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## Residents Step Up Pressure on County to Investigate Airport Noise

By Martin Wilbur

County Executive George Latimer pledged to investigate why aggravating noise levels have increased at Westchester County Airport after an explosion of complaints from residents in New Castle and communities in close proximity to the site.

Latimer, appearing with County Legislator Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) at his latest public forum in Chappaqua on Saturday morning, said his office and the Board of Legislators are devising a strategy to address the reasons behind airplane noise that has reached intolerable levels for some residents in the past year or two.

The dilemma facing residents and officials is that while the county has jurisdiction over the operation of the facility, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has authority over

air travel. That could limit mitigation efforts unless Westchester can enlist its congressional representatives and convince the agency to make changes to flight patterns, altitude of approaching planes or other variables that could be having an impact, Latimer said.

"I don't believe that the complaints about noise are irrelevant. I believe they're real," Latimer said. "During my tenure as county legislator, I represented a community along the Sound Shore and everything you're saying are things I heard from people in communities that I represented."

Latimer said that there are four major issues the county must address in hopes of tackling the problem: handling the Master Plan for the facility; deciding whether governance of the airport should continue by the county, a private

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## Mayer Fends Off Critics in Senate Sexual Harassment Allegations

By Martin Wilbur

Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer (D-Yonkers) defended her actions following a published report last Friday that she failed to help two women who were sexually harassed by their male bosses while working in the state Senate.

The New York Daily News reported Apr. 13 that the women, Julia Lilkendey and Shana Wittenwyler, had reached out to Mayer hoping that she could assist them in her position as counsel for the Senate Democrats.

Mayer is in a hotly contested race against Republican Julie Killian in next Tuesday's special election in the 37th Senate District. Since 2012, Mayer has been serving in the state Assembly in the 90th District.

Wittenwyler began working for the Senate in 2005 and had been transferred to the Senate's media department in 2008, before leaving in 2011, according to The Daily News. Lilkendey still works for the Senate.

"She was in a position to help all of us and didn't," Wittenwyler was quoted in the Daily News article about Mayer.

Mayer said on Sunday that she tried to help both women but the policy that remains in place required the complaint to be brought to the attention of the Senate secretary. When the allegations were made in 2009, Angelo Aponte held that post.

"I brought (the allegations) to the attention of the only person who had the responsibility and the authority," Mayer

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## Inside Looking Out



LYNDA SHENKMAN PHOTO

Golden Globe, Emmy Award and SAG Award-winning actress Edie Falco, best known for her roles in HBO's "The Sopranos" and Showtime's "Nurse Jackie," stopped by the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville Sunday for a screening of her new movie "Outside In." The film is directed by the acclaimed Lynn Shelton.

## Chocolate Makers Looking to Move Into Mount Kisco

By Neal Rentz

A pair of brothers from Bedford is proposing to open their second chocolate factory and shop in Mount Kisco.

Rick and Michael Mast, who founded Mast Chocolate, are planning to bring their company to 92 S. Moger Ave. if they can obtain site plan approval and a special use permit.

The company, which has its other location in Brooklyn, has been at the forefront of a movement favoring simple ingredients, sustainable sourcing, traditional processing and beautiful design.

Mast specializes in dark, milk, sea salt, almond butter and goat milk chocolate bars.

"This is a fairly simple application,"

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Bedford residents Rick Mast, above, and his brother Michael are proposing to open a second location of the Mast Chocolate shop and candy manufacturing facility on South Moger Avenue in Mount Kisco.

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entity or a partnership; its operation, which includes flights and the types of aircraft; and what type of oversight from citizens is needed.

The county has to decide how to handle an approaching deadline to submit an airport master plan. Latimer said that a grant obtained by Westchester five or six years ago would have to be repaid to the federal government if a plan is not forwarded to the FAA by July 15.

Latimer also said he wants to ensure that each one of the five towns closest to the airport – New Castle, North Castle, Mount Pleasant, Rye and Harrison – each has a representative on the Airport Advisory Council. Currently, a few of these municipalities, including New Castle, do not have a representative on the council.

“We haven’t finalized our plans in these four areas and we owe it to the Board of Legislators to sit and dialogue with them about it,” Latimer said.

Increasing complaints from residents have been noted on social media despite minimal changes in the number of flights. Last Tuesday night, the New

Castle Town Board devoted more than an hour to discussing the issue with residents about how to address the suddenly-escalating barrage of noise.

During Saturday’s 90-minute forum, the airport noise issue dominated discussion.

Pleasantville resident Janet Silverman, who grew up a few miles from Kennedy Airport, said she works from home and frequently has to interrupt calls and other tasks because of the loud planes approaching Westchester County Airport.

“I feel like I’ve regressed to being a kid and every time I turn around there’s a plane coming in,” Silverman said.

A Mount Pleasant resident said she has lived in her house since 1974 and today’s airplanes fly lower and are louder, including at all hours of the night.

“I hear them at three, four o’clock in the morning,” the woman said. “These are not commercial flights. The windows shake. I have lived there for over 40 years. It’s terrifying. It sounds like we’re being invaded.”

Kaplowitz and Latimer agreed that there are is large amount of information

that the county must obtain, such as the types of aircraft being used for the large number of private flights and why planes are apparently louder.

Kaplowitz recited data from the airport showing a recent slight uptick in air traffic, but he said that doesn’t explain the widespread complaints. In 2000, there were 187,660 flights to and from Westchester County Airport, which dropped to about 137,000 in 2014. There were 147,516 flights last year.

Commercial flights continue to drop, Kaplowitz said. In 2000, there were 43,808 commercial flights compared to about 23,000 currently.

However, when an aircraft approaches Runway 16, the second most used runway at the airport that is often put into use in bad weather, the planes come directly over western New Castle, he said.

“It’s not only the numbers, but could it be that the altitude is such that the noise is louder, the distance between the home and the plane has somehow constricted and could that be because of laziness, convenience,” Kaplowitz said. “I don’t know what it is. Would that

have generated greater noise?”

Jonathan Wang, chairman of Citizens for a Responsible County Airport, a grassroots watchdog group who attended New Castle’s Apr. 10 work session, said changing leases for some of the private fixed-base carriers might also be having an impact. In May 2016, the Board of Legislators agreed to a lease revision for Million Air, one of the private fixed-based operators at the airport, that waived the 12,500-pound limit for aircraft and allowed them to build a 70,000-square-foot hangar.

Kaplowitz said the county will be reaching out to its congressional contingent to delve into the issues, which also include well testing near the airport.

“We have a chance to take a fresh look with a new administration at a very intractable problem to see if we can, with our federal partners” improve the situation, Kaplowitz said.

Latimer said he expects to have more information on the key issues surrounding the airport sometime next month.

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# Mayer Fends Off Critics in Senate Sexual Harassment Allegations

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said. "It was out of my department. It wasn't my job. But that's not to defend it. I would have done as much as I could and I did as much as I could and I wish he had taken action. He should have taken action, that's what he should have

done."

Mayer, who said she believed the two womens' claims, mentioned that despite the increasing focus on sexual harassment in the workplace, the policy that one person has the responsibility to enforce disciplinary matters in the

Senate is out of date. Because the Senate secretary works for the senators, there's an inherent conflict, she said.

"I believe we have to get rid of the Senate policy that vests the power to someone who knows every senator, whose salary is dependent on them," Mayer said.

Despite her explanations, Killian and state Republicans jumped on the opportunity, suggesting Mayer is hypocritical for claiming that she supports women's issues but did virtually nothing to help the two female staffers.

Within hours of the Daily News article being published, Killian called on Mayer to resign her Assembly seat and drop out of the Senate race while state Republicans also ramped up tough language.

"By allowing the sexual harassment of two women who were seeking her help to continue until after the next election, Shelley Mayer has conclusively demonstrated that she does not possess the character or moral compass to continue serving in the State Legislature," Killian said in a statement.

"Shelley Mayer's pattern of choosing politics over the victims of sexual harassment and violence is indefensible," Killian continued. "The

sexual harassment and abuse of women will not stop until the enabling has stopped. Shelley Mayer's conduct is completely unacceptable and cannot stand. Shelley Mayer should resign her seat in the Assembly immediately and end her campaign for State Senate."

Over the weekend, the state Republican Committee was calling on Gov. Andrew Cuomo to rescind his endorsement of Mayer, saying she is unfit for public office.

"These revelations disqualify Shelley Mayer for public office; Governor Cuomo should be rescinding his endorsement and condemning her actions, not standing with her," said state GOP spokeswoman Jessica Proud. "Voters should be outraged at their coordinated effort to brush these victims' horrifying experience under the rug. New Yorkers deserve action."

Mayer said it's shameful that her opponent and the Republicans have jumped on the issue for political gain. She said the reason why the women initially came to her was her strong reputation and she was frustrated that she wasn't successful in having action taken.

"It does not speak well of them that that have used this for really something that is very ugly and partisan," Mayer said.

## Chocolate Makers Looking to Move Into Mount Kisco

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said Scott Blakely, senior vice president and principal landscape architect for Insite Engineering.

Rick Mast said the public would be able to watch chocolate being made during tours. He said he and his brother take pride in their creations and the quality of their chocolate.

"We literally go through every bean by hand," he said.

The space has two mezzanines that could be used for storage, Blakely said. He added the building has no site plan filed with the village.

Blakely said he was uncertain about the interior measurements of the proposed store and chocolate manufacturing facility but would report back to the Planning Board with that information.

Mast said he expected that delivery trucks would come to the facility three times a week.

Various community events are hosted at their Brooklyn location, including arts events, and similar functions would be scheduled for Mount Kisco.

"Being part of the community has always been part of our DNA," Rick Mast said.

Some of the Mount Kisco Planning Board members praised the proposal.

"This is the type of use we've been looking for," Vice Chairman John Bainlardi said.

The Planning Board voted unanimously to schedule a public hearing on the application for Tuesday, May 8.



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# County to Start Miller House Restoration in October

By Martin Wilbur

After more than a decade of waiting, history lovers can rejoice that Westchester County will be moving forward with the restoration of the Elijah Miller House/Washington's Headquarters in North White Plains later this year.

County Parks, Recreation and Conservation Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor said the groundbreaking for the roughly \$2 million project should occur in October.

O'Connor, who appeared at last Wednesday's North Castle Town Board meeting with project architect John Levy and Jason Klein, the county's director of conservation, said she was "thrilled" that the 280-year-old house will receive the attention that it deserves. It is expected to reopen to the public in late 2019.

"We have what we have right now and it's incumbent upon us to do what we have to do to make things even better than they are right now for our children and grandchildren," O'Connor said.

The house at 140 Virginia Rd. was where George Washington was headquartered during the Battle of White Plains in October 1776. The county has owned the property since 1917, and for many years allowed visitors and provided tours. However, within the past 15 years the house fell into disrepair

and had to be closed with the prospect of an expensive repair project.

Levy said restoration of the house will include supplementing the roof with timbers that have been culled from other 18th century structures.

Crews will even out the foundation because roots from a tree are lifting up one corner of the house. There will also be an upgrade to the back of the house, he said.

A visitor's center of a little more than 500 square feet will resemble an 18th century schoolhouse that will also include a bathroom, storage room and mechanical room, Levy said.

"Basically, the house is in remarkably good condition," Levy said. "It needs a lot of tender loving care, which is easy to do. There are a lot of superb contractors we hope to get involved in this project who will be sensitive to the building's history. It should be a very exciting project and we hope to bring it back to the condition and the luster that it once was."

An area adjacent to the house will serve as a parking lot that may be able to accommodate up to a dozen cars, he said. School buses will be able to use the lot.

O'Connor said that while the outside of the house needs work, the protective tarp that was placed over the roof shielded the interior from much



The Elijah Miller House/Washington's Headquarters will be refurbished and is expected to be reopened to the public by late 2019.

damage. She said she has been inside the house and is in good shape considering its age.

Town officials and members of the North Castle Historical Society, Elijah Miller House Committee and Friends of Miller House expressed gratitude that the long wait for the house's restoration is ending.

"This is very exciting, certainly exciting for me personally, all the years it's been going on," Supervisor Michael Schiliro said at last Wednesday's Town Board meeting. "For a lot of people in the audience it's a very exciting time."

"I'm just really happy that we can go forward," added Linda Fernberg,

president of the Friends of Miller House.

County Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant) said she was pleased that the restoration will come to fruition and was thankful for all the help from the community and the county. She thanked Schiliro and the Town Board for being receptive to a previous proposal to transfer title of the property to the town if a resolution wasn't reached.

"Supervisor Schiliro, without your open-mindedness in the previous two years to get the ball rolling we wouldn't be at this point to be able to pick up with the new administration at the helm," Cunzio said.

A \$250,000 state grant was obtained by Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) that will be used toward the work.



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# Bedford Adopts \$135M School Budget; Complies With Tax Cap

The Bedford Central School District Board of Education adopted a \$135 million budget last week for 2018-19, which complies with the tax cap while allotting funds for much-needed capital maintenance.

