to win one of several exciting silent auction prizes. Following the performances, the 2018 Lagond Music School Scholarship recipient will be announced.

The vision for Living Proof is to educate the public about mental health issues and shine a spotlight on the ways music, the arts and community can empower individuals. Organizers hope to strike a chord with our audience who may have struggles of their

own, letting them know they are not alone and that help is always available. This unique performance will demonstrate that the arts can be a powerful vehicle to share one's story of healing in the face of adversity and be a significant tool for recovery.

Proceeds from the event benefit The Mental Health Association of Westchester and the Miles Applebaum Music Scholarship Fund, established to honor and remember Miles Applebaum, a Byram Hills High School graduate. A guitar student at Lagond Music School in Elmsford, Applebaum earned a scholarship at the Boyer School of Music and Dance at Temple University.

During a year studying music abroad, his studies were interrupted by an onset of symptoms associated with trauma and depression. The depth of Miles' emotional pain proved too much causing him to take his life at 21 in 2014. The scholarship was established in 2016 to carry on his dream of providing aspiring musicians who otherwise may not have the resources to attend, an opportunity to follow their passion and study music at Lagond Music School.



Living Proof, a program that will feature performances and readings of various art forms this Saturday, will raise money for The Mental Health Association of Westchester and The Miles Applebaum Music Scholarship Fund at Lagond Music School. The evening was inspired by Applebaum, shown above, who died in 2014.

Tickets for the event are \$100 for adults and \$40 for students. Tickets may be purchased at www.mhawestchester.org or at www.musicandmiles.org and to read more about some of the performers who will be featured at the event.

The Chappaqua Performing Arts Center is located at 480 Bedford Rd. in Chappaqua inside the Chappaqua Crossing campus.

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writer who spent most of her artistic life in Mexico City. She was also one of the founding members of the Women's Liberation Movement in Mexico during the 1970s. As important for her artistic achievement as for her political activism, Carrington was awarded the Order of the British Empire for her contribution to the arts. 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. Meets the first and third Wednesday of the month through Apr. 4. Info and registration: 914-292-0930, visit www.theAlignedCenter.com or e-mail info@thealignedcenter.com.

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Thursday, Mar. 8

The Breakfast Club. Designed for seniors, includes a free breakfast, a presentation on a healthy lifestyle topic and a light exercise program. Phelps Hospital's cafeteria (G Level), 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail ewoods3@northwell.edu.

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

Toddler Storytime. Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage

an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant 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.

Osteoporosis Support and Education. For individuals with osteoporosis, providing education on nutrition, exercise (weight-bearing, strengthening and balance) and activities of daily living. Phelps Hospital's boardroom (C Level), 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail ewoods3@northwell.edu.

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.mountkisco.org.

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

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

Berkshire Farm Foster Care Information. Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth, one of New York's leading nonprofit child welfare agencies, conducts this information session on how to become a foster or adoptive parent. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 2 to 5 p.m. Free. Second Thursday of each month. Info: Contact Judith Liu at 516-406-1853 or e-mail judithliu@berkshirefarm.com.

Comics Club. Join us for a comics discussion and graphic art lesson, plus snacks. Each session will cover 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. Registration requested. Also Mar. 22. 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.mountkisco.org.

"Who Does She Think She Is?" A documentary focusing on five women artists and how they strive for balance between creative careers and relationships. Preceded by a reception. In conjunction with the Laurel Garcia Colvin exhibit in the gallery. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. Reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Screening at 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

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.

Home Sellers Seminar. Get your home ready for the spring real estate market. Topics to be addressed are the certificate of occupancies and codes by Robert Hughes, Pleasantville building inspector; pricing your home, Donna McKenna-Edlund, licensed associate real estate broker; staging your home, Wendy Rawson, professional home stager; and closing procedures, Robbin Sweeney, real estate/elder law attorney. Sponsored by Donna McKenna-Edlund and Hans Weber, licensed associate real estate brokers with Coldwell Banker. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 197 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 6 p.m. Free. Info: 914-403-4237.

