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## Sunrise Abandons Senior Facility Proposal in Pleasantville

By Anna Young

Sunrise Senior Living officially pulled the plug last week on its proposed senior facility at the United Methodist Church site in Pleasantville, about two weeks after its representatives failed to show for a Village Board meeting.

Jerry Liang, Sunrise's senior vice president of investments and development, informed the village last Friday that the company has decided to look for development opportunities elsewhere.

Sunrise's proposals, first for an assisted living facility and most recently for 55 memory care units, were met with stern opposition by neighbors on Maple Hill Road and at Foxwood Condominiums. It was unable to gain support from the Village Board for the needed zoning change.

"After more than two years of working with the town of Pleasantville and its residents to listen and address their

feedback, we have made the very difficult decision to no longer pursue our plan for a new community," Liang said in a statement. "We remain committed to exploring opportunities to meet the need for high-quality senior care in Westchester County, and thank Mayor (Peter) Scherer, the Trustees of the Board and Pleasantville neighbors for their time."

Despite the cordial statement, the company's decision comes after a periodically strained relationship between Sunrise and the board, raising questions about whether the company received a fair shake.

During a well-attended Nov. 27 work session, Liang pitched the smaller 55-unit memory care facility over the originally proposed 79 units of assisted living. The structure would have required less parking and an increased buffer for Maple Hill residents, according to Sunrise's representatives. For the project



Sunrise Senior Living last week discontinued its quest to develop a portion of the United Methodist Church site in Pleasantville for a 55-unit memory care facility.

to have moved forward, it needed the Village Board to approve a new floating overlay district.

Following the November presentation,

Scherer said the board would need a couple of weeks "to digest" the proposal and would provide feedback at its Dec.

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## Miller House Refurbishment Plans to Be Announced; Will Remain on Site

By Martin Wilbur

A plan to refurbish the deteriorating Elijah Miller House/Washington's Headquarters and enhance the grounds will be unveiled in the upcoming weeks with the intention of maintaining the landmark at its North White Plains site.

Last week, the North Castle Town Board unanimously reaffirmed its 2014 resolution asking that Westchester County, which has owned the 280-year-old structure and property since 1917, keep the house at 140 Virginia Rd. despite a lack of parking and being located next to a cement plant.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro said after recently communicating with County Executive George Latimer's office the plans could be made public as soon as



A December 2015 photo of Miller House/Washington's Headquarters in North White Plains. Westchester County will soon announce refurbishment plans for the 280-year-old house.

the Town Board's Apr. 11 meeting.

"The indication I got is it's all positive," Schiliro said. "It is an exciting

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## Chappaqua Whole Foods Scheduled for November Opening

By Martin Wilbur

Whole Foods has targeted a Nov. 7 grand opening for its store that is now under construction at Chappaqua Crossing, likely to be the first of the commercial establishments to operate at the former Reader's Digest campus.

New Castle Supervisor Robert Greenstein said that Whole Foods, the project's anchor tenant, has the go-ahead to move forward following an inspection by its representatives of the structure's shell last Tuesday.

After more than a decade of debate and changing plans ranging from all residential to mixed use, the project is finally taking shape. Tenants have already begun moving into the apartments inside the site's signature cupola building,

Greenstein said. Full occupancy of the 63 apartments is expected by June, Greenstein said.

"I think it's fair to say that most people are very excited about the prospect of Whole Foods opening and the people in the cupola building are very excited to be there and these are people who will be going to our downtown in Chappaqua," he said.

With Whole Foods now beginning work on the structure's interior, the tentative schedule for construction has crews completing the building shell and beginning foundation work this month, according to Greenstein. The steel frame is scheduled to be completed by late spring before the supermarket chain finishes the interior.

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11 meeting. On Dec. 11, several letters from residents were submitted into the public record, otherwise the project wasn't discussed.

Scherer said at that time that trustees would respond to Liang once the board "had a chance to digest" the information. No public discussion by the board occurred after that.

However, a source told The Examiner that a few days before the Mar. 12 meeting, Scherer told Liang in a phone conversation that there was strong board opposition to the project and that Sunrise had no realistic chance of gaining approval for its zoning change.

Scherer, who often compared the Sunrise project to the failed Benchmark Senior Living application for an assisted living community, declined to comment on whether that phone conversation took place.

In 2014, Scherer and Trustee Steven Lord cast the dissenting votes on the controversial Benchmark proposal to rezone the church's property for an 87-unit assisted living facility. Neighbors opposing that application had submitted a valid petition requiring four votes in favor of a zoning change from the five-member board.

Former trustee Colleen Griffin-

Wagner, whose term ended Mar. 31, said last week she had no knowledge of Scherer's conversation with Liang. However, she charged that Sunrise wasn't treated properly.

"It's not been handled well," said Griffin-Wagner, who was the board's lone remaining supporter of the project. "This is not the way it's supposed to work. There are very rigid rules on how this stuff is supposed to be talked about and that conversation should not have gone on."

Trustee Nicole Asquith said she didn't know why Sunrise was absent from the Mar. 12 meeting but doesn't believe it was because Scherer "decided to scare them away."

After weeks of silence, several attempts were made to get Sunrise on an agenda, according to the source, who requested anonymity. On Jan. 30, Liang e-mailed Scherer and former village administrator Patricia Dwyer, requesting to meet with the board.

"We had requested to hear from the board their views based on our presentation of a smaller building once they've had a chance to digest," Liang e-mail's read. "Now that we are almost through January, I'd like to request a meeting so we can receive any comments and figure out how to proceed."

Frequent phone calls to Dwyer had also been made to see if Sunrise could be placed on the agenda.

Scherer said he suggested Sunrise make a presentation at the Mar. 12 meeting, a televised meeting. He explained it would have given the community an opportunity to familiarize itself with the proposal and the board a chance to review the requested zoning change.

But Sunrise didn't care to make another presentation and was only interested in receiving feedback from the board based on its November appearance, the source said. It was after Scherer's conversation with Liang that Sunrise no longer cared to expend more resources on a project that had no chance of approval.