The budget will increase spending by \$6,207,155, or 4.81 percent over the current year.

Under the plan, Bedford will have a .99 percent tax levy increase, easily under the district's 2.99 percent tax cap ceiling for the upcoming year. Administrators

last week had yet to calculate the tax rate increase.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christopher Manno informed the board last Wednesday that the district will receive \$248,494 more in state aid than had originally been projected. It will now receive \$7,545,656 from the state next year.

The additional state aid will be used toward the restructuring of the Special Education Department, to add a .5 district accountant and \$150,000 for

enhancing security at Fox Lane Middle School.

The budget marks a significant fiscal turnaround for the Bedford Central School District from a few years ago. Bedford was named the third most fiscally stressed district in New York State for 2015-16 by the state comptroller's office.

As a result, two years ago the district was forced to cut 52 positions district-wide. In June 2016, the board appointed Manno as superintendent, who has

made budget innovation and fiscal responsibility a major priority.

Due to the district's tighter fiscal policy, this is the first proposed budget since the 2015-16 school year that has no staffing cuts.

Instead, Bedford will be adding 4.2 positions. Officials have added .5 librarians, increasing its staffing to three elementary librarians – one for Mount Kisco Elementary School and two shared between the district's four other elementary schools.

Mount Kisco Elementary School will also see the addition of an English as a Second Language teacher.

The greatest growth in positions will be for student support services. There will be the addition of one high school guidance counselor, one middle school dean and a .2 psychologist for the Hillside program.

About \$1.8 million will be allotted to support deferred repairs and maintenance projects district-wide. Unspent funds from this line would be placed in the reserves for repairs at the end of the year.

Voters will decide whether to accept the 2018-19 budget on Tuesday, May 15, the date of the board of education election.

## Contested Elections in Local Board of Education Races

At least three local districts will see contested elections in next month's Board of Education races.

Pleasantville, Mount Pleasant and Bedford school districts have at least one more candidate than seats available for the May 15 elections. Calls for information late Monday for the candidates in Chappaqua and Byram Hills were not immediately returned.

In Pleasantville, incumbents Emily Persons and Larry Boes will run for a

second term and be joined by challenger Keith Menig.

There was a healthy turnout of candidates in the Mount Pleasant School District, where five residents are running for three open seats. Incumbents Thomas McCabe, the current board president, and Vice President Colleen Scaglione Neglia are being challenged by Michael Griffin, Sara Beaty and Michael Horan.

The third incumbent, John Piazza, is not running for re-election.

In Bedford, there will be four candidates vying for two seats. Board President Brian Sheerin and fellow incumbent Collette Dow will be facing challengers Michael Baucher and Jennifer Kothari.

Last year, district voters approved a change in how candidates are elected in Bedford. Previously, board hopefuls had to declare which seat they were running for, but all seats are now contested at-large.

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# Councilman Rubeo Appointed Interim Mt. Pleasant Town Justice

By Neal Rentz

Mount Pleasant Councilman Mark Rubeo said it's a career goal for many attorneys to become a judge.

On June 1, Rubeo will get that opportunity.

The Mount Pleasant Town Board voted 4-0 last Tuesday night to appoint Rubeo as interim town justice. Rubeo recused himself from the vote.

He will replace Nicholas Maselli, who recently announced his resignation. Robert Ponzini is currently the second town justice.

Rubeo, 46, who practices general law out of his Hawthorne office and has been an attorney for more than 20 years, said many lawyers think about becoming a judge.

"You always look up to the judge for guidance," he said.

Rubeo, a member of the Town Board for eight years, said it was a difficult decision to relinquish his role as a local legislator to try something new. He has enjoyed working with current and former board colleagues, including former supervisor Joan Maybury.

"I'm very fond of my fellow council members," he said.

Prior to his election to the board, Rubeo served on the town Planning



Mount Pleasant Councilman Mark Rubeo was chosen to become interim town justice at the Apr. 10 Town Board meeting. Rubeo will move over to the bench on June 1.

Board for five years.

As a town justice, he will preside over a variety of cases such as traffic violations, small claims suits of \$3,000

or less and criminal misdemeanor cases.

Rubeo will fill the final seven months of Maselli's unexpired term, which runs through Dec. 31. He plans to run for the full four-year town justice term in November.

In addition to his law practice, Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said Rubeo's experience on the Town Board and Planning Board were assets he would bring to the town justice post.

"We're comfortable with his background and his demeanor, a lot of things that you want to see in a judge," Fulgenzi said.

Seven candidates applied for the post and all are "good quality people," he said.

"It was just that Mark stood out a little bit more," Fulgenzi said.

The Town Board is in the process of accepting resumes and letters of interest from town residents to fill Rubeo's Town Board seat. His current four-year term expires at the end of 2019. A special election will be held in November to fill the remainder of Rubeo's term.

Town justices in Mount Pleasant earn a \$58,000 salary, while a Town Board member receives a \$20,000 annual stipend.

Masselli submitted his letter of resignation last month, informing the Town Board he would step down after 12 years to spend more time with his family.

The Town of Mount Pleasant is accepting resumes for the town council position. The Town Board will be interviewing candidates shortly. Resumes and cover letters can be hand delivered to the supervisor's office at Town Hall, mailed to Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi, 1 Town Hall Plaza, Valhalla, N.Y. 10595, or e-mailed to cfulgenzi@mtpleasantny.com.

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# Mayer Excited About Chance to Make Leap to State Senate

By Martin Wilbur

When George Latimer won his race for county executive last fall, Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer began thinking about filling what would soon be a vacant 37th Senate District seat.

Mayer, 65, a Yonkers native and current resident who also lived in White Plains for 18 years, said her familiarity with the district, its residents and its challenges gives her a valuable perspective if she is elected in the Apr. 24 special election.

"I feel like I have a very good handle on what the issues are," said Mayer, an assemblywoman for the past six years after serving as chief counsel for the Senate Democrats and working for former attorney general Robert Abrams. "One, I thought I could win, and, two, I thought I could really achieve something trying to make a difference."

Mayer, a Democrat, will take on Republican Julie Killian of Rye next Tuesday to fill the remainder of Latimer's unexpired state Senate term.

Among Mayer's priorities is keeping the 37th Senate district and Westchester affordable, made more difficult by the new federal tax legislation that caps state and local property tax deductions at \$10,000, she said. A proponent of the state tax cap, Mayer said municipalities and school districts need to work together to find greater efficiencies to limit taxes.

An incremental plan to shift the



Shelley Mayer

county's share of Medicaid to the state is something that has begun and must continue. Beyond that, she said that Latimer has greater enthusiasm than former county executive Rob Astorino in the search for service sharing under Gov. Cuomo's Shared Services Initiative.

"I believe there are efficiencies that can be achieved that are at multiple levels of government, whether that's school districts or municipalities, and I think under George's leadership we're going to look for, more seriously, at ways to do that," Mayer said. "Legislators try to create

incentives for municipalities and school districts to do this – dollar incentives. You get more money if you get some savings. I think we need to push that agenda."

Mayer said she supports eliminating outdated state regulations that serve no purpose but doesn't care for the term mandate relief because there are many mandates – such as special education requirements – that most people agree with and make sense.

A major issue in Westchester has been that the county's grouping of the area-wage index costs many of the county's school districts hundreds of thousands of dollars in state aid compared to comparable districts in Long Island. Mayer said that it has become apparent that a Democratic Senate is likely needed to place the county in the same region as New York City and Long Island rather than the Hudson Valley region.

She also pointed to her advocacy for schools by fighting for millions in extra funding for Yonkers schools.

Bolstering the state's gun laws has taken on greater urgency since the February school shooting in Parkland, Fla., Mayer said. She was dismayed that the Republican-led Senate didn't bother voting on the set of Assembly bills that would have banned bump stocks, increased the waiting period from three to 10 days to buy a firearm, introduced the Extreme Risk Protection Order that

would create a mechanism to prohibit someone who's a danger from carrying a gun and a host of other measures.

She said that Killian is unlikely to support these bills despite her public comments. Earlier this session every Senate Republican was responsible for blocking the package of bills from even coming to a vote. Mayer said Killian has accepted contributions from the Republican Party, which has received money from the National Rifle Association, signaling that she would face pressure from the gun lobby.

"I believe we can do better in New York ensuring that we minimize the risk of gun violence," she said.

Mayer said more resources are needed for entry level and drug treatment services to more effectively address the opioid crisis in the state.

The assemblywoman argued that she has helped lead the way to hold corrupt lawmakers in Albany accountable for their actions, including many Democrats. She said Killian and the Republicans have misrepresented her role in weeding out corruption and has built a reputation in Albany as a reformer.

"I led the movement to have Shelly Silver step down as speaker," Mayer said. "I was the second person in my conference to publicly speak up to his face. After I

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# Killian Relishes Prospect of Making Significant Changes in Albany

By Martin Wilbur

Julie Killian is determined to get to Albany to help bring the change needed to improve New Yorkers' lives.

Just 17 months after being defeated by George Latimer in the 37th state Senate District race, Killian, running on the Republican, Conservative and Reform party lines, returns in hopes of winning the seat in next week's special election against Democratic Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer.

Lowering taxes, improving the business climate, ridding Albany of corruption and doing more to help those suffering from drug addiction and mental health issues have failed to be adequately addressed, she said.

Furthermore, the issues that Albany lawmakers seem to be most concerned about is different from most voters, Killian said.

"I think things have gotten worse, not better in the two years since I ran and I feel the same way I did two years ago, that I have ideas, I think there are things we could do to lower taxes and make it more affordable and improve the business environment," said Killian, who served on the Rye City Council and co-founded RyeACT (RyeAction for Children and Teens) to fight youth drug and alcohol abuse.

Killian, 57, said state government can play a key role in helping communities throughout the state address drug and alcohol abuse through a similar model to RyeACT by helping to access state and federal grants to get local stakeholders involved in tackling the problem.

The \$25,000 funding that RyeACT obtained helps train teachers and parents to look for warning signs of trouble along with the launch of an adopt a school program where an officer is assigned to every school in the community so youngsters see police as someone they can turn to for help.

"I'd really love to go up to Albany and bring the perspective of the local person and help other communities around the district and around the state," Killian said.

She is advocating that the anticipated \$100 million in extra revenue from the opioid surcharge tax on pharmaceutical companies included in the recently approved budget be placed in a lock box to pay for prevention, treatment and recovery programs and bolster law enforcement efforts.

Killian, who graduated from Notre Dame with a chemical engineering degree and worked on Wall Street after earning her MBA, said if elected she would examine the state budget to



Julie Killian

identify waste. She said that New York State with roughly the same population as Florida has a budget that is more than \$70 billion larger.

The most common plea she hears from residents is for relief on property taxes.

"I ask myself all the time, what are we spending money on and I know that a certain part of that money is wasted," Killian said.

"We tax too much, we spend too much

and we waste too much and there's got to be ways to correct that," she added.

Killian said she supports making the tax cap permanent and that there are more strategies the state can attempt to relieve unfunded mandates. She said that as many expenses as possible should be taken out of the counties' hands and brought to the state level. The roughly \$220 million Westchester spends on its portion of Medicaid should also be transferred to the state, which would provide better dollar-for-dollar value because of the broader tax base.

Similar to 2016, Killian said business growth is being stunted because of unnecessary red tape and regulation. For example, the state has failed to keep up with the latest technology and still requires a business to post its employees' hours on a wall while most workers would prefer the information on a smartphone. She said there are myriad regulations that can be made more efficient that are not related to health and safety.

"It just seems like the regulations are nonsensical but they absolutely have not kept up with technology in their requirements," Killian said. "I just feel that the goal, the attitude coming out of Albany is one of demonizing businesses

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# Police Blotter

## North Castle Police Department

**Apr. 6:** A caller reported a utility pole leaning and causing a potential hazard on Clove Road at 12:36 p.m. The responding officer identified the leaning pole and also reported that another

pole in the same location is broken and leaning as well. The dispatching officer notified Con Edison.

**Apr. 6:** A report was received from the county Department of Emergency Services regarding a structure fire on Old Orchard Street at 7:15 p.m. The

responding officer reported that the fire was on the exterior of the residence and was extinguished prior to his arrival.

**Apr. 7:** A complainant reported at 4:17 p.m. that a suspicious man arrived at a Nichols Road home at about 10 a.m. this date. The male subject stated he was a washer/dryer repairman and needed to check the washing machine. The complainant and his father allowed the party into the residence but believe that he may have been “casing the residence.” The party was described as a white male in his mid-50s, with a thick mustache wearing a sweatshirt and blue jeans. The party was operating a black minivan. The complainant does not believe anything was taken from the residence. The responding officer filed a report.

**Apr. 8:** Report from a Custis Avenue resident at 8:26 a.m. who stated that he observed criminal mischief to the mailboxes of two of his neighbors. The caller also reported that he has a video camera and is not sure if the camera was able to capture the possible perpetrator(s). The responding officer spoke with the caller and will follow up with the other residents.