Traditional Osteopathic Medicine. Join Dr. Ruba Katrajian for a talk on the history of osteopathy and how this approach to the body can be beneficial for your health. In existence for more than 100 years, its core philosophy stresses the unity of the body, mind and spirit for complete care. Osteopathic manual medicine (OMM) is a hands-on treatment that is effective in providing relief for a number of conditions, including chronic pain, neurologic conditions, infections and headaches, among others. It is gentle and safe for all ages, from newborns to the elderly. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

"Wasted! The Story of Food Waste." This film aims to change the way people buy, cook, recycle and eat food. Through the eyes of chef-heroes like Anthony Bourdain, Dan Barber, Massimo Bottura, and Danny Bowien, audiences will see how

the world's most influential chefs make the most of every kind of food, transforming what most people consider scraps into delectable dishes that create a more secure food system. Interviews with leading food activists expose the criminality of food waste and how it's directly contributing to climate change, and show us how we can make small changes – all of them delicious – to solve one of the greatest problems of the 21st century. Followed by a Q&A with Leslie Gordon, president and CEO of Food Bank for Westchester, and Bob Silvia, director of Operations for Food Sourcing. Part of the Global Watch: Culture, Crisis & Human Rights series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Friday, Mar. 9

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group. Receive the emotional, educational and social support needed to successfully care for someone with dementia. Sponsored by Phelps, The Alzheimer's Association and the Visiting Nurse Association of the Hudson Valley. Phelps Hospital, Room 545, 755 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 10 a.m. to noon. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail ewoods3@northwell.edu.

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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. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Friday Night Cinema: "The September Issue." This 2009 documentary looks at the daily workings of fashion publications by focusing on the creating of the September 2007 issue of Vogue magazine, as it was steered by editor-in-chief Anna Wintour from a loose group of concepts to a tightly conceived issue. Equally feared and revered in fashion circles, Wintour as the power to make or break careers in all aspects of the international fashion industry. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East,

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New Water Rates Based on Consumption Approved in Mt. Pleasant

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Pleasant Town Board voted unanimously last week to change how its property owners are charged for water to what officials believe will be a more equitable system.

Last year, the town installed a tiered system to charge customers based on consumption in its 10 water districts. Tier 1 is for property owners who use up to 15,000 gallons of water per quarter; Tier 2 is for property owners who use 15,001 to 30,000 gallons per quarter; and Tier 3 is for property owners who use more than 30,000 gallons per quarter.

The new rates, which are retroactive to Jan. 1, have a wide range. The lowest rates are in the Pleasant Ridge Water District, where residents will be charged \$3.88 for each 1,000 gallons of water consumers for Tier 1, \$4.18 for Tier 2 and \$4.59 for Tier 3. The highest rate is in the Mill River Road Water District that will see its residents charged \$14.56 per 1,000 gallons for Tier 1; \$16.38 for Tier 2 and \$17.68 for Tier 3.

Previously flat rates were used, but the tiered system was instituted to encourage conservation and reduce the costs Mount Pleasant has to pay New York City and other sources for its water, said Town Engineer David Smyth.

During the Feb. 27 public hearing, Pocantico Water District resident Lee Parker asked why the rates differ in each

district. Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said Mount Pleasant purchases water from New York City, Greenburgh, Pleasantville, Briarcliff Manor and North Castle and each municipality charges different rates. Furthermore, some districts use more water than others, which could be a result of having a greater number of commercial properties, which typically consume more than residences, Smyth said.

Parker also asked whether each customer's

bill would provide information about usage. Residents can obtain consumption figures through the town's app or website once they create an account, said Councilman Nicholas DiPaolo.

Expenses also vary for each district, which also affects cost, according to Smyth. The Kensico Water District, for example, is required by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection to complete annual water testing.

Smaller households and those that conserve water will see the biggest savings, Fulgenzi said.

"I hope everyone can be patient during the transition, there will be some hiccups along the way but once it is established it will be a great system for all the residents who take advantage of the app and its resources," he said.

Mount Kisco Advances Environmental Protection Measures

By Neal Rentz

Two efforts to protect the environment made headway last week in Mount Kisco.

The Village Board unanimously voted to close public comments on legislation that would impose penalties for anyone committing violations in conservations areas. Trustees also approved to incorporate a Natural Resources Inventory into the village code.