Sunrise had "been living a fantasy" thinking it could get a fair shake, the source told The Examiner.

Asquith, Griffin-Wagner and Trustee Joseph Stargiotti each said last week they did not know why Sunrise didn't appear on an agenda until the Mar. 12 meeting. Asquith said delays often happen with applicants, while Stargiotti said it wasn't the village's responsibility to follow up.

"They're a potential applicant," Stargiotti said. "If they want to move forward they have to do it."

Griffin-Wagner said there was confusion about when Sunrise would

return. She said conversations regarding Sunrise had been very tight-lipped and that Scherer and the village administrator had decided what would be placed on agendas with little input from trustees.

"I feel badly because I've been such a proponent of this and I didn't do more to facilitate a meeting. I didn't do my due diligence towards Sunrise and I regret that," Griffin-Wagner said. "Shame on me for not taking more of a position on this, especially because I believe in it. I let the process go the way it's always gone."

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#### Q: What is a bunion?

**A:** A bunion is a bump on the inner side of the foot at the base of the big toe. If you've never experienced a bunion, you might think this bump is an enlarged bone or even a growth, but it's not. A bunion is actually a normally-shaped bone that has drifted into an abnormal position. As part of the deformity, the big toe becomes crooked, pointing more and more toward the second toe.

#### Q: Why are some bunions so painful?

**A:** It depends on the person. There are people with large bunions who are asymptomatic, and yet I have patients with small bunions who truly suffer. A bunion patient may develop painful symptoms due to footwear, activities, or other foot issues. Continually wearing poorly-fitting shoes that force the toes into certain positions may put additional pressure and pain on the bunion.

#### Q: How do you treat bunions?

**A:** The first step in treating pain and discomfort is choosing shoes that are wider, softer, and more comfortable. For women, I'll suggest shoes with a lower heel and a wider toe. Sometimes the right shoe is all it takes to relieve the pain.

If you have a smaller bunion and aching near the base of the big toe try a foam or silicone rubber toe spacer. The spacer, inserted between the first and second toe, corrects the alignment of the first toe and improves the mechanics of the joint, often leading to improved symptoms. Placed over bunions, circular donut-like bunion pads may also provide comfort inside shoes.

#### Q: Do you recommend surgery for a bunion?

**A:** I don't recommend bunion surgery for a bunion that's not painful. It's not about the X-ray, the size, or the look of the bunion. It's about how the bunion impacts your life. At Northern Westchester Hospital, bunion procedures are same-day surgeries and surgeons use nerve blocks and sedation. Patients should expect to remain home with feet raised to minimize swelling, from three or four days to one week. Ten days after surgery, patients come for an office visit for removal of stitches. Six to eight weeks following surgery, most patients will be allowed to walk in a roomy sneaker. If you have bunion surgery on the right foot, you won't be able to drive until your doctor gives permission. Full recovery takes about six months to one year.



# State Passes Updated Code to Thwart Federal Tax Legislation

By Pat Casey

State lawmakers last week approved legislation that will help residents hurt by the new federal tax law that caps state and local taxes (SALT) at \$10,000.

New York is the first state in the country to pass legislation that consists of updates to the state tax law, which can save New Yorkers billions in federal income taxes.

"We are sending a message to Washington that no longer should the federal government view New York's economy as a piggy bank to empty for deficit spending and tax cuts aimed at other states," said Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains).

The 2018-19 state budget, which was passed last Friday, contained two policies originally proposed by Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale) as stand-alone legislation to provide relief options for Westchester County residents.

According to Paulin, in 2015, among New Yorkers who itemized their tax returns, the average SALT deduction was \$22,000. Further information published by ATTOM Data Solutions, an organization that collects and distributes data about property including taxes, indicated that 73 percent of Westchester homeowners pay more than \$10,000 in property taxes.

Buchwald, who served as a tax attorney



Assemblyman David Buchwald was one of the key state legislators who worked on an update to the state tax code to provide relief to homeowners that would be hurt by the federal legislation capping state and local tax deductions.

before his election to the Assembly, said Monday that working with colleagues on the tax code update was like a "flash from the past."

Buchwald explained that other changes to the state tax code also "restored a bunch of deductions that existed prior to the federal change."

The first element of the state tax code change, which is applicable to 2018

taxes filed in 2019, is to allow residents to itemize deductions on their state tax return even if they do not itemize those deductions on their 2018 federal return.

The second component allows charitable contributions to state and local governments and school districts to offset local property taxes, which essentially would have gone up 25 to 35 percent with the new federal tax law, Buchwald said.

The budgets currently being passed by local school districts and municipalities will continue to determine the tax rate. The state tax code update will allow an option as to how that tax bill is paid by residents.

"Charitable contributions, which are still allowed as a deduction by the IRS, can now be made to New York State with an 85 percent tax credit, and to local governments and public schools as an up to 95 percent credit against your property tax bill," Buchwald explained.

"Local governments and school districts will have to adopt separate local laws establishing these charitable funds and adopting the charitable tax credit."

The state tax code update also applies to county government.

"Residents will have to stay on top of their local governments and school districts to make sure these new laws are introduced and passed," Buchwald said.

Separate from the property tax provision, the state tax code update also set up an optional payroll tax system for businesses to restore deductibility of employee salaries that are not deductible since the federal \$10,000 cap was enacted.

"Essentially, this replaces state income tax withholding with a payroll tax," Buchwald said. "Employees would still file income tax forms, but the amount owed would go down. The employer should end up transferring to the state the same dollar-for-dollar amount."

Employers and business owners will have until Dec. 1 each calendar year to opt into the system. Buchwald advised the public to encourage their employers to look into and adopt the optional payroll tax, which will save individuals money.

In putting the new tax code together, legislators worked closely with academics and tax attorneys.

"The biggest challenge was figuring out how to take the academics' ideas and turn them into legislation that would stand up to the inevitable challenges coming from the IRS," Buchwald said. "That partnership will continue and grow as other states follow New York's example. We will work together to defend the new tax codes as challenges come up."

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# Miller House Refurbishment Plans to Be Announced; Will Remain on Site

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time to get this done."