**Apr. 9:** Report of a brush fire behind a home on Peppercorn Place at 1:06 p.m.

The call was transferred to the county Department of Emergency Services for dispatch of the Banksville Fire Department, which extinguished the fire.

**Apr. 10:** Report of a suspicious person on Route 120 at 8:24 a.m. A female subject was on foot holding a sign and was possibly in need of assistance. The caller stated that she was unable to read the sign. The responding officer reported a disabled vehicle at the location. The vehicle was off the roadway and the operator had arranged for service.

## Pleasantville Police Department

**Apr. 7:** A 21-year-old Yonkers man was arrested at 9:40 p.m. on Bedford Road and charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of marijuana following a traffic stop.

**Apr. 8:** Police arrested a 21-year-old West Harrison man at 1:13 a.m. on Bedford Road for unlawful possession of marijuana following a traffic stop.

**Apr. 13:** A traffic stop on Hopper Street at 7:18 p.m. led to the arrest of a 24-year-old Pleasantville man and a 23-year-old Mahopac man. Both were arrested for unlawful possession of marijuana.

# Obituaries

## Frances Murray

Frances E. Murray died peacefully in her home in Pleasantville with family present on Apr. 13.

She was 87.

Murray was the wife of the late Williams C. Murray Jr. and loving mother of three, son Douglas (deceased) and daughters Joanne and Meg and grandmother to cherished granddaughters Delia and Katherine Murray.

Murray served her village of

Pleasantville as the tax collector for many years. Her favorite hobbies were baking and gardening. She especially loved to bake with her granddaughters.

The family received friends on Apr. 16 at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Innocents Roman Catholic Church on Tuesday, Apr. 17 at 10 a.m. Burial followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

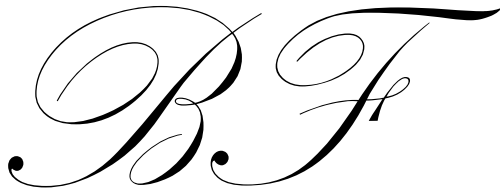
Visitation for family and friends will be at Pleasant Manor Funeral Home, Inc., located at 575 Columbus Ave. in Thornwood, on Apr. 19 from 9 to 11 a.m. Interment will follow at her family plot at Kensico Cemetery.

## Virginia Miller

Virginia M. Miller of Valhalla passed away at The Grove at Valhalla on Apr. 12.

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## Chappaqua Principal to Become District’s Director of Literacy

**By Anna Young**

The Chappaqua Board of Education appointed a seasoned administrator to serve as the district’s director of literacy last week.

Douglas Grafflin Elementary School Principal Jamie Edelman was appointed to the post during the board’s Apr. 11 meeting. She will step into her new role in July.

Edelman will fill the vacancy created by Mary Ford, who is currently serving as interim assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. Ford will be leaving the district this summer to serve as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction at the Katonah-Lewisboro School District.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Ackerman said Edelman is a true leader with a deep understanding of the district’s reading and writing programs and will play a vital role working with staff.

“She will be instrumental working with K-12 faculty as we look to improve the vertical and horizontal alignment of our reading and writing programs across this district,” Ackerman said. “Her professional development philosophy is one that models best practices alongside her faculty, and she is quick to empower the professionals

around her to share strengthens and collectively tackle areas in need of improvement through collaboration.”

Edelman, who was hired in Chappaqua five years ago, spent 13 years as principal of Putnam Valley Elementary School. She was also an assistant principal of Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School in Croton-on-Hudson, and before that spent nine years in New York City schools as an elementary school teacher, literacy staff developer and assistant principal.

A search is underway to fill principal vacancies at Grafflin and Roaring Brook Elementary School. Screening interviews will be concluding this week with a committee interview to follow. A similar process will begin to hire a new assistant superintendent for human resources and leadership development.

Ackerman said she hopes the board will fill all three positions by May or June but added they will continue the search if the right person hasn’t been found.

“There are many changes going on in the district, but I have every confidence that the talent that we have here is as excellent as ever and we are in truly, truly excellent hands,” Board President Victoria Tipp said.”



# Mt. Pleasant Receives Hawthorne Cedar Knolls Security Update

By Neal Rentz

Mount Pleasant residents were provided last week with an update of security measures that have recently been implemented on the campus which houses several facilities, including the controversial Hawthorne Cedar Knolls residential treatment center for youths.

David Rivel, CEO of The Jewish Board which oversees the operation of Hawthorne Cedar Knolls, said a Corrective Action Plan has been submitted in response to the state Office of Mental Health's evaluation of the Mann Center, which will continue to operate on the Hawthorne campus, Rivel said. The plan has been shared with residents, he said.

The security firm, K2 Intelligence, has conducted a review of the campus and is developing recommendations to improve security. K2 met with residents as part of its review, Rivel said.

The back entrance of the campus now has a security guard on duty at all times and a permanent security fence has been constructed, he said.

Hawthorne Cedar Knolls, which will be leaving the site on Aug. 31, will be relocated to New York City. There are currently 45 youths at the facility, and no additional youths are being transferred to the location.

Its closure comes after years of incidents involving youths at the site, including residents having run-ins with local law enforcement and several violent incidents on the campus.

In response to residents' concerns about staff driving illegally near the campus, Director of Campus Safety and Security Keith Forte conducted random driver checks on Mar. 20 and 21, Rivel noted. New signs placed at the entrance instruct staff to operate their vehicles safely and have been told there is zero tolerance for excessive speed or erratic driving, Rivel said.

Installation of devices in all Hawthorne Cedar Knolls-owned vehicles is moving forward to track speed, he said.

Additionally, the newly-created Hawthorne Campus Advisory Council

held its first meeting last month, Rivel said. The council is comprised of local residents and Jewish Board staff and trustees. Its purpose is to provide a regular forum for residents and the Jewish Board to discuss issues of concern, he said.

Rivel said in his update that youths who receive services at the Hawthorne campus have been providing community service. They have volunteered at the Mount Pleasant Community Center and the Interfaith Emergency Food Pantry of Pleasantville, among other locations.

Mark Saracino, co-founder of the Coalition for a Safe Mount Pleasant, said progress has been made in providing better security at the campus.

"I feel like the relationship has really improved," he said.

Saracino asked for greater community involvement and for more residents to attend community meetings.

"We need to see more people here and get more ideas," said Saracino.

A Hawthorne Campus Open House will be held this fall.



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David Rivel, CEO of The Jewish Board which oversees the Hawthorne Cedar Knolls residential treatment facility for youths, provided an update on new security measures for the campus last week.

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# Approval Nears for Two Restaurants at Former Mt. Kisco Applebee's Site

By Neal Rentz

A plan to allow two new restaurants to move into the free-standing structure that once housed an Applebee's on North Bedford Road in Mount Kisco is nearing approval by the Planning Board.

The board instructed town staff last week to draft a resolution for amended site plan approval to accommodate the still unidentified establishments. It is expected that the board will vote Apr. 24 on approval.

Property owner Urban Edge Properties is seeking to repurpose the

structure into two separate eateries where Applebee's had operated at 195 N. Bedford Road.

Brad Schwartz, an attorney representing Urban Edge Properties, told the Planning Board at its Apr. 10 meeting that his client has two restaurant owners interested in coming for the site.

"This is not fast food," stressed Schwartz, who refused to tell the board which restaurants that are scheduled to move into the site.

The property is located in a Limited Commercial zoning district and abuts

the Preservation District zoning district.

Alan Pilich, principal with ALP Engineering & Landscape Architecture, told the Planning Board only minor changes are being proposed for the building, including construction of a second entrance door and changing the original entry from one to two doors.

Planning Board Chairman Doug Hertz, who voiced support for the proposal, said the work needed seemed to be straight forward.

Hearing Scheduled for HomeGoods  
The board voted unanimously to schedule a May 8 public hearing

and declared itself lead agency in its upcoming review of a proposed HomeGoods that would move to Main Street.

William Null, an attorney representing property owner Mount Kisco Associates, told the board the 1.4-acre property at 3 Main St. which currently houses a Party Center will be vacated by next Feb. 1. The store is 25,000 square feet, he said,

Annie Sez had been located in 14,000 square feet of the space until it moved out with Party City using the remaining 11,000 square feet.

## Mount Kisco Village Board Tweaks 2018-19 Budget

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Kisco Village Board made a couple of tweaks to its proposed \$22 million 2018-19 budget last week.

At the request of Trustee Karen Schleimer, board members agreed to reduce the projected mortgage tax revenue from the originally budgeted \$325,000 to \$300,000. Schleimer said due to rising interest rates there will likely be fewer homeowners refinancing their properties.

Trustees also arrived at a consensus to provide an additional \$1,200 to

the Mount Kisco Historical Society after listening to members of the organization. Village Historian Harry McCartney told the board there are portions of the village's seven nature trails that contain waterways and the construction of small foot bridges is needed.

Funding would go to purchase materials for the wooden crossings, which would be built by Historical Society members, McCartney said.

Mayor Gina Picinich said the Village Board is still working on making up

the difference in the \$25,000 revenue reduction in the mortgage tax line.

Brancati is seeking to increase the tax levy by 1 percent.


The proposed spending plan would increase spending by 1.9 percent (\$419,049). The tax levy would increase by 1 percent, well within the cap. The average homeowners with a house valued at about \$400,000 would see a tax increase of \$59 next year.

Mayor Gina Picinich said the board is scheduled to approve the 2018-19 budget on Apr. 30.

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## Editorial

### Mayer Gets Nod Over Killian in 37th Senate District Race

You know the stakes are high when an April special election for state Senate receives the level of interest and attention that next week's contest between Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer and former Rye City councilwoman Julie Killian has commanded.

But these are different times that we live in, and every seat in every state legislature, town and city council and village board is viewed as critically important. Undoubtedly, that is better than the alternative, especially when the race could help decide control of the Senate.

What's not so good about this election is that there has been so much nastiness leading up to the 37th Senate District special election on Apr. 24 that the strengths and skills Mayer and Killian each brings to the table have been largely overshadowed.

Allegations of whether Killian is beholden to the gun lobby because the Republican Party has contributed to her campaign, and the party has received NRA contributions, or whether Mayer could have or should have done more to help two sexually harassed women in her role as counsel to Senate Democrats, are critically important issues. But the way both sides have used the highly unflattering information against each other for political advantage smacks of exaggeration and desperation.

As Killian herself said in her interview, the number one issue people care about in her conversations with residents during the campaign is property taxes. It wouldn't be a stretch to add schools, including education funding, and public safety near the top of the list.

When peeling away the stench of an increasingly rancid campaign, the slick 30-second ads and tabloid fodder, what is left is to weigh the relative strengths and weaknesses of each candidate and where they stand on those most critically important issues.

By a close margin the choice in next week's election is Mayer. While those say that Mayer, who has been on the state's payroll for years as Senate counsel and working in the attorney general's office before that, is another Albany insider where no change can be expected, experience does count for something. Furthermore, keeping the state Senate in control of the Republicans, with its Long Island power base, won't help Westchester school districts receive a fair shake come budget time.

Mayer has a firm grasp on how state education funding works and what is needed to be done to provide the resources needed. She fought for the necessary funds for Yonkers schools when the school system found itself in a \$55 million hole.

There is also the issue of gun

legislation. Both candidates support sensible measures. Mayer, who came out forcefully for greater protections following the Parkland, Fla. massacre, backed the Democrats' package of bills passed by the Assembly. Killian has said she would support greater background checks, raising the age to 21 to purchase all firearms, banning bump stocks and Extreme Risk Protection Orders, which is not insignificant for a Republican. It's just questionable whether any of these protections would go anywhere if Republicans retained control of the Senate.

Killian has a strong idea to use the projected \$100 million from the so-called opioid tax for drug treatment and prevention, something that should be pursued regardless of next week's outcome. Her work in her home community of Rye combatting youth drug and alcohol abuse is highly commendable.

Both candidates call for ethics reform – it's hard not to in Albany – but it's difficult to see how either candidate could make much progress on that front given Albany's broken political structure.

There is much to criticize and like about Killian and Mayer, but on the most critical issues facing the 37th Senate District and Westchester in the immediate future, Mayer's experience gives her a slight edge.

## Letters to the Editor

### Mayer Has the Experience to Get Things Done as State Senator

I write to you as a fellow resident, even though I serve as the town supervisor for North Castle, as I know how important our town's intergovernmental relationships are, namely county, state and federal.

As proof, see the recently announced long-awaited restoration of the county's Elijah Miller House (aka George Washington's headquarters) or the New York State hotel tax passed in 2016, both with bipartisan support and advocated by our county and state representatives,

respectively.

The special election on Tuesday, Apr. 24 for our state senator is of equal importance, and I am strongly supporting Shelley Mayer. Shelley has committed decades of her life to the public good, most recently as the assemblywoman for the 90th District in Westchester County.