During a Feb. 26 public hearing, all speakers supported legislation to specify penalties for those who pollute in conservation areas. The first offense could carry a fine of at least \$250, with minimum \$1,000 fines for subsequent offenses. Those found guilty can also be sentenced to jail time.

"We have rules and regulations that protect our conservation areas," Mayor Gina Picinich said.

Village Historian Harry McCartney, a member of the Trail Team, which has been developing historic trails in the village, said the legislation would help the Historical Society protect them. Members inspect the trails at least once a week to make sure they are being maintained.

John Rhodes, another Trail Team member, thanked officials for creating the legislation. However, Rhodes said enacting the ordinance won't help unless the law is enforced. Individuals who drink, camp out or throw trash on the trails must face penalties for their misconduct, he said.

"We need some sort of regular police presence," said Rhodes.

Community service, including participation in clean ups, should be an alternative sentencing option for the village justices in some circumstances, he added.

In addition to the trails, Mount Kisco's

conservation areas include lakes, ponds, pools, rivers, brooks or other bodies of water.

The Village Board agreed to accept written comments for 30 days following the hearing's closure last Monday.

"I think this is a great addition to the law," Trustee Isi Albanese said.

Trustees also approved incorporating a natural resources inventory into the Village Code. It will serve as a catalogue of Mount Kisco's natural resources, Picinich said. The Planning Board can refer to the inventory during the review process for projects requiring an Environmental Impact Statement.

The Mount Kisco Conservation Advisory Council and Jim Nordgren of JN Land Trust Services assisted the committee in creating the document.

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Always Make Sure Your Investments Are 'Best in Show'

Last month, Madison Square Garden hosted the 142nd annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, a menagerie of some 200 varieties of four-legged fun. From the coifed black poodles to the fluffy sheepdogs to the Siberian huskies with their striking blue eyes, the breeds represented every size, shape, color and temperament of man's best friend. It's fascinating to see the extraordinary variety presented in the show.

Lack of variation in a species can lead to extinction, as it limits the ability to adapt to changing conditions, whereas a healthy population is one with variability. In other words, diversity can breed hardiness and durability.

Financial advisers might say that the same is true of a portfolio: uniformity may lead to underperformance, whereas diversity can be key to durability. So how to go about creating a portfolio that wins "best in show?"

Start by laying a solid foundation. Over the long run, it's just as important not to lose money as it is to make

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money, so build a foundation with an asset class that is stable – perhaps a class that can grow with minimal tax impact.

A combination of domestic and emerging market securities may be called for. Investigate companies that have a strong history of paying dividends. Research their potential for long-term growth.

When deciding how to build your portfolio, consider your tolerance for risk. How far in the future are your financial milestones? What are your liquidity needs? There is a huge difference between purchasing an engagement ring in the next few months and funding a retirement that is decades away.

While investing in emerging markets may be a great way to diversify a portfolio, be aware that the risk varies widely from country to country. Consider using an active manager to help navigate this investment category.

Just as one of the categories at Westminster is the working group, investors should make their portfolios work for

them. By now, many investors have learned the importance of maxing out their employer's matching 401(k) plan, which dollar for dollar may be one of the best investments available to an investor.

There are benefits to consider when it comes to the Roth IRA, too. Its funds can be used for college tuition, medical expenses, medical insurance premiums or even to fund other investments such as stocks and bonds. And, after age 59½, withdrawals typically are tax free.

What about making your emergency reserve work for you? Your emergency fund may cover unforeseen events such as unexpected home repairs or health crises that prevent you from working. Instead of leaving your emergency cash in the proverbial cookie jar, why not invest it? Assuming, of course, that it remains liquid: easily and quickly accessible.

Finally – assuming you can tolerate the risk – your portfolio might benefit from



By Peter Chieco

the equivalent of the toy group: a small, fun, added investment in a "pet" industry that doesn't necessarily do the hard work over the long haul, but may potentially result in unexpected rewards nonetheless.

Whichever way in which you decide to construct or add to a portfolio, be prepared for a bumpy ride in the markets, as plunges such as the ones seen recently may trigger increased volatility in the aftermath. The good news, though, is that some analysts predict a possibility of better-than-average 12-month returns.

Just as there is a breed of dog that fits any individual family, your portfolio should be equally tailored to satisfy your short and long-term objectives, a hardworking portfolio that just may be an overall winner.