In addition to the restoration of the house, a small structure could be built to serve as a visitor's center, he said.

During the past 10 years, efforts to refurbish the house, which served as George Washington's headquarters during the Battle of White Plains in October 1776, have bogged down in debate. Attempts have also been made to relocate the house to a more accessible site, including nearby Kensico Dam Plaza, which is also owned and operated by the county. However, groups such as North Castle's Elijah Miller House Committee, the North Castle Historical Society and the Friends of Miller House/Washington's Headquarters want to see it remain at its current location.

The house has been closed to visitors for well over a decade because of its worsening condition. A blue tarp was placed over the roof several years ago to protect the structure.

County Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant) said last Thursday that after about a year of work, the county's Parks Department has completed design plans for the house's refurbishment. She said there could also be the addition of classroom space

to make the property more attractive to the general public and school groups.

"The design plan will make it so that it will be able to be utilized not only by the public but by schools," Cunzio said. "That's something that we really wanted to be able to do, make it useful. Will it be refurbished? Absolutely, but we also want to make it attractive for events, for the public and for the school districts."

About \$2 million has been set aside for the work, she said. There is the original \$1.3 million bond that was approved by the Board of Legislators in 2010, plus another \$700,000 county lawmakers appropriated last year, which is still available, Cunzio said. Small grants from the state and other sources are also being pursued.

Last year, there had been talk of a complicated agreement that would see the county complete the refurbishment while the town would take title to the property. Programs would have been supported by private donations. That arrangement will no longer be necessary, Schiliro said.

At last week's Town Board meeting, some residents urged officials to restore the Miller House and keep it at its current site while others said it would attract more visitors and volunteers if it

were placed in a better location.

Linda Fernberg, president of Friends of Miller House and an Elijah Miller House Committee member, said relocating the house would jeopardize its landmark status. The house is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Furthermore, it would be out of place at Kensico Dam Plaza, Fernberg said.

"The dam represents something from the early 1900s," Fernberg said. "When Miller House was first constructed in 1738, with an addition in 1770, you're talking about a farmhouse that existed centuries before, and how it specifically relates to that area," she said.

Daughters of Liberty's Legacy co-founder and Elijah Miller House Committee member Cynthia Kauffman said the house would lose its historical context if moved.

"It would be nice to pick it up and put it somewhere everyone would want to see it, but what you're looking at there is just a farmhouse," Kauffman said. "The story can't be told if you move it because the location that it's in was important to it when it was a home, but it was also important when the generals were there."

John Diaconis, a board member of the Friends of Miller House/Washington's

Headquarters, added that the cost to move the structure would be prohibitive and it might not withstand a move. Estimates have ranged from as much \$250,000 to \$500,000 for relocation.

However, other residents said Miller House is just as out of place next to the cement plant, which detracts from its historical significance. Plus, the location is extremely inconvenient for visitors.

"It's really not someplace where you would want to go," said North White Plains resident Terri Lobermann of the current site. "You may want to see the building but it's really not accessible. The (dam) property would still be North White Plains. It's a desirable location, the dam plaza. You can see it, you can drive to it and you can park there."

Schiliro said there are valid arguments to be made on both sides, but the board would support the town's committee, the Historical Society and Friends of Miller House.

"I think you can make the argument on the other side of it, that there's a historical loss if the building is moved from the property," he said. "I think we've heard that from all three of these organizations."

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### By Aaron Notis

Kaplowitz, who met with utility representatives following the storms, said that in his 21 years in office the utilities have done little to improve storm recovery operations. He recommended Con Edison and NYSEG fly in mutual aid crews from distant locations before major storms hit to speed the recovery process. Since everyone can't afford a generator, the objective should be to "reduce the length of the problem," Kaplowitz said.

Some residents said it was time to bury the power lines. Kaplowitz agreed, calling it essential.

Community members suggested that officials include in a report to the Public Service Commission the lack of responsiveness from cable companies and cell phone service providers. A few speakers noted that without cell and phone service, they were unable to contact Con Edison about their power outages.

The town plans to incorporate information from the meeting and public comments in a letter to Con Edison. Officials encourages residents to e-mail StormDamage@MyNewCastle.org with additional comments and suggestions.

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# Taxes to Rise 1.15% in Tentative \$16.4M P'ville Village Budget

By Anna Young

The Village of Pleasantville last week released its \$16.4 million tentative general fund budget for 2018-19 that is tax cap compliant and calls for a proposed 1.15 percent tax rate increase.

The proposed tax levy is 10,924,189, an increase of \$347,735 over the current last fiscal year, or 3.29 percent. As currently proposed, taxes would increase \$136.92 next year for the average village homeowner.

An anticipated 5 percent increase in

health insurance rates is a key budget driver. With the addition of new hires, there will be a 6.75 percent increase for health insurance expenses.

Pension contributions for police and general employees is projected to cost the village \$1.1 million.

The Panther Club, a K-8 afterschool program run out of Bedford Road School, will see a \$250,000 increase to its budget, Village Administrator Eric Morrissey said. Morrissey hopes to make recoup the additional expense in increased revenues.

"What we're trying to avoid is having to raise taxes in order to cover expenditures," he said. "We're just starting to understand the expense of The Panther Club. We're getting our ground and allocating our expenses to really understand the cost to run the program."

Water rates are proposed to remain the same for all residential, commercial and non-district customers. Morrissey said sprinkler and bulk sales rates are being re-evaluated to determine the impacts from an anticipated demand increase.

Morrissey said sales and mortgage tax revenues are projected to remain flat for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins June 1.

Total debt service expenditures of \$2.1 million is projected. Morrissey said he's estimating a decrease of \$700,000 in debt service for Fiscal Year 2020. By that time additional capital projects such as the Memorial Plaza civic space, Manville Road improvements and enhancements to the Department of Public Works facility will be ready to be added to that line.

Morrissey said Pleasantville's financial health is strong going into the upcoming fiscal year. The tentative budget contains a projected general fund balance of \$3,928,479.