Experience does matter, and Shelley has it. From her days working as an assistant district attorney under then-state Attorney General Robert Abrams, as a senior Counsel at Columbia University

for their state Attorney General Program, as counsel in the New York State Senate and currently as an assemblywoman, Shelley has the experience that our town needs. When our Assemblyman David Buchwald and our then-state Sen. George Latimer struck a bipartisan agreement to pass the hotel tax legislation to provide additional revenue to fund our capital projects, it took experience and knowing how to get things done in Albany. Shelley brings the same intellect and experience that is needed to deliver for her constituents.

I know special elections often experience low voter turnout. I hope this time it's different, so I urge you to mark your calendars after reading this as a reminder to vote on Apr. 24 and tell your friends to do the same. Your polling place is no different than it is every November. Every vote counts so please join me in supporting Shelley Mayer on Apr. 24.

**Michael Schiliro**  
Town Supervisor, North Castle

## Clarifications

In last week's article about proposed zoning changes for Diamond Properties' 333 N. Bedford Rd. property in Mount Kisco, the public hearing was kept open for additional public comments at Monday's meeting. Furthermore, membership clubs would still be a permitted use at the complex despite the request to waive the requirement for new family recreational facilities.

In last week's article regarding findings of unfair campaign practices against state Senate candidate Robert Kesten, it was reported that this was the second time complaints were filed by state Sen. Terrence Murphy and upheld by the Westchester County Fair Campaign Practices Committee. One complaint filed by Murphy last October was upheld by the committee while additional complaints were not heard.



# DiNapoli Warns of Uncertain Times for State in Wake of Tax Changes

By Anna Young

State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli visited Chappaqua on Sunday morning sharing his concerns on the greatest financial risks affecting New Yorkers.

During his informational forum, hosted by local organization UP2US, DiNapoli cautioned about the future of the state's financial structure if federal policy leads to increased taxes, budget cuts and health care savings. He said the uncertainty driven by the new tax bill could impact states and local municipalities.

"During this most recent budget, the greatest risk that we identified was not so much the risk of the economy slowing down, but the greatest risk that we identified is what's coming out of Washington," DiNapoli said. "There's a lot of uncertainty attached to that."

With more than two million state residents covered under the Affordable Care Act and money sent to the state through Medicaid, DiNapoli said efforts to repeal the program would have a devastating impact on the state and residents. He said the state has leveraged billions of dollars under the current health care structure and a repeal of the program would cause those without health insurance to resort to the hospital emergency room as their doctor's office.

"There's an obvious concern from a human perspective and a cost perspective, as well," he said. "But it certainly would throw our budget out of balance if we lose those health care dollars that we've been able to leverage under the current structure."

DiNapoli said several federally funded programs geared toward "vulnerable Americans" are likely to be eliminated, including those in health care, education and housing. He said tax cuts to areas where the state has benefited most will alter the state budget and affect local municipalities.

He said a provision in the state budget enables the budget director to come up with a reduced spending plan in the event the state loses a certain amount of money. The provision looks to towns and school districts to make up the shortfall.

He added there's deep concern if an increase in property taxes will drive middle class families out of the state.

"What happens if we start to lose those folks?" he questioned. "We don't know and that makes it harder for us to project revenue, harder for the legislature as well in that regard. Time will tell."

Gov. Andrew Cuomo made several proposals to mitigate tax impacts in his current budget, including the establishment of charitable trusts to pay for property taxes.

DiNapoli said problems could arise if the Internal Revenue Service rules that the state's provision doesn't comply with federal law, adding that more research needs to be done. He is also unsure if localities will take advantage of the opportunity due to the administrative burden.

Another proposal included in the budget is the opportunity for employers to substitute a payroll tax for income

tax.

"I think it's fair to say that states like New York and other high taxes states, really are in a difficult situation because we know whatever is going to come of this tax cut and tax change is not going to be helpful to us," DiNapoli said. "But we don't know what the full impact is going to be and certainly in the short run, I think for our local officials, it puts more pressure in terms of ensuring the cost of government is kept as efficient and cost effective as possible."

State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli speaks at New Castle Town Hall in Chappaqua on Sunday.



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# Fox Lane Baseball Players Teach Finer Points of Game to Little Leaguers

By Anna Young

The Fox Lane varsity baseball team helped members of the Mount Kisco Little League and Minor League get into midseason form last weekend as the youngsters prepare for this week's Opening Day.

Varsity athletes treated the pint-size players to a special training session at Leonard Park last Saturday preparing them for their upcoming season. During the morning workout, parents and coaches cheered on the kids participating in a batting, pitching, fielding and catching clinic.

"The little kids definitely look up to the older kids," said Bob Byrne, president of Mount Kisco Little League. "It's clear once they get working with them their eyes get a little bigger. It just makes it easier for them to relate to the kids."

Third baseman Tom Passarelli was one of six graduates of the Little League program who participated in the clinic. While Passarelli was excited to teach the young athletes how to play the game correctly, he said he wanted to instill the importance of having respect for every coach and player on the field.

"It feels good to be here," Passarelli said.



Members of the Fox Lane High School varsity baseball team took time out last Saturday to lead a baseball clinic for children who will be playing in the Mount Kisco Little League. Youngsters who will compete at the tee-ball and minor level also participated.

## Saw Mill Club to Host Tennis Fest on April 28

The Saw Mill Club is hosting its second annual free Tennis Fest for Kids for children six to 10 years old on Saturday, Apr. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be games, prizes and lots of fun.

With the initiative from the United States Tennis Association to develop grassroots tennis throughout the U.S., more emphasis will be placed on this age group.

The event is open to everyone. It will feature the 10 and Under Youth Tennis Progression. This initiative is

designed to help players develop their fundamentals and get the most out of tennis. The Youth Progression System rewards children for competing and inspires them to play more often. This event is a great way to introduce kids to a lifetime sport. There will also be a special early signup discount for fall programs at the event.

The Saw Mill Club is located at 77 Kensico Drive in Mount Kisco. For more information or to sign up, contact Zuka Mukhuradze, director of tennis, at zuka@sawmillclub.com.

"We went through our ranks and stepped out and now we're going to teach the younger generation."

First baseman Brandon Jordan, also a former Little Leaguer, said his goal was to make sure the children enjoy the game and maintain interest. He said the competition gets more difficult every year and it's easier to enjoy the game when you're having fun.

"I'm a big believer in community outreach and obviously Mount Kisco Little League, Bedford, Pound Ridge and Bedford Hills supply the kids that we're

going to have at the varsity level," said Fox Lane varsity Coach Matthew Hillis. "Let's expose them to our program, let's have our kids give back to the community and hopefully teach them something about baseball they didn't already know."

On Apr. 21, children from tee-ball through Little League will usher in a new season by participating in the annual parade through the streets of Mount Kisco followed by the Opening Day ceremony at Leonard Park. The community event kicks off the season with teams taking the field to enjoy an amazing day of baseball.

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When I got married at a young age, I knew intuitively that it would be 'til death do us part. Through years of developing into maturity, adaptation to each other's changes, enduring disappointments and problems, as well as sharing the heights of great moments, indeed the marriage has flourished and become more cherished each year.

But for those who have a different experience with marriage, a major element of divorce is the division of property, which frequently involves the sale of a jointly-owned home. When a realtor is representing such a sale, in essence, she or he is working for both parties, and that can be an exercise in understanding and diplomacy, especially if the split is acrimonious.

If the former partners are no longer

speaking to each other but conducting all business through their respective lawyers and their real estate agent, it can demand double duty in communications.

You would expect that when a home is bought or sold, it would be an occasion for joy because the people involved are either walking away with money or moving into a new house. But with a divorce it can be emotionally and financially draining on the couple and even beyond their control if there is a court order to get the house sold.

For the lawyers and realtor – there can be two different matrimonial and real estate lawyers involved – it also can be a strain. The situation is negatively charged when you're working with people who may have reached the lowest ebb they're likely ever to have in their lives.

Coincidentally, when I was first researching this subject, I found myself in conversation with a woman involved in a divorce whose situation is interesting. She gave me permission to share them anonymously. She was selling a home that has been meticulously renovated and enlarged

from a small cottage-style home to a colonial of almost 3,000 square feet.

"Mine is an amicable divorce," she said, "and it's been going on for five years. My husband agreed that I could stay in the house until my son graduated from high school, but maybe I should have left before that, because it's really too much for me to take care of, inside and out, by myself."

When I commented on how much great work had been done on the house, she agreed and responded, "You can be sure that I never would be giving up this house were it not for the divorce, but now I have no other option."

I know of another situation with a different kind of ending that gives me a great deal of pleasure to report here, again with permission. It involved a couple who showed up at my real estate office unannounced and asked for me. Flatteringly enough, they said they had chosen me to list their home because, as readers of this column, they trusted my judgment. Then they dropped the bomb that the sale of their house was necessary because they decided to get divorced.

I'm certainly not a psychologist or divorce counselor, but in the course of a long conversation it became apparent to me that they had enjoyed a solid marriage for many years. I suspected

that they were simply engaged in an argument and using the potential sale of the house as a pawn to get their feelings out with the help of an objective observer, namely me.

Based on these gut feelings, all I could say was, "Wait a minute. Are you sure you really want to do this?"

Both the wife and husband looked at me blankly, probably caught off-guard that they had encountered a realtor who was killing his chances of a deal. But they responded by both smiling and taking my advice to cool down, go home and discuss the situation further.

Bottom line, the couple is still together in the same home, we even become social media friends and they've never again mentioned divorce to me. It gives me a good feeling that, like most realtors, I am engaged in something more than just selling houses.

My handling of the situation lost me a sale, but it did fill my heart with gladness.

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## Killian Relishes Prospect of Making Significant Changes in Albany

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and entrepreneurs and picking winners and losers.”

Killian, who would impose term limits on herself, supports limits of eight to 12 years for all state elected offices. There should also be limits on the legislature’s leadership terms, she said. However, state government continues to fail in

## Mayer Excited About Chance to Make Leap to State Senate

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spoke up he never spoke to me again. He was a friend and a colleague. I did the right thing against my own party.”

She also said she worked with Eric Schneiderman to oust disgraced senator Hiram Monserrate from office following his misdemeanor domestic violence offense.

Mayer said she supports limiting outside income for state legislators, greater campaign finance disclosure and placing lower limits on contributions.

She is pleased that the Public Service Commission (PSC) hearings will begin this week around the Hudson Valley and Long Island regarding the utilities’ difficulties during the winter storms last month. Mayer said that the PSC needs to get out of Albany more often and follow up directly on issues around the state.

Although Mayer said that she’s pleased to be running for the seat, the tenor of Killian’s campaign has been in the “Trump-style of campaigning with insults, lies and misrepresentations and half-truths.”

Mayer said she’s focusing on substantive issues such as the environment, keeping Westchester affordable and making sure services remain intact for families, seniors and the disabled.

“I’m an outspoken advocate for working people and my friends in labor,” Mayer said. “They helped build the county and we need to stand up for them more.”

enforcing its ethics laws. Killian said the Joint Commission on Public Ethics and the Moreland Commission should be independent of the legislature and the governor.

One of the key issues the two houses of the legislature have battled over is tighter gun laws. Killian said she supports more robust criminal background checks, a ban on bump stocks, raising the age to buy all firearms to 21 and Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO).

She said state government must focus more resources on the 4 percent of the

population that suffers from extreme mental illness with more effective early intervention efforts.

She characterizes Mayer’s allegations that she is beholden to the gun lobby as a lie.

“This whole idea that the NRA is funding my campaign is hogwash. It’s a complete lie, a complete lie,” Killian said. “As I’ve said, my positions are what my positions are. They are not based on what anyone is telling me to do, anyone is asking me to do, from anyone who has donated to me. My positions come

from me as a mother, plain and simple, and what I see is necessary to keep our community safe.”

Killian said the Democrats, including Mayer, are playing politics on hot-button issues. However, Mayer helped seat former senator Hiram Monserrate who slashed his girlfriend’s face when lawmakers in both parties wanted him out, she said.

“If you like Albany the way it is, you should stick with her,” Killian said, “but if you want changes you should go with me.”

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# White Plains Hospital Forum Highlights Local Opioid Epidemic

By Erin Maher

An expert panel consisting of health and law enforcement professionals gathered at White Plains High School last Thursday to educate the public about Westchester County's rapidly growing opioid epidemic.

"I saw the ravages that opioids bring to individuals and the community as a whole," White Plains Mayor Tom Roach said in his opening remarks for the "Change the Conversation: A Panel Discussion on Opioids in Our Community" forum sponsored by White Plains Hospital.

Roach was joined by staff from White Plains and St. Vincent's hospitals, Westchester County administrators and the White Plains Police Department, who provided prevention tactics and opioid addiction services offered by White Plains and the county.

According to Westchester County Commissioner of Health Dr. Sherlita Amler, the county has seen a dramatic increase in opioid-related deaths. In the past eight years, opioid-related deaths have almost quadrupled, rising from 27 in 2010 to 124 in 2016.

This year has already seen six opioid-related deaths in White Plains alone, said Christina Spano, a White Plains detective.

Dr. Richard Ellasser, director of psychiatry at White Plains Hospital, said



WHITE PLAINS HOSPITAL PHOTO

The panelists at last week's opioid forum at White Plains Hospital.