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Harlem Fine Arts Show Returns to White Plains

The Harlem Fine Arts Show, a prestigious collection of paintings, photographs, books and sculptures by African-American artists, will return to White Plains for its seventh year this Thursday, Mar. 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Reckson Metro Center, 360 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains. The donation for admission is \$25 and light refreshments will be served.

The exhibit will showcase artists and authors from the New York area. This year's show will include Woodrow Nash sculptures and artwork of legendary South African artist Ndabuko Ntuli, on exhibition and for sale.

Special recognition honorees are Kenny Lee, Stephen Morton, Harriet Cole and Tommy Moore.

Featured authors include Sarah Duckworth, Danielle Dorival, Jeffrey Craft and Bryan Collier.

Special Recognition Honorees

Jazz trumpeter Kenny Lee started his musical ambitions at an early age by playing trumpet in the White Plains elementary and high school jazz and marching bands. He received his first trumpet lesson from his father, who also played trumpet.

After graduating White Plains High School, Lee joined the Marines and played four years in the U.S. Marine Corps Band.

In October 1963, he joined the White Plains Police Department and retired in 1984 as detective, first grade. Lee then joined the Bank of New York as a criminal

investigator, retiring in 2002 as regional security manager.

Lee continued to play and later studied trumpet at the Westchester Conservatory of Music in White Plains. He has gained the respect of jazz musicians throughout Westchester, Connecticut and New York City and continues to perform at many clubs and restaurants throughout the tristate area with his band, the Kenny Lee Allstars.

Born in White Plains, Stephen Morton studied photography and cinema at Ohio State University. After receiving his degree, he returned to New York to be a professional photographer.

Over the years, Morton has developed a rich portfolio of images covering a broad range of subjects. He has created countless commercial images that were utilized by magazines, newspapers, corporations and government agencies. In addition, he has continuously expanded his collection of fine art images. Morton's unique captures of flowers, classic cars, fireworks and environmental portraiture demonstrates his passion for diverse art.

He is also an established fine art body paint artist, creating incredible works by first applying his distinct painting techniques to the human canvas, and then leveraging his vast knowledge of lighting and composition to capture abstract poses for his final images.

Stephen takes pride in his ability to mix two different artistic skills and create new works of art that crossover the traditional

mediums. He has successfully exhibited these special works of art in a few local galleries and most recently at his first solo show in Ossining.

Over the years he received multiple awards for his outstanding photography while enjoying the personal satisfaction of selling his fine art images around the country. His photographic work has been shown in numerous galleries over the years, including the Hudson River Museum, Gallery 66, and the OAC Gallery.

Harriette Cole was born in Baltimore. Her mother, Doris Freeland Cole, was an educator, and her father was the Honorable Harry A. Cole, Maryland's first African-American Republican assistant attorney general.

Cole is president and creative director of Harriette Cole Media, Inc. (formerly Profundities, Inc.), the life coaching, style and literary production company she founded in 1995. For nearly 20 years, Cole has offered media training services to a broad range of individuals and institutions. She has supported the development of artists for Universal Records, J Records, Motown, Warner Music and Def Jam and worked with entertainers including Latifah, JoJo, Alicia Keys, Mary J. Blige, Erykah Badu, Tamar, Carl Thomas, Shontelle, Hal Linton, Cara Salimando and Neon Hitch.

Cole is the nationally syndicated columnist of Sense and Sensitivity, an etiquette and relationship management

advice column targeting diverse audiences. She is also a bestselling author of seven books. During her tenure as creative director and then editor-in-chief of Ebony magazine, Cole produced covers and features on President Obama, Michelle Obama, Michael Jackson and Prince. Cole helped produced a television special about Prince that aired on The Africa Channel and was nominated for an NAACP Award. In 2012, Cole introduced her line of hand-crocheted accessories, 108 stitches, during New York Fashion Week.

Tommie Moore was born in Mullins, S.C. and relocated to New York at 13 years old with his mother. Moore started singing and playing the piano at eight. His mother was a pianist and singer and he followed in her footsteps. Relocating to White Plains, Moore had the opportunity to serve as a musician for Calvary Baptist Church.