"It's especially impressive considering this board allocated over \$500,000 last year on various capital projects," Morrissey said. "So, pay as you go instead of borrowing through debt service."

The village will hold a public hearing on the budget next Monday, Apr. 9. Two work sessions will also be held before the final budget is adopted on Apr. 23. The new fiscal year begins June 1.

For a complete breakdown of the proposed 2018-19 Pleasantville village budget, visit [www.pleasantville-ny.gov](http://www.pleasantville-ny.gov).

## Village Clerk Weintraub Bids Pleasantville Farewell

By Anna Young

Pleasantville Village Clerk Judy Weintraub said goodbye to Village Hall last week, retiring from the post she held for 25 years.

During the Mar. 26 Village Board meeting, Mayor Peter Scherer presented Weintraub with an Honorable Service Award for her dedication. In addition to serving as village clerk, she also held the posts of records management officer and registrar. Her last day was Mar. 30.

"That comes to you for every member of this board, every member of the boards that preceded us that you served so well and every current and past staff member of Pleasantville," Scherer told Weintraub regarding the award.

Weintraub, who was hired in 1992, thanked all of the boards that continued to appoint her year after year and village residents for allowing her to serve a great community.

"It's because of the residents that have made my job so fabulous," she said. "I've made some amazing friends and you will still be my friends."

She also expressed her gratitude to former village administrator Patricia Dwyer, who retired on Mar. 16.

"She's the one who interviewed me, hired me and had the confidence to put me before the board in 1992 for appointment and it has been an amazing ride with her," Weintraub said. "I have learned so much from Patti and I could not have done it without her."



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Judy Weintraub who retired last week as village clerk.



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# County Narcotics Task Force Makes Major P'ville Marijuana Bust

By **Matin Wilbur**

A Pleasantville man suspected of running a major marijuana operation was arrested last Thursday as authorities seized hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash and a large amount of marijuana from his residence.

Ronnie Bordin, 60, of 204 Washington Ave., was taken into custody at 12:30 p.m. by officers from the Westchester County Police Narcotics Unit and the Yonkers Police Department. Members of the county Heroin and Opioid Task Force, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Diversion Task Force and the Pleasantville Police Department accompanied the lead law enforcement agencies in executing a search warrant at Bordin's home.

"Bordin's drug delivery service was literally bringing drugs to front doors throughout Westchester County and New

York City," said DEA Special Agent in Charge James Hunt. "Working with our law enforcement partners, we were able to arrest the head of this organization that was responsible for enabling drug use and abuse throughout our communities."

Bordin was charged with one count of second-degree criminal possession of marijuana and three counts of fourth-degree criminal sale of marijuana. He was turned over to the Yonkers Police Department Thursday night and was arraigned in Yonkers City Court. He is being held in the Westchester County Jail without bail.

The suspect had a previous jail sentence



Pleasantville resident Ronnie Bordin was arrested on drug charges after police found a large amount of cash and marijuana in his car.

in 2014 after pleading guilty to the same charges he was arrested on last week.

The cash and marijuana are now in the custody of the DEA, said a county police spokesman. The amount of money and marijuana recovered by authorities was not immediately known, police said.

Westchester County Police Acting Commissioner Martin McGlynn said police launched their investigation based on a tip from the DEA.

"I would like to commend our Narcotics Unit and our federal and local partners in this investigation for bringing it to a successful conclusion," McGlynn said.



Some of the marijuana that was recovered by police. The suspect has been accused of dealing marijuana.

Bordin is due back in court in Yonkers on Apr. 17.

## Chappaqua Whole Foods Scheduled for November Opening

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Greenstein said there has been no timetable set for the opening of Lifetime Fitness, the other large commercial tenant at the site. Whole Foods and Lifetime Fitness will each occupy 40,000 square feet of the 120,000 square feet of retail. The remaining entities will be a collection of smaller shops, including a bank and restaurants.

In order for Whole Foods to open, it will need to complete road improvements on Route 117 and Roaring Brook Road, Greenstein said. There will be the addition of a left-hand turn lane from northbound Route 117 onto Roaring Brook. Work on Roaring Brook Road, particularly the opening of that street's entrance to the complex, also needs to be completed.

"I think when this is all done and said

and completed, it's a really great project," Greenstein said. "They'll certainly make the traffic increase at certain times of the day, but at other times of the day it'll be better."

For anyone looking to gain access to the campus through Thursday of this week, the Route 117 entrance is scheduled to be closed. It is slated to reopen on Friday.

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# Police Blotter

## County Police/Mount Kisco

**Mar. 26:** Police responded to Diplomat Drive at 2:19 a.m. to assist a woman who fell out of bed. Westchester EMS also responded and transported the woman to Northern Westchester Hospital.

**Mar. 27:** Police responded to West Hyatt Avenue at 4:57 p.m. on a report of a loud dispute among neighbors over a shared driveway. Witnesses reported that there had been some pushing and shoving during the argument, but no one wanted to press charges. At the

request of one of the parties, a man who was a visitor to the property was advised to leave to help calm the situation.

**Mar. 27:** Report of an odor of smoke in the area of Stratford Drive at 11:57 p.m. Officers observed a small fire in a mulch pile outside a home and knocked down the flames with a fire extinguisher. The Mount Kisco Fire Department also responded and put the remaining hot spots out. The blaze was caused by an outdoor light fixture that had overheated and set the mulch ablaze.

**Mar. 28:** Police responded to Woodland Street at 1:37 a.m. to assist a woman who was suffering chest pains. Westchester EMS and the Mount Kisco Volunteer Ambulance Corps also responded. The woman was transported to the hospital.

**Mar. 28:** Report of a loud argument between a taxi driver and his passenger on Hillside Avenue at 10:08 a.m. The dispute concerned the fare. After officers arrived, the two parties agreed on an amount and the passenger paid the driver.

**Mar. 28:** A man who rents a garage on Maple Avenue reported at 6:03 p.m. that some tools and a compressor had

been stolen from the facility. The garage owner was contacted and told officers that the renter owed him money and had given him permission to take the items to settle his debt. The renter acknowledged that he had given such permission and officers advised that it was no longer a police matter.