215 million prescriptions are written every year in the United States. Sixty percent of patients do not finish a prescription, and that's where the problems begin, Ellasser said. Addicts most often obtain opioids from friends or family.

To combat the excess drugs, Ellasser suggests questioning doctors about any prescription written, why a particular medication is prescribed, the dosage and if there are any alternatives other than prescribing an opioid.

Any leftover pills should be disposed

of immediately. The White Plains Police Department and many other departments offer a program for drug disposal. In White Plains. There is a drop-box located in the lower level of the police station at 77 S. Lexington Ave.

Residents can also schedule an at-home pick-up, where members of the police department will visit a home and retrieve the extra drugs for those who require assistance or cannot drive. The service is available every other Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m.

White Plains police also offers what is known as the Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery Program (CLEAR). The program allows anyone struggling with an addiction to walk into the department's headquarters with any drugs and be granted amnesty as they start their first step on the road to recovery.

White Plains Hospital has seen a rise in the use of Narcan kits, which are used to treat opioid overdoses. In 2015, the hospital began to offer free Narcan training to the public. To date, more than 2,700 community members and 1,000 police officers have been trained in Westchester County.

The county Department of Health and the City of White Plains will be holding a free public training on how to respond to an opioid overdose on Monday, Apr. 23 at the White Plains Public Library.

"In public health, we believe that prevention is better than treatment," Amler said.

For more information to seek help, visit the White Plains Police Department or call 914-422-6111.

To register for the next Community Opioid Overdose Training, visit [www.westchestergove.com/health](http://www.westchestergove.com/health) or call the Division of Health Promotion at 914-995-6584.



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## Igby Rigney, Actor/College Student Ossining

By Martin Wilbur

The direction of Igby Rigney's life changed at a performing arts summer camp at 14 years old.

While he originally enrolled in the camp's rock band program, he decided to audition for a musical production as a bit of a joke since he was already there.

"I really enjoyed it and I had a couple of friends in the city who were looking for someone to fill spots in their productions," Rigney said. "I just sort of started doing it from there."

In the roughly three years since then, Rigney's acting career has been on an upward arc. He compiled an assortment of professional acting roles by the time he graduated Ossining High School last June. Now, while nearing completion of his freshman year at Pace University in Pleasantville, the credits haven't abated.

Rigney's stage performances include a role in "Our Town" with the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, "Guys and Dolls" with the Mount Pleasant Community Theater and "Antigone" and "Richard

III" for the New York City-based Fusion Theater and Bridge Production Group, respectively. He has also appeared in a variety of television commercials.

But last Friday night, Rigney's burgeoning career reached a new plateau when he appeared in a guest starring role in an episode of the CBS show "Blue Bloods." He played Evan Scott, a character who knew the girl who went missing in the episode.

The occasion was marked by a viewing party at 6 Degrees of Separation Restaurant and Brewery in Ossining.

In preparation for the role, he visited his acting coach three or four days before auditioning, Rigney said. Then he estimated he went over his part for about an hour a night just to make sure he had it down.

"I got a phone call from my agent that I had an audition I needed to do for 'Blue Bloods,'" Rigney recalled about how the opportunity came about. "I started reading the script and I went in and they liked me and I got the job."

Filming for the episode took place about a month before the episode aired and lasted about a week, said Rigney, whose real first name is Nathaniel, receiving his nickname from his father for the main character in the 2002 comedy "Igby Goes Down."

Being a full-time student and a professional actor can make for hectic scheduling. It's helped that the 17-year-old has a relatively easy commute into Manhattan when opportunities arise. But staying organized and prioritizing what you need to do each day makes it achievable, he said.

"It's definitely tough at some points but as long as you have, or at least I found, as long as you have a very clear idea of what you need to get done that day you find time to do it," said Rigney, who also took night courses at Pace while still at Ossining to receive both high school and college credits.

Rigney is currently undecided on his major but is considering either literature or film studies.

Born in Boston before his family moved to Westchester when he was four, Rigney said acting was initially intriguing and something fun to do with friends. As time progressed, he enjoyed the thrill of



stepping on stage but it's still not something he's entirely comfortable with.

Once he started acting, Rigney said he auditioned for as many roles in as many venues as he could, figuring the practice would be a good learning experience. He appreciates both the on-stage work as well as film.

"In theater, you have a big rehearsal where you get to try everything out

before you go up there, and once you're up there that's the only time you get to do that performance, so it has to be solid and you can still have fun but you have to give your best performance," he said. "In film, the exploration happens more in front of the camera and you have to get the shot, but if you want to try something now, you're afforded that opportunity because you can reshoot it if it doesn't happen the way the director needs it to."

When Rigney isn't working on his acting or doing school work, you'll likely find him outside, enjoying the fresh air because there are so many days where he's cooped up inside.

After college, Rigney hopes he can be a full-time actor.

"I really want to get to experience other stuff and try other things out," he said.



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# Full Slate of Earth Day Activities on Tap in Mount Kisco

The Mount Kisco Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) has scheduled an expanded series of family events starting later this week to celebrate Earth Day.

The festivities get off to an early start with the opening reception of the photography exhibit "Nature & Culture in Mount Kisco," on Thursday, Apr. 19 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Mount Kisco Public Library. Organized in cooperation with the Mount Kisco Arts Council, the exhibit will run through Friday, Apr. 27.

More than 130 pieces were received for the show, said CAC Chairman John Rhodes. All submitted pictures will be displayed on the library's big flat-screen television as well as online at [www.mountkiscohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.mountkiscohistoricalsociety.org).

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The town's second annual Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, Apr. 21 begins at 10 a.m. with a guided hike up Kisco Mountain. It's an easy, scenic walk. Families, photographers, nature enthusiasts and history buffs of all ages will be able to enjoy the hour-long adventure. Naturalist Steve Ricker of Westmoreland Sanctuary and Mount Kisco Village Historian Harry McCartney will lead the hike. Highlights will include spectacular views of the entire valley, spring wildflowers and a demonstration of the proper tree-hugging technique. Rides will be available starting from the library to the trailhead at the top of Mountain Avenue beginning at 9:30 a.m.

At 1 p.m., Mount Kisco Public Library attendees will be treated to music and light refreshments followed by "Caring for Our Common Home," a program featuring how citizens may participate in the care and enjoyment of the town's natural treasures. Mayor Gina Picinich will welcome guests and keynote speaker Dr. Sergio C. Trindade, former U.N. Assistant Secretary General and member of the Intergovernmental Policy for Climate Change, who will speak on the topic "Responding to Climate Change."

Jim Nordgren, president of JN Land Trust Services, will reveal "The Natural Wealth of Our Valley" and McCartney will discuss the synergy between nature and history and provide an update on the innovative Mount Kisco Trail Project.

To cap off the festivities, master storyteller Jonathan Kruk will take children of all ages on a brief enchanted walk through Branch Brook Park as he shares some magical stories of Mount Kisco.

On Sunday, Apr. 22 at 2 p.m. at the Leonard Park Playground, residents and visitors of all ages can enjoy an easy guided Hike Along the Kisco River – Early Settlements Trail and discover the hidden beauty and history of Mount Kisco.

The following Saturday, Apr. 27, at 10 a.m., the village will host an Arbor Day celebration at the Tea House on Wallace Pond in Leonard Park. At 10:30



The general public can join in for a guided hike up Kisco Mountain on Saturday morning as part of a variety of events to celebrate Earth Day.

## Hikers, Nature Lovers Can Find Incredible Gems in Yorktown Parks

Now that spring is here, it's time to get out your hiking boots and start planning some day trips. You won't have to go very far. Just a short drive up the beautiful Taconic Parkway, you'll be in Yorktown, home to 22 different parks and nature preserves and 60 miles of trails.

Yorktown's parks are open seven days a week, from sunrise to sunset, you don't have to be a town resident to enjoy them, and best of all, they're free, except for the entrance fee to FDR State Park.

For starters, explore the 343-acre heavy wooded Sylvan Glen Park Preserve via its many marked trails. Scattered throughout the park are remnants of a quarry operation, which ceased in 1941. Stones from the quarry were used in the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City and the approaches to the George Washington and Whitestone bridges. Stop by the 18-foot Quarry Oak; by linking hands, how many people will it take to encircle the tree? The park is also the home of a 1.3-acre dog park, so bring along the family friend.

One of Yorktown's lesser known gems is the 56-acre Hunter Brook Linear Park. Its two miles of hiking trails are mostly along the picturesque Hunter Brook, a trout spawning stream that feeds into the New Croton Reservoir, part of New York City's drinking water supply. If you are lucky you might see trout, mink, muskrat, river otters, turtles, frogs, blue herons and salamanders in the brook. The woods are home to a variety of plants and wildlife.

For a more challenging hike, take one of the trails to the summit in Turkey Mountain Nature Preserve. From the park's 831-foot summit, one of the highest in Westchester, visitors have a 270-degree panoramic view to the east, south and west. On a clear day, hikers can see the Manhattan skyline, Bear Mountain and the Hudson Highlands. The view is



The 18-foot Quarry Oak in Sylvan Glen Park Preserve. How many linked hands will it take to encircle the tree?



Turkey Mountain at sunset. From the park's 831-foot summit, visitors have a 270-degree panoramic view to the east, south and west.

worth the hike and it is easy to see why a hike to the top is so popular. Trails at the base of the mountain meander through woodlands and wetlands.

Several parks have kiosks in their parking areas with maps that direct visitors to nearby services such as fast food and sit-down restaurants, gas stations and ATMs.

For more information about Yorktown's trails, including maps of each park and travel directions, visit [www.yorktowntrailtown.com](http://www.yorktowntrailtown.com).

## New Castle, North Castle to Hold Clean Up Day This Saturday

By Martin Wilbur

Local communities will see legions of volunteers will head to parks or to roadsides this weekend to pick up trash and beautify the area where they live or work.

North Castle and New Castle have scheduled cleanup days for this Saturday. Typically, the effort coincides with Earth Day celebration.

"It's a good way for people to get to know their neighbors and do something constructive," said North Castle Councilman Jose Berra, the Town Board liaison to the Recycling & Sustainability Committee. "Most people in this town are great."

In North Castle, the event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the town supplying bags and safety vests to all volunteers. Trash should be collected in black garbage bags with recyclables in clear bags and left on the side of the roadway for pickup by the town's Highway Department.

Residents can register to volunteer by e-mailing [cleanupnorthcastle@gmail.com](mailto:cleanupnorthcastle@gmail.com) or by visiting Town Hall in Armonk or the North White Plains Community

Center at 10 Clove Rd. on Saturday morning. Berra said residents should wear long pants and gloves.

Also on Saturday, there will be a shredder located in the parking lot of the Town Hall annex for town residents only. Residents can shred up to four boxes of personal papers. The shredder will be on site from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. In case of rain, clean up day would be held on Sunday, Apr. 22. For more information, check the town's website at [www.northcastleny.com](http://www.northcastleny.com).

The Town of New Castle will be holding its 29th annual Cleanup Day this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The town's Beautification Advisory Board will have bags and gloves available at the Millwood Shopping Center next to DeCicco's and near Starbucks in downtown Chappaqua on Saturday morning.

Bags and gloves are now available in advance at Town Hall, Millwood Hardware and Chappaqua Paint & Hardware. Bags will be collected from the roadside starting Apr. 30.

For more information, call 914-238-4771 or arrive at one of the locations on Saturday.



# Time to Gear Up, Register for P’ville Community Scholarship Fund 5K

By Anna Young

Tie those laces and stretch out those muscles because the Pleasantville Community Scholarship Fund 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run is only a month away. The 22nd annual event, which coincides with Pleasantville Day, will take place on Saturday, May 19. The run raises money for the

Community Scholarship Fund which helps Pleasantville seniors who demonstrate scholastic achievement and community service with scholarship money for college. The program, established in 1949, awarded 22 students a total of \$45,000 in scholarships last year. Scholarship Fund member Jill Wallen said the students benefit from the

community’s support. “The students go off to college after working really hard on their academics with a little financial support from their community, which is really meaningful,” she said. During the event, children and adults are invited to participate in the shorter one-mile Fun Run prior to the 5K. The Fun Run heads up Manville Road onto Great Oak Lane and finishes on Washington Avenue. The 5K runners start the race on Washington Avenue and follow the course around the village. A 5K middle school relay race will be introduced this year. Each participant of a three-member team will run one-third of the race. The first runners will start on Washington Avenue while the other two runners will be waiting at their respective starting points. The races will be professionally timed with runners sporting chip-timed bibs. Prizes will be awarded for each race. The top three male and female runners in nine different age categories will receive awards for the 5K. The scholarship fund also hosts several fundraising events throughout the year, including the Rotary Pancake Breakfast, the P-Daddy 2020 golf outing and wines for holiday entertaining. Wallen said all seniors who attend Pleasantville High School or reside within the district are



Runners will hit the streets of Pleasantville on Saturday, May 19 for the Pleasantville Community Scholarship Fund 5K Run/Walk. The event raises money for the fund. Registration is now open for the 5K, the Fun Run and Relay.