Gospel Music has always been his love; he played throughout the metropolitan area in churches and at special events. He also played professionally with bands and groups throughout the 1950s. Moore performed with the Might Up Setters and they cut a record, "Hey Little Girl."

Because of his calling in life, Moore moved from R&B to devote his life completely to gospel music. He served as a Musician at Calvary Baptist Church for more than 40 years and currently plays for First Community Baptist Church in Greenburgh.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY OF DIVERSITY MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS LLC, a foreign limited liability company (LLC), Application of Authority led with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/1/2008. LLC organized in NJ on 10/12/2006. NY office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 256 Columbia Turnpike, North Tower, Suite 108A, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Office address in jurisdiction of organization: 256 Columbia Turnpike, North Tower, Suite 108A, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Copy of Articles of Organization on file with Secretary of State of NJ, **225 West State Street - 2nd Floor Trenton, NJ 08625-0307 Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose.**

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**

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No Travel Partner? No Problem if You Take the Right Steps

By Richard Levy

Taking a solo vacation is an empowering, mind-expanding experience.

However, it can be intimidating to go alone, perhaps even more so for women. If you've thought about but have never dared take a solo vacation, perhaps I can help convince you.

First, you must overcome the "solo stigma" of friends, family and office colleagues who might say, "You're going on vacation alone?" or "If I were you I wouldn't go alone. These these days it's not safe."

Don't be intimidated into avoiding a spectacular vacation because you don't have someone to travel with. Women, particularly, find that traveling alone offers them an incredible sense of liberation from their daily routine, allowing them to do exactly what they want to do, when they want to do it.

When going solo you don't have to forgo your preferences in deference to those of your traveling mate whose thoughts you must respect and consider.



By Richard Levy

You can be you. The advantage of traveling alone is the ability to change your plans. You're free to wander aimlessly or get lost on purpose in an interesting city. Collapse in an outdoor café and linger over a glass of wine, and when nobody's looking, toast yourself for having the nerve to go solo. You never have to make plans for lunch or dinner, you eat when you get hungry.

But take heed, when going solo always walk confidently with your head up, look as if you know where you're going. Blend in with local folks, which will keep you anonymous. Leave designer fashions, flashy jewelry and expensive handbags at home. Take a small backpack so your arms are always free. Don't walk around with your face stuck in a guide book or map.

Where to go on your first solo adventure? The safest destinations include Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Iceland, Lisbon, Budapest. Choose hotels in busy downtown areas. Let the night person at your hotel desk know where

you're going. Take a hotel card to give your taxi driver. Keep a copy of your passport and credit cards in your suitcase as back up.

Always take your cell phone, and make sure it's charged. Eat in restaurants in busy parts of town. For women, how to deal with badgering men? Pick up an inexpensive wedding band and wear it on your trip. (It always works!) Never put yourself in a compromising situation. Even when approached by someone who appears charming with a sexy foreign accent, discourage his advances. He could be a predator on the prowl for women traveling alone.

Wear sunglasses to avoid making eye contact; guys can misinterpret your look.

If things ever get out of hand, be affirmative, raise your voice and look threatening. This will attract attention and discourage further badgering. When local folks see a woman alone in duress, they rise to the occasion. But if you would welcome an evening of romance, there are safe venues: At breakfast in your hotel's dining room, in an upscale restaurant if there's an attractive guy

at a nearby table who's also alone or by someone on your city bus tour.

Always trust your instincts. If you feel comfortable, "Carpe Diem." You might end up spending a very memorable, romantic evening. Just think what a titillating story you'll have to share at the office. So, just do it.

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HISTORY MATTERS

By Edward Goralski

Time Marches On. When thinking of events in March, St. Patrick's Day and the start of spring come to mind. However, many important events have occurred during March through the years. This week's quiz will test your knowledge of the month's historical happenings. Ready, get marching.