**Mar. 29:** A village resident reported at 9:39 a.m. that someone she does not know was posting false and harassing messages to her Facebook page.

**Mar. 30:** Police responded to Smith Avenue at 12:59 a.m. on a complaint of loud noise coming from a parked car. Two men in the vehicle, who were talking and listening to music, live nearby and agreed to go home.

## North Castle Police Department

**Mar. 23:** A caller requested police assistance at the Stop & Shop on North Broadway at 6:02 p.m. She reportedly lost her purse inside the store and employees informed her that police needed to be present in order for them to assist her with the matter. The responding officer reported that the party was assisted in finding her bag. Matter adjusted.

**Mar. 24:** A caller reported at 2:08 a.m. that his vehicle had been broken into on Annadale Street. An officer responded and reported that a friend of the caller played a prank on him. The vehicle checked okay.

**Mar. 26:** Report of rocks in the roadway on Route 433, which may be causing a hazardous condition. The responding officer confirmed the debris, consisting of numerous large rocks and soil, is in the roadway and blocking the westbound lane, which is impassable. The town's Highway Department responded and was able to clear the road.

**Mar. 27:** A caller reported at 1:34 p.m. that a small blue car struck another car, which was parked on Fox Ridge road and left the scene, traveling westbound on toward Fox Ridge Court. No further information about the vehicle was available.

**Mar. 28:** Subsequent to a motor vehicle accident on North Broadway, one of the involved operators was found to have a suspended license and arrested at 9:33 a.m. for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.



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## Few Staffing Changes in Proposed \$61.8M Mt. Pleasant Schools Budget

By Neal Rentz

The proposed 2018-19 Mount Pleasant School District instructional budget would maintain district staff at virtually the same level as this year while emphasizing science, literacy and the International Baccalaureate program.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Guiney is proposing a \$61,786,015 budget for next year that would be compliant with the tax cap for the seventh consecutive year.

The proposed budget seeks a tax rate increase of 4.29 percent and a tax levy hike of 4.68 percent, the maximum increase allowed for the district under the state's formula. Spending would increase 4.8 percent over the current year.

There would be an increase of 1.7 full-time equivalent instructional staff members districtwide. Some of the proposed staffing changes include adding three monitors at Hawthorne Elementary School and decreasing four special education aides at Columbus Elementary School. Those aides would move with students to the sixth grade at Westlake Middle School.

The instructional budget comprises nearly 75 percent of next year's spending plan, Guiney noted.

Director of Curriculum and Instructional Services Mary Ellis said the

academic priorities next year would be to continue to implement the International Baccalaureate program at the middle school and to bring the program to the high school. District officials are also stressing Foundational Literacy, science and STEAM-related courses.

Ellis said next year the district hopes to assist the educational staff in understanding the state's new science learning standards.

Guiney said she is hoping to maintain class sizes of 20 to 22 pupils in grades K-2 at Hawthorne Elementary School; 22 to 24 pupils in grades 3-5 at Columbus Elementary School; and 24 to 26 students at Westlake Middle School and Westlake High School. This year, class sizes range from 20 to 22 students in grades K-2, 23 to 26 in grades 3-5 and 26 to 28 in middle school and high school classes.

"We have budgeted with the desirable (class size) in mind," Guiney said.

The district's Citizens Budget Advisory Committee is scheduled to present its report at the Apr. 9 Board of Education work session. It is anticipated the board will approve the budget on Apr. 17. Trustees will hold the required public hearing on the proposed budget on May 7.

Residents will go to the polls to vote on the 2018-19 spending plan and the Board of Education election on Tuesday, May 1.

## Mt. Pleasant Schools Superintendent Search Kicks Into High Gear

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Pleasant Board of Education will soon begin the process of interviewing candidates to replace outgoing Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Guiney with the possibility that a successor is chosen as soon as next month.

An update on the search was provided at the Mar. 26 board meeting by Debbie Raizes, a consultant from Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates, who is helping the district find its next chief administrator. Guiney is scheduled to retire on June 30.

Raizes said a national search is being conducted for the new superintendent.

The firm has been collecting input from the district about the qualities sought for the next superintendent and opinions about the current strengths and weaknesses of the district, Raizes said. To learn what district residents, employees and students want in the next superintendent, the firm conducted interviews, focus group meetings and an online survey, she said.

Raizes noted that 123 residents and staff participated in the focus groups and personal interviews and 439 people answered the online survey.

Key qualities sought in the next superintendent is an experienced and inspirational leader with strong interpersonal skills and someone who is strong on instruction.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Debbie Raizes, one of the consultants hired by the Mount Pleasant Board of Education to assist in its search for a new superintendent, addressed trustees last week.

Raizes said several candidates will be interviewed shortly. Since it's a confidential search, the Board of Education will not be made aware of the candidates until trustees are presented with the names of finalists that the consultants believe are a good fit for Mount Pleasant and should be interviewed, she said.

Board members will interview about five candidates. If desired, the board could ask to interview additional candidates.

Though the board could hire a new superintendent as soon as late May, there is no deadline to complete the hiring process, Raizes said.

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# Obituaries

## Margarethe Essig

Margarethe Agnes Essig (nee Koch), a longtime Thornwood resident, passed away peacefully on Mar. 26 after a brief illness.

She was 73.

Essig was born in the Bronx on May 25, 1944, to the late Anna and Erwin Koch. She grew up in Thornwood and attended Thornwood and Pleasantville schools, graduating from Pleasantville High School in 1962. Essig worked for many years as a customer service

representative at Burke Heat. She was actively involved in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Hawthorne and the Mount Pleasant and Ossining Seniors. She was also a proud honorary member of the Thornwood Fire Department. Celebrating her German heritage, Essig was a member of the Bavarian Club Edelweiss.

She is survived by her son, Michael and his wife Michelle Essig, of Valhalla; her loving grandchildren, Daniel and Kaitlyn Essig; her sister-in-law, Ann Koch; nephew Robert (Lisa) Koch; nieces Kristin Pacicca and Heather Koch; and great-nephew Cory Pacicca. She was predeceased by her son, Mark Essig, and her brother, Walter Koch.