## Pleasantville Community Blood Drive on April 23

The Pleasantville High School ECHO Club and the Pleasantville Volunteer Ambulance Corps are once again teaming up to organize an important event to help boost blood supplies before the start of summer on Monday, Apr. 23 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Pleasantville High School gymnasium. The winter season has taken a toll on blood donations due to cancelled drives, lost utilities, donors unable to travel, etc. A blood emergency declared in March is still in effect as blood supplies remain dangerously low. Heading into summer, it is important to keep blood donations as high as possible as they will rapidly fall off from June until August when people have busier sched-

ules. Whole blood and double red cells units will be collected from qualifying candidates. If you donated whole blood at the Jan. 13 drive at Emanuel Lutheran Church, enough time has passed for you to donate whole blood or red cells. If you donated red cells at the January drive, not enough time has passed for you to donate either whole blood or red cells. For questions regarding eligibility (date of last donation, travel, medications, etc.), call 800-688-0900. To schedule an appointment to donate, call 1-800-933-2566 or sign up online at the link below. Appointments are appreciated but walk-ins are welcome.

encouraged to apply for a scholarship. “It’s a nice sendoff to college from their nice hometown in Pleasantville,” Wallen said. Pleasantville’s Community Scholarship Fund 5K Run/Walk and 5K Middle School Relay will begin at 9 a.m. on May 19. The Fun Run will begin at 8:30 a.m., with registration open at 7 a.m. The entry fee for the 5K Run is \$30; with a \$15 fee for the Fun Run and Relay. Prices will increase \$5 after May 10. Runners who register by May 12 are guaranteed a race t-shirt. For more information and registration, visit [www.pvillecsf.com/5k-run-walk-and-funrun.html](http://www.pvillecsf.com/5k-run-walk-and-funrun.html).

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THERE’S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz

By Edward Goralski

Group Think. The book “A Charm of Goldfinches and Other Wild Gatherings” by Matt Swell is the source of this week’s quiz words. In the book Swell “presents the unexpected collective nouns used to describe groups of animals on land, in the air, and in the water.” Think you know a lot about animal groupings? Time to find out.

1. Could you relax in a lounge of:

A) vipers

B) leopards

C) lizards

2. This could test your recollection; a memory is made up of:

A) apes

B) elephants

C) rabbits

3. You don’t need to be a detective to know that a sleuth contains:

A) ferrets

B) bears

C) raccoons

4. A confab may be in order to determine what is found in a convocation

A) eagles

B) bats

C) hawks

5. You can show off if you know an ostentation is a gathering of:

A) parrots

B) pelicans

C) peacocks

6. You’re getting hot if you know that a fever is a group of:

A) stingrays

B) seals

C) sharks

7. Impress others with your brilliance by identifying who’s in a dazzle

A) hares

B) emus

C) zebras

8. You may slap yourself if you cannot name what animals are in a smack

A) jellyfish

B) dolphins

C) crocodiles

4. A. a convocation of eagles

3. B. a sleuth of bears

2. B. a memory of elephants

1. C. a lounge of lizards

5. C. an ostentation of peacocks

6. A. a fever of stingrays

7. C. a dazzle of zebras

8. A. a smack of jellyfish

ANSWERS:

# Happenings

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## Tuesday, Apr. 17

**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. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://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

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## Wednesday, Apr. 18

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

**Mother Nature's Storytime.** Nature-themed stories, nature walks, live animals and/or crafts. For children two to four years old; with a parent or caregiver. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme

weather conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. Meets six consecutive Wednesdays. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 to 11 a.m. Members: \$50 for six-week session. Non-members: \$90. Pre-registration required. Info and registration: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.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](http://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](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

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

**Preschool Storytime.** This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children

two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

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

**Meditation Series: Midday Mind Break.** Benefits of meditation include increasing focus and memory; increased health; reduced stress, anxiety and pain; and increased productivity and happiness. Led by Alka Kaminer. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Also Apr. 25. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.com](http://www.northcastlelibrary.com).

**Chair Yoga With Alka Kaminer.** Experience greater flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and improved balance, strengthening and toning of muscles, better digestion, stress reduction, mental clarity, improved breathing, relaxation and an overall sense of well-being. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Also Apr. 25. Info: 914-273-3887.

**Stepping On Workshops: Fall Prevention to Reduce Risk From Falls.** Maintaining one's health and independence are important parts of healthy aging. Falls and fall injuries are more common than strokes and can result in health problems that are just as serious. During the course of the seven-week program learn simple and fun balance and strength training; the role vision plays in helping you maintain balance; how medications can contribute to falls; ways to stay safe when out in your community; what to look for in safe footwear; and how to check your home for safety. The James House at Phelps Hospital, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. Wednesdays through May 16. Info: Contact Ellen Woods at 914-366-3937 or e-mail [ewoods3@northwell.edu](mailto:ewoods3@northwell.edu).

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

**Knitting at the Library.** Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels. For ages 10 and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E.

Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-864-8041 or [www.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.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](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Demystifying Medicare.** Assists people who are navigating their way through the Medicare system. The program outlines the various parts of Medicare and lays out the costs associated with the medical and drug insurance provided by the government and private companies. Mount Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Driver, Valhalla. 6 to 9 p.m. Free. Walk-ins welcome; pre-registration requested. Info and registration: 914-231-3236.

**Author Talk.** Teresa Mosher, author of "A Year in My Rose Garden," tells you everything you need to know about growing roses, month by month. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.org).

**Art Series: Francis Picabia.** Born in 1879 in a world ready for change, Picabia was a multitasker, changing painting, poetry and even typography. Most closely connected to Cubism, his association with the Dadaist art movement laid the groundwork for his artistic development into surrealism and Cubism. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

**"Albatross."** Films on Purpose in partnership with Saw Mill River Audubon and the Jacob Burns Film Center, will host a screening of this new film from internationally acclaimed photographic artist Chris Jordan. Jordan, a powerful advocate for the environment, will give a presentation after the screening. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Free. Tickets must be reserved. Info and tickets: Visit [www.filmsonpurpose.org](http://www.filmsonpurpose.org) or [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**"Bob Dylan's Last Record."** As famed singer-songwriter Bob Dylan's 77th birthday approaches next month, The College of New Rochelle will host a special lecture highlighting the Nobel Prize winner and iconic musician. Dr. Nick

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# When Doing Your Spring Cleaning, Make Sure Allergens Stay Out

When the sun is shining, the birds are chirping and a light breeze is blowing, it is oh-so-tempting to throw open the windows and enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of spring. Maybe you are even itching (pun intended) to roll up your sleeves and tackle some serious spring cleaning.

But if you are one of the more than 20 million sufferers of allergic rhinitis, commonly called hay fever, you know that picture-perfect scene brings nothing but misery.

The two most common seasonal allergy triggers are pollen and mold. Beginning at this time of year and lasting into the fall, those pollen and mold spore particles are plentiful, airborne and inevitably find their



By Dr. Rajesh Gupta

way into your home. Two-thirds of those with seasonal allergies are usually also allergic to dust, and the mites it harbors, as well as pet dander.

For allergy sufferers, there's plenty to sneeze at this spring, but there are also ways to keep your home and airways clean and clear.

## Pollen Protection

- Keep doors and windows closed.
- Leave shoes and pollen-covered clothes at the door or in a designated spot that doesn't track it throughout the house.
- Park the car in the garage.
- Wash your hair at night so you don't take pollen to bed with you.
- Wipe indoor pets down with animal wet wipes after outdoor play.

## Manage Moisture and Mold

- Use a HEPA (high-efficiency particulate air) purifier in your home to catch and kill airborne mold spores.
- Use a dehumidifier to keep moisture below 50 percent.
- Replace air filters monthly with HEPA filters to block mold spores and pollen from entering through vents.
- Spray visible mold with a vinegar, tea tree oil and water mix.
- Clean moldy shower heads by tying a plastic bag filled partway with vinegar to the shower head and let it sit 30 minutes to overnight and then rinsing.

## Dust and Dander

- Dust every square inch and surface from the top down.
- (Fun tip: Use a lint roller on lampshades and rubber band a dust cloth around the end of a broom for hard to reach places.)
- Don't dry dust. Trap dust with a wet cloth using a natural spray

bottle mix of one half-cup of vinegar to two cups of water.

- Declutter every day so piles of books and magazines don't become dust (and mite) bins.
- Use dust mite mattress and pillow protectors. Wash bed linens weekly in hot water.
- Use a vacuum with a HEPA filter and empty in an outdoor bin so particles don't stick around.

Pull on some good quality rubber gloves and wear a face mask, when necessary, to keep your spring cleaning from making your seasonal allergies worse. Even a quick touch to your face can set off a series of sneezes and sniffles. While red, itchy eyes and a chronically runny nose are a miserable nuisance, it can affect your ability to get a good night's sleep and can aggravate asthma, eczema and migraine headaches.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS**  
Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated.

**TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; or within sixty (60) days if it is the United States of America. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

**NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT**  
THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$247,209.72 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on March 10, 2006, in Control No. 460660270, covering premises known as **442 Garden Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10553**

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

**NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME**  
If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered

and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

**YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.**

Dated: Bayshore New York  
March 23, 2018

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# Happenings

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Smart, professor of English in the college's School of Arts and Sciences, frequently writes and speaks about Dylan's work. During his presentation, Smart will explore these questions as well as the ways in which America's foremost folk songwriter continually renews, rather than just repeats, the promise of his talent. College of New Rochelle's Romita Auditorium, 29 Castle Place. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-654-5266 or visit [www.alum.cnr.edu/Lectures1718](http://www.alum.cnr.edu/Lectures1718).

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

**Rodriguez in Concert.** The legendary singer/songwriter known only by his surname is a self-taught guitarist. He began performing in bars and clubs around Detroit in the 1960s as the city suffered post-industrial urban decay. It was there that he recorded two studio albums, *Cold Fact* (1969) and *Coming from Reality* (1971), both of which went unnoticed in the U.S. and eventually turning Rodriguez's efforts elsewhere. It wasn't until the 1990s that Rodriguez gained his popularity from South African fans who sought him out, leading to the unanticipated renaissance of his music career. Their story is told in the 2012 Oscar Award-winning documentary "Searching for Sugar Man," which has given Rodriguez a new measure of fame in the U.S. with his music and story now reaching audiences worldwide. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$52, \$68.60, \$80.05 and \$100.50 Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit [www.paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://www.paramounthudsonvalley.com).

**Bedford Chamber Concert Series: "Big Music for Small Ensembles."** Featuring premiere performances of two pieces composed by Music Director Anthony Newman – an Overture and Concerto for Trumpet and Strings. Newman and the Bedford Chamber Ensemble will also perform a Brahms Piano Quintet in F minor, and Mozart's "Serenata Notturna" in D major. St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 382 Cantitoe St., Bedford Hills. \$40. Students (at the door): \$10. Info and tickets: 914-522-5150 or visit [www.bedfordchamberconcerts.org](http://www.bedfordchamberconcerts.org).

**Third Thursdays Bird Walk.** Join naturalist Tait Johansson at this local migration hotspot for the second in a new series of bird walks. A great way to hone your birding skills and mark the passing of the seasons and birds. Maple Avenue, Katonah. 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Susan at 914-302-9713 or e-mail [info@bedfordaudubon.org](mailto:info@bedfordaudubon.org).

**Speech, Language and Reading: What's the Connection?** Mount Kisco-based Susan L. Pike & Associates is a private practice in pediatric speech-language pathology providing diagnostic evaluations and therapy to children who are two to 20 years old. Pike and colleague Laura Rice will be offering a seminar discussing the connection of speech, language and reading. She will explain aspects of oral language that relate to the reading process, and the acquisition of specific reading skills. Pike will also identify characteristics of children who are at risk for learning issues and programs that can help. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10 a.m. to noon Free. Info: 914-218-8506 or e-mail [info@susanpike.org](mailto:info@susanpike.org).

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

**Bridge for Beginners.** Learn to play the world's greatest card game ever! Fundamentals of the game will be explained. The lessons are designed for players with little or no previous knowledge of bridge. Led by Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:15 a.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

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

**Preschool Storytime.** This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Poets and Writers Series: George**

**Wallace and Skip Weinstock.** A jazz/beat poetry performance features Wallace on words and Weinstock on piano. Wallace is a writer-in-residence at the Walt Whitman Birthplace and first Poet Laureate of Suffolk County. He has written 31 poetry chapbooks. Weinstock is a poet and jazz pianist and has authored "Moon Cleaning," a collection of poetry. They are currently adjunct professors of English at Westchester Community College. Westchester Community College's Gateway Building, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Free. Info: 914-606-6716.