- On March 4, 1918, the "Spanish" flu breaks out at Fort Riley in which US State?
A) Kansas B) Oklahoma C) Texas
- Lasting from March 11 to 14, 1888, the "Great Blizzard of '88" dumped how many record inches of snow on Saratoga Springs, NY during the storm?
A) 46 B) 58 C) 62
- Which planet, the only one named for a Greek god rather than a Roman one, was discovered by Sir William Herschel on March 13, 1781?
A) Neptune B) Uranus C) Jupiter
- Lucy Hobbs, born on March 14, 1833, was the first American woman to earn a degree in what field?
A) veterinary medicine B) psychiatry C) dentistry
- What organization for girls was incorporated on March 17, 1912?
A) Bee-Hive Girls B) Brownies C) Camp Fire Girls
- On March 23, 1775, what American patriot delivered the famous "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech in Richmond, VA?
A) Patrick Henry B) Thomas Jefferson C) Nathan Hale
- The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in New York City on March 25, 1911 caused how many deaths?
A) 146 B) 95 C) 43
- How many symphonies did Franz Joseph Haydn, born March 31, 1732, and known as the "Father of the Symphony" write in his lifetime?
A) 58 B) 84 C) 107

ANSWERS:

- A. The outbreak was traced to Private Albert Gitchell.
- B. Gravesend, NY recorded the highest snow drift from the storm at 52 feet.
- B. The name comes from Uranus, who personified the sky in Greek mythology.
- C. Hobbs graduated from the Ohio College of Dental Surgery in 1866.
- C. Boys were first admitted in 1975, and since 2012 it is known as Camp Fire Virginia.
- A. The speech was delivered at the Second Virginia Convention.
- A. The 123 women and 23 men killed ranged in age from 14 to 43.
- C. Also the "Father of the String Quartet" Haydn wrote 84 string quartets.

Happenings

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Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

A Musical Mélange: The Hoff-Barthelson Music School Faculty in Concert. Members of Hoff-Barthelson Music School's faculty perform great vocal jazz alongside the vocal joys of Debussy, chamber works for flute trio, a sonata for viola and a woodwind sextet. Included on the program are jazz favorites "I'm Old Fashioned," "Scat for Cats," "My One and Only Love" and the ever popular "Route 66;" Debussy's masterfully nuanced settings of Paul Verlaine's poems "Ariettes oubliées;" Carl Maria von Weber's "Trio in G minor, Opus 63;" "Sonata No. 1 for Viola and Piano," by Bohuslav Martinů; and "Summer Shimmers," a sextet for woodwinds and piano by Pulitzer Prize-winning contemporary composer Jennifer Higdon. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 7:30 p.m. \$20, Seniors (65 and up): \$15. Students: Free. Info and tickets: 914-723-1169 or e-mail hb@hbms.org.

Edwin McCain in Concert. This soulful Greenville, S.C.-based singer-songwriter with roots in folk, pop and Americana rose to fame with his hit song "I'll Be." Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 8 p.m. \$28 to \$73. Info and tickets: Visit www.chappaquapac.org.

Saturday, Mar. 10

Family Resource Day. The Arc Westchester, a leader in providing innovative supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, invites families of these individuals to attend this annual event. The day begins with a keynote presentation from James Moran, executive director of Care Design New York, who will discuss the shift of Medicaid service coordination to care coordination that is scheduled to begin on July 1. Following the keynote there will be three additional sessions – Supported Decision Making, a summary of alternatives to guardianship, including the Supported Decision-Making New York Pilot Project; Will Self-Direction Work for Me? Which will provide an overview and examples of self-directed services; and OPWDD's Front Door Process, a walkthrough on assessing services. (This seminar will fulfill the required two-hour class for families seeking eligibility and services.) Arc Westchester's Gleason-Israel Gateway Center, 265 Saw Mill River Rd., Hawthorne. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-495-4531 or visit www.arcwestchester.org/family-resource-day-2018.

Pleasantville Farmers Market. The largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, and the one voted "Best of Westchester" from 2014 to 2017. The

market provides a delicious good time each Saturday. Pleasantville Middle School cafeteria, 40 Romer Ave., Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Mar. 31. The market will begin its outdoor season on Apr. 7 at Memorial Plaza. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

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

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

Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators Westchester's Open Meeting. A meeting for children's writers and/or illustrators or those interested in finding out more about writing and illustrating children's books from baby to young adult. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail Gina Carey at westchester-ra@scbwi.org or Kimberly Marcus at westchester-ara@scbwi.org.