The family received friends at Beecher-Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville on Mar. 28. A funeral service was held on Mar. 29 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hawthorne.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Thornwood Fire Department or Trinity Lutheran Church would be greatly appreciated.

## Joseph Grisanti

Joseph Grisanti of Valhalla passed away on Mar. 28. He was 32.

Gristani was born in White Plains on Oct. 4, 1985, to proud parents Michael and Cathy Grisanti (nee Carolini). He is also survived by his loving siblings, Mark and Rosa Grisanti. Also left to mourn his loss are many family and friends.

Visitation was at Pleasant Manor Funeral Home in Thornwood on Mar.

30. A blessing was celebrated at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne on Mar. 31, followed by interment at Mount Calvary Cemetery in White Plains.



## Eleanor Stockel

Eleanor Stockel was born in Vrbas, Yugoslavia on Aug. 10, 1929. She entered heaven's gate on Mar. 28.

A consummate mother, grandmother and homemaker, Stockel was an excellent cook and enjoyed making dinners for her family. Her specialties included fried chicken with green beans and hunkie bits, chicken Marsala and the kid's all-time favorite, spätzle.

She had a life well-lived as her daily routine included trips to the supermarket, post office and bank where she would be sure to say hello to everyone she met. Over the past three years she suffered from dementia, but she never failed to

recognize her family and tell them how much she loved them. You would always catch grandma snuggling on the couch with grandpa watching soccer or listening to their favorite operas.

Stockel was survived by her husband, Jakob Stockel, married for 66 happy years. She is also survived by her two sons, John and wife Tracey and Eric and wife Lori, along with their five grandchildren, Becky, John, Jr. and wife Skye, Kelly and fiancé Shaun, Kevin and Annie.

The family received friends on Mar. 30 at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville.

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THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz

By Edward Goralski

Middle Ground. The quiz words this week come from the list of "100 Words Every Middle Schooler Should Know." The full list can be found at vocabulary.com. The editors at American Heritage Dictionaries have chosen words "that are neither obscure nor outlandish that could give middle schoolers more...aptitude in their verbal encounters." Even those not in middle school could use some aptitude in their verbal encounters.

1. engross (v.)

A) to absorb the attention of

2. brackish (adj.)

A) joined together

3. concoction (n.)

A) a mixture of ingredients

4. subside (v.)

A) to pledge support

5. plenteous (adj.)

A) fruitful

6. muster (v.)

A) to undergo change

7. furtive (adj.)

A) exhibiting anger

8. aplomb (n.)

A) an earnest plea

B) drive to exhaustion

B) slightly salty

B) an open space

B) undermine authority

B) invested with power

B) restrain

B) secretive

B) lack of interest

C) surround

C) slow moving

C) involvement

C) die down

C) giving pleasure

C) collect

C) easily upset

C) great composure

ANSWERS:

1. A. To absorb all the attention or interest of

2. B. Slightly salty

3. A. A mixture of various ingredients or elements

4. C. To die down or become less violent; diminish

5. A. Affording an abundant supply; plentiful; fruitful

6. C. To collect or assemble (a number or amount)

7. B. Act suspiciously; secretive

8. C. Great coolness and composure under strain; poise



# No. White Plains Residents Criticize Multi-Family Housing Potential

By Martin Wilbur

Several North White Plains residents urged the North Castle Town Board last week to back off any plans to create more multifamily zoning in the hamlet as part of the updated Comprehensive Plan.

Four speakers at the Mar. 28 Town Board meeting criticized officials for considering a potential zoning revision that could allow more mixed-use multifamily housing above ground-floor commercial spaces on Route 22.

The town is weighing whether to increase the height limits on buildings in the Central Business district in North White Plains from two stories and 30 feet to three stories and 40 feet.

"We in North White Plains have more multifamily units than any other area of North Castle and we don't need or want any more than is already required," said longtime resident Ed Lobermann.

At a Mar. 22 Comprehensive Plan work session, the town's planning consultant, Frank Fish, recommended the Town Board evaluate allowing the extra floor. The rationale is that owners of certain parcels along the stretch would be more apt to redevelop their property because the current economic climate makes a two-story mixed-use building economically unfeasible.

Fish said that given the width of the roadway – about 44 feet – Route 22 could



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

The stretch of Route 22 in North White Plains where North Castle is considering whether to allow three-story, mixed-use development in its updated Comprehensive Plan.

handle the additional without it looking out of place. Generally, a one-to-one roadway width to building height ratio is acceptable, he said.

However, outspoken residents said there is already heavy congestion on Route 22 during peak hours and an overcrowding problem in other areas of the hamlet. There are too many cars parked on many side streets, in some cases because of illegal apartments in private homes.

Resident Betty Sanchirico said there was a recent incident on Emmalon Avenue where 12 people were found in one house. Outside another house on Roberta Place, Sanchirico counted nine vehicles.

"We do not need to create housing that could potentially add to the already difficult overcrowded housing problem we have in North White Plains," she said. "We cannot

afford to have additions to our school and school enrollment, which could potentially add to our school taxes or add to the need for more schools."

Fish told the board at the work session that studios and one- and two-bedroom apartments generate few school-age children. He said studies have shown that those type of upstairs units bring in just one child for every 10 to 15 units.

Another longtime resident, Nancy Batastelli, said she doesn't see how potentially allowing larger buildings and more housing units is going to help the hamlet.

"It's just going to cause more traffic congestion, more population and we are all pretty well squeezed in in North White Plains," Batastelli said.

Under the recommendation to the board,

a property owner would still need to obtain a special use permit from the town to have apartments on the second and third floor.

Town board members did express concern at last month's work session about the added density that a zoning revision could cause. Supervisor Michael Schiliro called on Fish and Director of Planning Adam Kaufman to estimate the potential number of units that could be built if the recommendation is incorporated into the updated Comprehensive Plan and zoning code.

It is believed that a handful of properties could accommodate the multi-use development, including Sir John Plaza, 690 and 901 N. Broadway and the property housing Imperial Wok.