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

**Bridge for Advanced Beginners/Intermediate.** With Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Thursdays through May 10. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Royal Opera House's "The Winter's Tale."** Choreographer Christopher Wheeldon created his adaptation of Shakespeare's late great romance for the Royal Ballet in 2014. While it's the story of the destruction of a marriage, the abandonment of a child and a seemingly hopeless love, the ending is one of forgiveness and reconciliation. Acclaimed by critics and audiences for its intelligent, emotionally powerful and exquisite dancing, it now widely judged to be a modern ballet classic. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$30. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.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](http://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.mountkiscoblibrary.org](http://www.mountkiscoblibrary.org).

**Poetry Open Mic Night.** The Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Library will hold its fourth poetry open mic night,

an evening of creative rhymes, smooth flows and inspiration. Come with one of your own poems to read, or a poem you love, or just come to hear some great poems by others. Poetry based on Martin Luther King, African Americans, peace, nonviolence or related topics is preferred. Light refreshments served. All welcome. Thomas H. Slater Center, 2 Fisher Court, White Plains. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-525-3076 or e-mail [library@mlkwestchester.org](mailto:library@mlkwestchester.org).

**Poetry and Langston Hughes.** Actor and poet David Mills will read from his own poetry and perform a one-man show of Langston Hughes. Mills has worked professionally in the dramatic and literary communities for almost two decades and has published two volumes of poetry: "The Dream Detective" (2009) and "The Sudden Country" (2013). North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

## Friday, Apr. 20

**Rummage Sale.** The project supports local and foreign mission projects as well as special projects in the local church. Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, 400 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bargain sale on Apr. 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with 50 percent off most items and "fill-a-bag." Info: 914-769-0458 or visit [www.pvillepresby.org](http://www.pvillepresby.org).

**Stroller Tours.** The Katonah Museum of Art opens its doors to babies and their new parents and caregivers for an enriching experience. Light refreshments served. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St., Katonah. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Free with admission. Meets the third Friday of each month through June. Info: 914-232-9555 or visit [www.katonahmuseum.org](http://www.katonahmuseum.org).

**ZUMBA®** With Amy. Fun cardio dance fitness workout, low-impact approach, easy learning environment. This feel-good workout is exercise in disguise. Free trial class available. Addie-Tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza, lower level, Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. \$12 drop-in fee. Every Friday. Also Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Walk-ins welcome. Info: Call or text the instructor at 914-643-6162 or visit [www.amyolin.zumba.com](http://www.amyolin.zumba.com).

**Senior Socials.** Join fellow seniors for an afternoon of art viewing, refreshments and socializing. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St., Katonah. 1 to 2 p.m. Free with admission. Meets the third Friday of each month through June. Info: 914-232-9555 or visit [www.katonahmuseum.org](http://www.katonahmuseum.org).

**Dragon Tales.** Meet the Dragon who stole spring, another who makes kids share and one more who breathes rainbows! There's a walk and talk in the woods where the audience will happen upon a dragon lair. Live music and themed food. For families and children five to 11 years old.

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# The Appreciation of Wine Through Our Sensory Perceptions



By Nick Antonaccio

At my periodic wine tasting events for consumers I always emphasize that we each have individual, unique palates. Our palate influences our unique senses of taste and smell. Our palate influences our appreciation of one wine over another. Our palate segregates us into varying camps, such as red wine lovers or white wine lovers or dessert wine lovers.

But why is this?

The sensory experience we have with wine is focused and centered on two very distinct senses: our sense of taste and our sense of smell. When we savor a glass of wine it is these two senses that transmit ethereal data points to our brain cells and create impressions of the wine. One person's perception of sweetness may be another's perception of savory. One person's perception of an earthy wine may be another's perception of a barnyard characteristic.

Let's delve into the attributes and

influences of these two of our five senses.

Our sense of taste: Remember ninth grade biology? We have four components of our sense of taste: sweet, salty, sour and bitter. More recently, science has unraveled and defined a fifth sense – umami (savory) – which I never knew I had but thank laboratory research for helping me discover it in my physiological make up.

We experience these senses when we sip wine and it interacts with our tongue and the lining of our mouth. It is these interactions that send signals to our brains and thereby form impressions of a Cabernet Sauvignon or a Pinot Noir.

In turn, our receptors create memory banks for future reference so that the next time we taste a wine, these cells, through the signals from our tongue and mouth, will help identify if the wine is Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir or

another wine.

This would be a fine explanation of how we interact with and perceive a glass of wine, but in fact it is much more complicated.

Our sense of smell: It is with this sense that we truly experience wine. Our brain receptors, and therefore our experience

with wine, food and all things aromatic, are influenced significantly greater through our sense of smell than our sense of taste. Our physiological makeup bears this out. When we experience wine, it is our nasal passages that provide the sensory perception of our encounter, much more than our sense of taste. The body of receptors and interactions through our sense of smell includes more than 10,000 components.

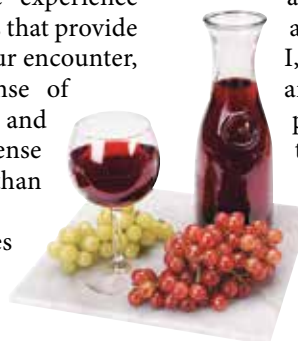
Therefore, our experiences with wine, and our brain's ability to record and remember these experiences, are overwhelmingly centered in our sense of smell. From fruit characteristics such as cherries or blackberries to nature's natural essence of ocean brine or earthy forest, we encounter everything around us primarily through our sense of smell. Without this, we would not be able to distinguish fruity wine from vegetal, or even some red wines from white ones.

These olfactory senses emanate from our nasal passages. This is why I have my wine guests go through a ritual each time they experience a wine. First, swirl the wine in the glass to open its bouquet and distinctive aromas. Next, aggressively insert your nose in the glass to absorb the aromas. Then sip the wine

and swirl it in your mouth. In this way you are opening the aroma receptors in your nasal passages to enjoy the full experience of appreciating, analyzing – and remembering – the wine at hand. It is in this way that I, and my guests and students, are able to anticipate the profile of a bottle of Barolo to be earthy and voluptuous and a Chablis to have elements of ocean brine or seashells.

The next time you encounter a glass of wine repeat the above exercises. From then on, your interaction with wine will have a baseline of comparison and a finely focused approach to fully experiencing and memorizing individual wines for future reference.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at [nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com](mailto:nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com) or on Twitter @sharingwine.



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Westmoreland Sanctuary, 260 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Mount Kiso. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. \$10. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-666-8448 or visit [www.WestmorelandSanctuary.org](http://www.WestmorelandSanctuary.org).

**"Swim Team."** A screening of Lara Stolman's documentary which profiles members of a competitive swim team comprised of a diverse group of teens on the autism spectrum. Demonstrating the power of inclusion to transcend disability, the film has won several awards internationally. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.org).

**Friday Night Cinema: "The Truman Show."** This 1998 classic by internationally acclaimed director Peter Weir stars Jim Carrey as a reality TV star who has no idea his life is the longest running hit in broadcast history. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**ALFIO in Concert.** The Westchester Italian Cultural Center will proudly host this two-time Emmy nominated Australian star. Born in Sidney of Italian heritage, ALFIO studied voice in Parma, Italy, on the road to becoming one of the world's most popular tenors. His performances have been described as part Andrea Bocelli, part Michael Buble and part Tom Jones. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Tuckahoe High School's music department. Tuckahoe High School, 65 Siwanoy Boulevard, Eastchester. 7:30 p.m. \$50. Info: Visit [www.wiccny.org](http://www.wiccny.org). Tickets: Visit [www.alfio.eventbrite.com](http://www.alfio.eventbrite.com).

**"Spring Smörgåsbord."** The 2017-18 Faculty Concert Series concludes as members of Hoff-Barthelson Music School's faculty come together to perform original compositions, works for two pianos and little-known works for piccolo. The audience will be treated to performances by Elena Belli, piano; Donna Elaine, piccolo; Jacob Friedman, piano/composer; April Johnson, violin; Chi-Chi Lin Bestmann, viola; Peter Seidenberg, cello; Delana Thomsen, piano; and Tomoko Uchino, piano. Hoff-Barthelson Music School's Behrens Bergman Auditorium, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Seniors (65 and up): \$15. Students: Free. Reservations encouraged. Info and tickets: 914-723-1169 or e-mail [hb@hbms.org](mailto:hb@hbms.org).

**Dweezil Zappa World Tour 2018: "Choice Cuts."** There's no stopping Dweezil Zappa from continuing his mission to unlock the mysteries held within the superabundance of his father's iconic music. For over a decade, the renowned guitarist has been honoring his dad by touring the world with his Grammy Award-winning project. For his 12th annual tour he has curated an all new show

filled with some of Frank Zappa's boldest compositions. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$38, \$48, \$65 and \$78. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

**"Switzerland."** It's 1995 in the Swiss Alps and the ailing reclusive crime writer Patricia Highsmith is visited by a genial young man from her New York publisher, sent to convince her to write the final installment of her best-selling Mr. Ripley series. What first appears to be a standard cat-and-mouse game of wit and wiles soon becomes a dance to the death. Written by Australian playwright Joanna Murray-Smith and presented by Hudson Stage. Directed by Dan Foster. Whipoorwill Hall, 19 Whipoorwill Hall East, Armonk. 8 p.m. \$40. Seniors and students: \$35. Students (a half-hour before performance): \$15. Also Apr. 21, 27 and 28 and May 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. and Apr. 22 and 29 and May 5 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: 800-838-3006 or visit [www.hudsonstage.com](http://www.hudsonstage.com).

## Saturday, Apr. 21

**Pleasantville Farmers Market.** Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" from 2014 to 2017. With 55 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, it's a delicious good time. Rain or shine. The Market is a dog-free environment. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 17. Info: Visit [www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org](http://www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org).

**"An Insider's Look at a Political Campaign."** The League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns will host this discussion of what it's like to run for office. Featured speakers are County Legislator David J. Tubiolo (R-Yonkers) and former Board of Legislators candidates Ruth Walter, a Democrat and Nicole Benjamin, an independent. A continental breakfast will be served. The Hudson Valley Writer's Center, 300 Riverside Drive, Sleepy Hollow. 9 a.m. Free. RSVP requested by Apr. 18. Info and RSVP: 484-431-4946 or e-mail [info@lwv-rivertowns.org](mailto:info@lwv-rivertowns.org) or 484-431-4946.

**Third Saturday Bird Seed Sale.** The sale supports the local conservation work of the Saw Mill River Audubon. Pruyn Sanctuary, 275 Millwood Rd., Chappaqua. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Third Saturday of each month. Info (including bird seed descriptions and prices): Visit [www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/seedsale](http://www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/seedsale).

**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. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. \$12. Every Saturday. Info: 917-215-1720 or visit [www.addie-tude.com](http://www.addie-tude.com). Call or visit website because classes are subject to change.

**Artists Talk: Inspiration.** Hear from Baseera Khan, Jordan Nassar and other artists about how visual tradition shapes their highly original creative practices. A docent tour follows the event. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St., Katonah. 2:30 p.m. Free with regular admission. Info: 914-232-9555 or visit [www.katonahmuseum.org](http://www.katonahmuseum.org).

**The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center: "Classical Evolution."** This program of favorites reveals the multidimensional ingenuity of the classical style. Its intelligent principles of symmetry and logic have enabled composers through the ages to craft aesthetically pleasing works that endure the test of time. Mozart's pristine "Trio," Weber's electrifying Clarinet Quintet and Brahms' magisterial Piano Quintet all owe a nod of thanks to Haydn's immortal vision. Purchase College's Recital Hall, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 5 p.m. \$60. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or [www.artscenter.org](http://www.artscenter.org).

**Performing Families: An Evening of Music and Conversation.** Celebrate the bonds of music with four family bands as they perform and discuss the meaning of kinship, music and tradition. Featuring family ensembles Mariachi Sol Mixteco, the LOFT's Pride Chorus, Sruli & Lisa's Family Klezmer Band and mother-daughter South Indian Carnatic singing duo, Smt. Kiruba and Shaaranya Pillai. An audience talk-back will follow the performance. ArtsWestchester Gallery, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 7 p.m. \$10. Info: Visit [www.artswestchester.org](http://www.artswestchester.org).

**Ballroom Social.** Great music and dancing on a 3,500-square-foot dance floor. Enjoy a pleasant time with friends. Includes food and snacks, plus raffle tickets. Broadway 26 Dance, 26 Broadway, Hawthorne. 7:30 to 11 p.m. \$18. Third Saturday of each month. Info: 914-579-2228 or visit [www.broadway26dance.com](http://www.broadway26dance.com).

**Semi-Toned in Concert.** This is the "infamous" all-male singing sensation at the forefront of British a cappella, winners of the Voice Festival UK and more. In this third tour of the U.S., Exeter University's group of 12 singers present a thrilling journey from the '70s to today via the medium of music, humor, innovation, comedy and, of course, dance moves and grooves – all while dressed in burgundy. Westchester Community College's Academic Arts Theatre, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. \$24. Seniors: \$22. Children (under 13): \$18. Info and tickets: 914-606-6262 or visit [www.sunywcc.edu/smartarts](http://www.sunywcc.edu/smartarts). Tickets can also be purchased at the box

office 30 minutes before the performance.