Sarah Chang: "Viva Piazzolla!" Recognized as one of the foremost violinists of our time, Chang has performed with the most esteemed orchestras, conductors and accompanists in an international career spanning more than two decades. Since her debut with the New York Philharmonic at eight years old, she has continued to impress audiences with her technical virtuosity and refined emotional depth. Chang performs a program featuring some of her signature pieces. With Adam Millstein and Nigel Armstrong, violin, Michael Casimir, viola, Christine Lamprea, cello, and Nathan Farrington, double bass. Purchase College's Concert Hall, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$42.50, \$60, \$75 and \$80. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit www.artscenter.org.

Andy Borowitz: "Make America Not Embarrassing Again." The New York Times best-selling author and comedian who has written for The New Yorker since 1998 is taking his satirical news column on the road. Join Borowitz for an evening of conversation and an audience Q&A hosted by Peter D. Kramer of The Journal News. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$55 and \$65. VIP Package: \$150. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Music and Miles: Changing Minds Presents "Living Proof." The Lagond Music School and The Mental Health

Association of Westchester, presents a multi-art, eye-opening evening of energizing performances. An evening of expressive arts, this program will feature individuals sharing their personal and inspiring stories of resilience, recovery and mental health challenges and will showcase authentic slices of life from people who are finding ways to rise above their darkest moments and live life with confidence, meaning and purpose. All proceeds to benefit the Miles Applebaum Music Scholarship Fund. Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. \$100. Students (21 and under): \$40. Info: Visit www.musicandmiles.org. Tickets: Visit www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3233124.

Sunday, Mar. 11

Feeding Fun. Join the center's naturalists for a hands-on program and learn about the care that goes into feeding indoor animals as well as the birds of prey and barnyard. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: Free. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

The Irish Dance Spectacular. A tale of good versus evil, love and salvation, is told through Irish step dancing with the world-class troupe Rhythm in the Night. This epic 90-minute journey features amazing footwork as the protagonist seeks to find his way out of a dark world. The battle scenes are powerful with their lightning fast rhythms as an age-old art form turns into an Irish dance spectacular, a grand and glorious adventure to thrill audiences of all ages. Westchester Community College's Academic Arts Theatre, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 3 p.m. \$24. Seniors \$22. Children (under 13): \$18. Info and tickets: 914-606-6262 or visit www.sunywcc.edu/smartarts.

Salsa Social. Come and learn how to Salsa. A fun and exciting workout. Singles or couples; no partner necessary. Josie's School of Dance, 42 Memorial Plaza, Level B, Pleasantville. 5 to 9 p.m. Intro lesson at 4:30 p.m. \$10 admission. Dinner: \$6. Second Sunday of every month. Info: 914-332-8670.

Holy Innocents Lecture Series: "People, Look East, The History and Traditions of the Eastern Catholic Churches." Few people know that the Catholic Church is actually a family of 23 churches in full communion with one another, and united in faith and charity with the Pope. While the Roman Catholic Church is by far the largest of these communities of faith, Eastern Catholics make up smaller but by no means any less ancient or Catholic churches, with their own historic rites, liturgies and cultures that date to the time of the apostles. The guest speaker will be Deacon Greg Kandra. Holy Innocents Church Social Hall, 431 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Free.

Monday, Mar. 12

Master Networker Meeting. Join this high-energy interactive membership network of learning-based, service-oriented entrepreneurs and business leaders. Come be a guest any Wednesday to learn more about this world-class business training and referral program. 719 Bedford Rd., Bedford Hills (next to ShopRite). 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: Contact Tina Campbell at 914-441-1383 or e-mail tinacampbell@masternetworks.net or just drop in.

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

2018 Spring Landscape Conference: The Future of Native Trees. Native trees are extremely valuable in the landscape, serving as the backbone of design while supporting wildlife, providing shade, absorbing rainwater and carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. Yet these ecosystem services are at risk, as many species of trees are in trouble due to disease, pests, climate change and other pressures. Discover the importance of native trees, the threats they face, efforts to protect them and what you can do to strengthen their resilience. Includes continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments. Professional credits can be earned. Westchester Community College's Classroom Building, Room 200, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Native Plant Center members who do not need professional credits: \$85. Members seeking professional credits: \$135. Non-members: \$165. Registration required. Info: Contact Susan Palmer at 914-606-7870 or www.nativeplant@sunywcc.edu. Registration: Visit www.mysunywcc.org/2018LC.