Sanchirico said it was wrong that town officials are looking to protect Armonk's Main Street from the possibility of the three-story regulation, also zoned as a Central Business district, because it's a narrower street. Meanwhile, North White Plains, which is already overcrowded, is threatened with more development.

"It's so nice that this congestion is only going to be designated for us and not even considered for Armonk, which is not really fair," she said.

The Town Board will hold its next Comprehensive Plan work session on Thursday, Apr. 12 at 6 p.m. at North Castle Town Hall.

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# Chappaqua Schools Contemplate Bond for Security Enhancements

By Anna Young

The Chappaqua Board of Education is considering a capital projects bond of up to \$7.4 million this June that would pay for security enhancements for the front entrances of each of the district's schools.

Erik Kaeyer of KG&D Architects in Mount Kisco presented recommendations at the board's Mar. 28 meeting to create a single-point entrance for Horace Greeley High School between the cafeteria and the main office. There would be a secured vestibule and security office in every building.

Students and visitors would have to undergo a vetting process through a built-in transaction window and be buzzed in.

With the high school undergoing major reconstruction, Kaeyer suggested creating two corridors for internal connections for students to access any part of the building without exiting one of the four entrances. The proposed corridors would be between the gym and auditorium and the main entrance and library.

A grade change of about nine feet between the gym and auditorium would require steps or a lift, Kaeyer said.

While Kaeyer suggested having one



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

The Chappaqua Board of Education and administrators will decide whether to propose a bond of as much as \$7.4 million in June to pay for security improvements at each of the district's schools.

main entrance, he said the administration would have the ability to unlock more than one set of doors during student arrival and dismissal to reduce foot traffic.

Kaeyer provided the board with an alternative solution proposing perimeter fencing around the 8,320-square-foot high school campus. He advised district officials to add a gatehouse at the main entrance to the campus if they choose the alternate plan.

Perimeter fencing would cost an estimated \$1.7 million reducing the overall bond to \$2.6 million.

Douglas Grafflin Elementary School

is projected to undergo an estimated \$550,032 security renovation. Kaeyer proposed adding a secured vestibule with an outside canopy. He said a security office with a window would need to be built.

Roaring Brook Elementary School, Westorchar Elementary School and Seven Bridges Middle School need a security office within each building's vestibule, he said. Kaeyer suggested the physical education office adjacent to the vestibule in Roaring Brook be renovated and subdivided to accommodate a security office and a window. A

transaction window in the main office at Westorchar was also recommended.

Despite the addition of a security desk to the auditorium lobby of Robert E. Bell Middle School in recent years, Kaeyer proposed adding a second set of doors which access the rest of the building. He said the doors would have a locking mechanism and be covered with 3M bulletproof security glass.

"I think we would agree it's important to look at each one of these schools and make a decision on what we're proposing here and what should happen at each school," Kaeyer said.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Ackerman said the project would need board approval by Apr. 30 to present the bond to district voters in June. Ackerman and the trustees agreed it would be prudent to host a community forum later this month to gain feedback on the project before the board moves forward.

"I think that because of what has just occurred in Parkland, I think the security at our front entrances is pressing for the district," Ackerman said.

## Bedford Schools Forum Focuses on Keeping Students, Staff Safe

By Erin Maher

A panel of school administrators, local law enforcement and consultants gathered at a Fox Lane High School parents' forum last week to review the Bedford School District's security efforts to keep students and staff safe.

The goal of the Mar. 27 gathering, organized by administrators, was to share important information and discuss Fox Lane's safety measures and plans.

This was the third forum the district hosted this year, scheduled following the Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. The first two were held a week earlier for parents of elementary school children.

"We're here tonight as a school district, administrative team, law enforcement and teachers to share with parents that much has been done to keep the school safe," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christopher Manno.

Manno said the district promotes strong relationships with the community and relies on the public to inform administrators and law enforcement officials of student behaviors that should warrant concern.

The proposed 2018-19 Bedford School District budget allocates the addition of a student assistance counselor at Fox Lane High School, he said. The counselor's role is to provide emotional support for students and focuses on youngsters' mental health.



ERIN MAHER PHOTO

John LaPlaca of Altaris Consulting Group, a BOCES service provider, speaks to parents about the Bedford School District's efforts to keep its school buildings safe.

Manno said the district also has an anonymous alert system located on the [www.bcsdny.org](http://www.bcsdny.org) home page that allows the public to provide anonymous tips about any student whose behavior could be deemed dangerous.

Furthermore, the district has a strong relationship with the three local police departments within its boundaries, he said.

Bedford Police Chief Melvin Padilla Jr. of the Bedford Police Department attended last week's forum, noting that his force has a presence in available office space at the district's five elementary schools.

Within the past year there were multiple safety measures undertaken in Bedford's schools. At the beginning

of the current school year, the district initiated a first responder safety and security task force, which is responsible for taking action in the event of an emergency, Padilla said. The district also held active shooter training for all teachers and administrators, he said.

At Fox Lane Middle School, administrators created only one point of entry, ensuring that all guests who arrive at the school check in with the main

office before they enter the building.

John LaPlaca, of Altaris Consulting Group, a BOCES safety service provider, said that the Bedford School District is a model school system when it comes to safety.

"Bedford has been proactive," LaPlaca said, "not just in the wake of a shooting, but since 2013, since we've been working in this district."

### Bedford Schools to Hold Budget Informational Meetings

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christopher Manno and Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administrative Services Angelo Rubbo will be holding a series of informational meetings for parents and community members on the Bedford School District's 2018-19 budget.

The administrators will review the spending plan, including the process behind creating it and a breakdown of where the money will be spent.

The Board of Education is expected to adopt the district's 2018-19 school budget on Wednesday, Apr. 11. It will then go before the voters on Tuesday, May 15.

The following are the dates, times and locations of the informational budget meetings that have been scheduled during the next month.

- Tuesday, Apr. 17, Bedford Hills Elementary School, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 2, Fox Lane Middle School, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, May 3, Bedford Village Elementary School, 7 p.m.
- Monday, May 7, West Patent Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 8, Mount Kisco Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 9, Pound Ridge Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

For more information on the budget, visit [www.bcsdny.org](http://www.bcsdny.org).