**Stars in Concert.** The iconic indie pop Montreal act Stars tours behind their latest album "There is No Love in Fluorescent Light." Approaching 20 years as a band and a storied album catalogue since 2001, Stars continues to prove the band has some of the finest musical storytellers, moving through life with their fans. Stars has partnered with PLUS1 so that \$1 from every ticket goes toward providing indigenous women and their children a safe and supportive environment through the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

**Billy Squier and GE Smith in Concert.** Squier and Smith are an exquisite coupling, highlighting conversation and collaboration, featuring Squier's music, stripped down to the bone. Squier's career sprouted after he graduated high school and he has written and recorded 11 albums and sold nearly 20 million records. He has become a staple of Rock Radio with songs as "The Stroke," "Everybody Wants You" and "Lonely is The Night." Smith, a supreme musicologist who explores his passion for R&B while highlighting his guests' music ideology, is the ultimate sideman and a master guitarist who has played lead guitar for Hall & Oates and Bob Dylan and was the bassist for Roger Waters. He also served 10 years as the musical director of "Saturday Night Live" where he won an Emmy. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$50, \$60 and \$70. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit [www.paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://www.paramounthudsonvalley.com).

**"The Legacy of Brandenburg: Music From the Margrave's Private Library."** Ars Antiqua's next concert will feature violin virtuoso Nicholas DiEugenio and the Ars Antiqua Period Instrument Orchestra in the sparkling and effervescent music of Brescianello, Veracini, Albinoni, Vivaldi, Locatelli and Bach. The concert will be followed by a buffet reception of German and Italian pastries and coffee. Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 191 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 8 p.m. \$35. Ticket desk opens at 7:30 p.m. Concert at 8 p.m. Info: Contact Mark Kramer at 914-238-8015 or visit [www.ars-antiqua.org](http://www.ars-antiqua.org).

## Sunday, Apr. 22

**Phelps Food, Wine and Beer Fest.** A benefit for the Phelps Hospital Community Garden Initiative, the event boasts samples of delicacies at elegant dining stations hosted by exclusive local restaurants, and wines selected by the chefs to complement their fare. An extraordinary variety of beer will also be offered for tasting. Celebrity Chef Peter X. Kelly will be the featured guest. For more than three decades Kelly has set the standard for dining in New

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# Escape to South Beach, the Tropical Paradise a Short Flight Away

Imagine a sophisticated, tropical paradise overlooking the ocean with powdery white sand beaches, crystal clear water, breathtaking Art Deco buildings, world-class restaurants, museums, art galleries, high-end fashion shopping and endless water sports two and a half hours away.

It could only be South Beach, where the beautiful people escape to. Ironically, they're destined to bump into the same folks they've just escaped from.

Spring for an airbrushed golden tan before you go and you'll arrive looking very posh. Be prepared to pay through your possibly modified nose with every move you'll be making. It's expensive, but worth it. Luxury reigns and it's contagious.

Once you let yourself go, you'll quickly feel as if you belong. Your senses will quickly become expanded, refreshed and probably violated, but you'll love every minute of it and will beg for more.

Now, if I haven't scared you away, fasten your seatbelts, you're in for an amazing decadent vacation.

South Beach is unequivocally the people watching capital of the world and worth the price of admission.

Everywhere you go you'll find yourself gazing upon the bronzed, bejeweled, plastic-enhanced and runway fashion-clad.

Foodies will be delighted as restaurants relentlessly try to out-innovate each other. The late night selective clubs compare to the best in St. Tropez, Berlin or Paris. To gain entry, dress to the nines, wear designer sunglasses and say something pretentious in French or Italian. Everyone appears to be better looking, more beautifully tanned and more fashionably dressed than you are. Don't be intimidated.

The reigning hotels: The Art Deco Ritz-Carlton, the all-suite Sagamore and the Setai, which looks like an Asian Museum. For a beachfront Art Deco hotel, The Tides has dramatic ocean views. My favorite is The Albion, with minimalist-modern rooms and service to die for, but it costs less than most trendy places.

In the roaring 1920s, Miami became the winter warm weather playground of the rich and famous. During the Depression, architects, in an effort to cheer people up, added Art Deco whimsical touches to their buildings – portholes, racing

bands and wedding cake designs. Images of rolling waves were painted on building walls. These candy-colored structures helped create a fantasy world where people could escape from reality. Take a night tour of South Beach when the Art Deco neon is all aglow. Art lovers should be sure to visit the spectacular Rubell Family Collection of Contemporary Arts Museum.

Every evening Ocean Drive is transformed into a magnificent neon wonderland; its palm trees and Art Deco buildings light up like an electric rainbow on speed.

Golf fanatics must head straight for Crandon Golf, located on Key Biscayne, a tropical barrier island. Have breakfast at the iconic outdoor News Café on Ocean Avenue where you can watch the South Beach parade pass by 24/7. Go to Public Beach on Ocean Drive. Rent a portable cabana to escape the hot midday sun.

My favorite restaurant, PubBelly, serves Asian-Latin delights. I loved



By Richard Levy

Yardbird Southern's inventive farm-to-table comfort food and Stiltsville Fish Bar, seafood with maritime-inspired digs. Taxi to Calle Ocho in "Little Havana" to devour authentic Cuban food.

My favorite airline is Jet Blue. No other airline comes close. By the time you're ready to leave, you'll be tanned, well-clad and well-informed on the subtle body language of the beautiful people.

So don't be surprised if when you're strolling down Ocean Drive or dining in a trendy restaurant, wide-eyed tourists start people-watching you. When that magical moment happens, it will make the fortune you just spent on your luxurious week in South Beach worth every penny!

Hastings-on-Hudson resident Richard Levy is a former advertising "Mad Man" creative director and now prolific travel writer. He's also an inventor of innovative new products and is writing and illustrating a new children's book. You can contact him at [RichardLevyTravelWriter@gmail.com](mailto:RichardLevyTravelWriter@gmail.com).

## The Travel Maven

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York State, operating the most critically acclaimed restaurants in the Hudson Valley. Tappan Hill Mansion, 81 Highland Ave., Tarrytown. 1 to 4 p.m. \$100. Info and tickets: Contact Marissa Coratti at 914-366-3104 or at [mcoratti@northwell.edu](mailto:mcoratti@northwell.edu) or visit [www.phelpsevents.org](http://www.phelpsevents.org).

**New York Philharmonic Educational Residency Master Class and Concert.** Hoff-Barthelson Music School students perform for members of the New York Philharmonic who share their comprehensive knowledge of ensemble playing with these young musicians, guiding them to a higher understanding of technique, musicianship and musical style. Four members of the Philharmonic, Mindy Kaufman, flute; Lisa E. Kim, violin; Rebecca Young, viola; and Ru-Pei Yu, cello, will coach student chamber music ensembles. Then, some of the greatest works from the chamber music repertoire are performed by world-renowned musicians in an intimate setting. Followed by a reception. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. Master class from 1 to 3:15 p.m. Concert at 5 p.m. Master class: Free. Concert: \$28. Seniors (65 and up): \$18. Students: Free. Reservations suggested. Info and reservations: 914-723-1169 or

e-mail [hb@hbms.org](mailto:hb@hbms.org).

**Poetry Caravan.** The Poetry Caravan arrives to celebrate National Poetry Month. Meet the poets, enjoy their poems, share your own favorite or original poem. All welcome. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**New Castle Historical Society's 52nd Annual Meeting.** Town Historian Gray Williams will be the guest speaker by providing a brief history of Millwood, with special focus on the Putnam Division of the New York Central Railroad. Millwood Fire House, 100 Millwood Rd., Millwood. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Space is limited; registration required. Info and registration: 914-238-4666 or e-mail [director@newcastlehs.org](mailto:director@newcastlehs.org).

**Ballroom Dancing and Dinner.** Dancing followed by a complete dinner. All proceeds to go to the scholarship fund at Fox Lane High School and New York Boys' State. Moses Taylor American Legion Post 136, 1 Legion Way, Mount Kisco. 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. \$18 per person. Third Sunday of every month. Info: 914-241-0136 or contact Commander John A. Graziano at 914-248-7134.

**Monica Rizzio in Concert.** The former Tripping Lily frontwoman has left behind

the acoustic, condenser mic style and has brought her East Texas roots up north for her debut LP fittingly named, "Washashore Cowgirl." After leaving the band in 2013, she purchased a 1956 Martin O-18, named it Bo and plugged in. For the next few years she started playing with a bunch of salty, accomplished Cape Cod musicians who helped bring back the cowgirl attitude and inspired her to write about her sometimes humorous, sometimes tear-jerking journey from Texas, love and heartache. Whippoorwill Hall, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

## Monday, Apr. 23

**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](mailto:tinacampbell@masternetworks.net) or drop in.

**Community Blood Drive.** The

Pleasantville High School ECHO Club and the Pleasantville Volunteer Ambulance Corps are once again teaming up to organize an important event to help boost blood supplies before the start of summer. Whole blood and double red cells units will be collected from qualifying candidates. Anyone who donated at the Jan. 13 blood drive at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church is eligible. Appointments appreciated; walk-ins welcome. Pleasantville High School gymnasium, 60 Romer Ave., Pleasantville. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For questions regarding eligibility (date of last donation, travel, medications, etc.): 800-688-0900. To schedule an appointment: 1-800-933-2566.

**Foreign Policy Discussion Group: South Asia.** India's role on the world stage will be discussed. Guest speaker (via Skype) Alyssa Ayres, senior fellow for India, Pakistan and South Asia at the Council on Foreign Relations, served as U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for South Asia. She has served as project director for two bipartisan task forces on U.S.-India relations and is the author of "Speaking Like a State," about nationalism in Pakistan. Discussion led by Tyler Beebe. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.org).

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CG MEDICAL BILLING SERVICES, LLC** Art of organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/22/2018. Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **168 Douglas Ave., Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RED-LINE VENTURES LLC.** Articles of Org. filed with NY Sec. of State (SSNY) on 2/21/18. Office in Westchester Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to **1045 Park**

**Street, Parkmall, Peekskill, NY 10566, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF FERGUSON SERVICES LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 12/20/17. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **FERGUSON SERVICES LLC 90 Shinglehouse Road Millwood NY 10546. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KATIE MORGAN, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 2/5/18. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **121 North Chatsworth Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

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# Middle Eastern, North African Films to Be Showcased in Burns Series

By Neal Rentz

Every year the Jacob Burns Film Center holds its artists-in-residence program that provides emerging directors with an all-expense paid trip to Pleasantville where they work on their projects and interact with Media Lab staff and students.

The public will have the opportunity to meet the last two years' artists-in-residence in the upcoming week.

The Greenhouse 2018: Emerging Documentary Voices from the Middle East and North Africa, is set to run from Apr. 22-26 and features five documentaries and one film clips program.

The annual series is part of the Greenhouse Documentary Development Program, a groundbreaking initiative that promotes social change and peace-building through documentary filmmaking. The program attracts young filmmakers from the Middle East, North Africa and areas of the Mediterranean to develop the skills to create powerful films.

Films for the fourth annual series have been selected by Burns programmer Karen Sloe Goodman, Greenhouse Program Director Sigal Yehuda and Greenhouse partner and mentor Bruni Burres. Goodman said the partnership "is the thing that is so great about this series."

Every year, Goodman said she attends Greenhouse's festival and watches several films, looking for young filmmakers with potential to be chosen for the artist-in-residence program.

The opening night feature is "Mr. Gay Syria," the 2017 film directed by Ayşe Toprak, a Turkish filmmaker who was last year's artist-in-residence at the Jacob Burns.

The documentary is about two gay Syrian refugees who are struggling for self-expression and basic human rights while trying to rebuild their lives.

Following the opening night screening, the film's producer, Ekin Çalışır, will participate in a question-and-answer session moderated by Yehuda and Goodman.

On Apr. 25, artist-in-residence Hana Mire and Çalışır will participate in a film clip and question-and-answer session with Goodman, Yehuda and the Burns' Creative Culture Director Sean Weiner. Film clips will be presented from the work-in-progress feature documentary "Nation's Hope" and "Beats-N-Pieces," which emerged from the 2017 Greenhouse Documentary Development Program. Mire is a filmmaker from Somalia and Çalışır is Turkish.



JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER PHOTO

"Mr. Gay Syria," directed by Ayşe Toprak, is the opening night feature in the Greenhouse 2018: Emerging Documentary Voices from the Middle East and North Africa. The series is scheduled for Apr. 22-26 at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

"Nation's Hope" traces Somalia's women's national basketball team, which hopes to inspire a nation fractured by 27 years of civil war. In a country with strict gender roles and Islamic tenets restricting women's rights, the team highlights the hopes and aspirations of Somali women.

"Beats-N-Pieces" is a coming-of-age story about teenage hip-hop dancers,

who live on different sides of Nicosia, the last divided capital of the world, in Cyprus.

For more information about tickets and the complete schedule, call 914-747-5555 or visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org). The Jacob Burns Film Center is located at 364 Manville Rd. in Pleasantville.

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