Foreign Policy Discussion Group. Today's discussion is on Trump's economic nationalism, what it means for U.S. trade and immigration policy. Guest speaker (via Skype) Edward Alden is the Bernard L. Schwartz senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, specializing in U.S. economic competitiveness. He is the author of the new book "Failure to Adjust: How Americans Got Left Behind in the Global Economy." Discussion led by Richard Dye. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Here We Are Together: Story Time for Children. From newborns to school-age children, with a parent or caregiver. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberal.org.

Experiencing Fermented Beverages at This Weekend's HV Fermented



By Nick Antonaccio

Fermented. More and more, we enjoy foods produced as a result of fermentation.

From early morning to late evening, fermented foods are a natural component of our diet and a means to achieve optimum health.

In its most elemental form, the process of fermentation is the interaction of yeast or bacteria to convert sugars or to kill harmful bacteria. Through the ages, humankind has been able to overcome adverse conditions through the preparation of fermented foods.

Ancient water supplies were dangerous to consume; wine was created to kill off the harmful bacteria present in water. Likewise, drinking potable water was a constant concern among sailors on the high seas; the Portuguese and Spaniards produced Port and Sherry to consume in lieu of contaminated water.

There are two forms of fermentation: lactic acid and alcohol.

Lactic acid fermentation is the process utilized in preserving many foods. The interaction of salt, yeast and healthy bacteria (probiotics) produce what are commonly termed preserved foods.

Alcoholic fermentation is the process by which natural or inoculated yeast breaks down the sugars and carbohydrates in fruit, converting them to alcohol.

In some form, each of us ingests one or more fermented foods each day. For breakfast, many enjoy yogurt with the "Live & Active Cultures" seal on the container, assuring about 17 billion probiotic cultures in a six-ounce container. Others may enjoy breakfast with their cup of fermented coffee beans.

With dinner, a glass or two of fermented grape juice or perhaps a bottle of fermented malted barley or wheat seems to be increasingly popular. And why not top off dinner with a dessert of fermented cocoa beans?

The inspiration for this week's column is an organization and an individual who recognize the growing popularity of consuming fermented products; in this instance drinks produced by alcoholic fermentation.

This Saturday, March 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Kessel Student Center on the Pleasantville campus of Pace University, the Pleasantville Rotary Club is presenting its second annual Hudson Valley Fermented food and beverage fest. Proceeds support Rotary initiatives, primarily in the local communities.

Event Chair Henry Leyva and his team have assembled an impressive array of craft

producers. With a focus on Hudson Valley and New York State products, eventgoers will be able to sample craft beers, artisanal wines and ciders and several local distilled spirits. Local restaurants will supplement the beverages.

There are several unique aspects of HV Fermented, as it is dubbed.

1. For the first time that I'm aware of, multiple fermented beverages are being offered at the same venue, with stations manned by owners or their knowledgeable representatives. Rather than wandering aimlessly through a myriad of shelves at local retail establishments, attendees will have the benefit of a carefully curated list of hand-selected beverages, all of which are available for purchase or order at the event.
2. VIP tickets are available for \$75, which permit early access to the event. For one hour prior to general admission (\$55 per ticket), VIPs will sample all beverages, chat with brewery, winery and distillery representatives and enjoy the local food, all in a private, intimate atmosphere.
3. Each of the dozen or more beer stations will offer at least two products and several will be pouring limited production brews.
4. The wine stations, organized and

managed by Thierry Pradines, proprietor of Best Wine Purveyors, a popular wine shop in Pleasantville, will be offering about 50 wines and spirits from at least 16 wineries and distilleries.

5. Local restaurants – 13 at press time – will present a broad array of cuisines and beverage-friendly dishes.

Leyva is enticing folks to come to HV

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Fermented "to sample all this in one place for four hours and have a blast." I'll be there, filming the event, to be aired on Pleasantville Community Television (PCTV). You may view a promo on the PCTV website featuring myself, Leyva and

Thierry at www.pctv76.org/video/2357/.

For more information on participating vendors and to purchase tickets, visit www.HVFermented.com or contact the organizers at HVFermented@gmail.com

See you there!

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