# Developer Submits Zoning Petition for Armonk Hotel, Housing Projects

By Martin Wilbur

The North Castle Town Board accepted receipt of a zoning petition last week from a developer looking to build a hotel, apartments and townhouses on a 32-acre site formerly owned by IBM.

The board declared its intent to act as lead agency and referred the petition to the town and county planning boards in separate resolutions during the Mar. 28 board meeting.

Developer MADD Madonna Armonk, LLC has proposed a 97-room boutique hotel with amenities, including a restaurant, bar and banquet hall. On the building's third and fourth floors, there would be 69 one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments. The project, called Eagle Ridge would be located on a six-acre portion of the property off North Castle Drive.

On the larger parcel, the applicant intends to build 94 townhouses.

A zoning amendment is needed to allow multifamily dwellings in the Office Business Hotel zone. IBM subdivided the property in 2010 and had the zoning changed on the six-acre parcel to allow for the development of a hotel, which the Comprehensive Plan calls for. The corporation sold the property last year.

A zoning change is being requested for a Multifamily-A Residence District that would permit the townhouse development on the remaining 26 acres, according to a Mar. 20 letter from the developer's attorney Kory Salomone.

Salomone said this is the first step of a lengthy development process. If the project comes to fruition, it would benefit the town and is compliant with the updated Comprehensive Plan, he said. The property does not have any residential neighbors and is bordered by the existing IBM property, the Town Park and Route 22.

"That's positive and there's going to be some tangible benefits to the town," Salomone said. "Right now, the taxes are on a vacant piece of land, and ultimately when it's developed, the rateables will go up."

While the developer's representatives did not have estimates on how much the project could yield in additional tax revenue, Jonathan Falik, of JF Capital Advisors, said last week that the hotel alone could generate \$450,000 in total taxes in the first year, not including the town's 3 percent hotel occupancy tax. The townhouses would produce additional revenues.

The hotel is expected to generate the equivalent of 107 full-time jobs, Falik said.

The apartments above the hotel are expected to attract young professionals and empty-nesters.

A series of key issues would have to be resolved, most notably the type of affordable units and where they would be located. Last week there was also discussion about the proposed height of the four-story hotel and apartment complex, which

would fall just shy of 60 feet, nearly 15 feet more than the zoning code allows in that area.

Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto questioned the types of affordable units that would be built. Since 10 percent of the residential portion of the project must comply with the town's affordable housing ordinance, those would have to be similar to what is being built. However, all 16 affordable units, ranging from one to three bedrooms, are being placed in the hotel and apartment site.

It is possible that what has been proposed

would not meet the requirements for the affordable units for the townhouses, DiGiacinto said.

Salomone said that his client intends to fully comply with whatever the ordinance calls for and will revise the plans in order to do that.

The board also expressed concern regarding the height of the building. DiGiacinto said it far exceeds the 45-foot limit in that zone.

Frank Madonna, the principal for the development entity, said the hotel complex would sit near the lowest elevation of the

property, which ranges from 500 feet to 430 feet.

"We're setting that hotel down at the bottom of the site, allowing us to justify going up that additional two stories and 15 feet rather than moving the building up and having it at that height anyway," Madonna said.

Questions regarding water and sewer and how many schoolchildren the townhouses will generate for the Byram Hills School District are among the other issues that also must be addressed.

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## Editorial

### Handling of Sunrise Plan is How Not to Deal With an Applicant

It's really no surprise that Sunrise Senior Living last week terminated its proposal in the Village of Pleasantville.

The only wonder is that it didn't happen sooner.

The end of the line for Sunrise and its proposed 55-unit memory care facility at the United Methodist Church was the apparent realization that it had no chance of receiving the necessary zoning change from the Village Board.

As supporters of the company's previous assisted living plan, then the memory care project, left the board one by one, it had become increasingly obvious the church site would not house a senior facility.

But the lack of transparency from the village – and in particular Mayor Peter

Scherer – raises serious concerns about what has been going on.

After Sunrise appeared with its revised plan in November, Scherer appeared to employ delay tactics, making representatives return to make the same presentation a second time on Mar. 12.

However, Scherer, and to a lesser extent his board colleagues, need to answer why it never supplied the promised feedback to Sunrise after the November presentation.

If officials legitimately felt the project was wrong for the site, there was an obligation to unequivocally communicate that to the applicant and not let the timewasting charade continue.

The recent tortured history of this site actually stretches back four years with Benchmark's 89-unit assisted living proposal. In late March 2014, it appeared that it was headed for an approval, until the vote had to be abruptly postponed because of a state Department of Transportation issue.

By June, when the vote was taken, Scherer, who publicly appeared to support the plan, inexplicably flipped and Benchmark fell one vote shy of the required supermajority.

It is the responsibility for municipal board members to hold a developer's feet to the fire, and if they oppose a plan, to vote accordingly. They just need to explain why.

## Guest Column

### Calling All Women: Be Proactive to Protect Your Health

By Lou Giampa

Back in the day, mothers were hush-hush with their teen daughters about their changing bodies, and older ladies gave nary a whisper about their joint pains.

In the centuries long before employee wellness programs and biometric screenings, some diseases were blamed on night air and expressive emotions. And women who pursued an education were warned that intellectual pursuits damaged their reproductive health.

Women have progressed in moving their health to the forefront of everyday conversations and medical advancements. Yet countless females remain in the dark about their ongoing health and fitness. Many go undiagnosed with illnesses for years despite repeatedly seeking help from their physicians.

Shortfalls still exist in women's health. It is one of the reasons we stay watchful of the senior women we serve through our at-home caregiving.

Older women face challenges to staying attentive to their medical conditions. These challenges can range from thinning skin to serious breathing problems. It is important for both aging women and men, with the help of their families and caregivers, to stay on the lookout to detect health issues early.

Women are often at high risk for specific diseases, but many aren't aware. A WebMD report on the top five health concerns of women includes heart disease, breast cancer, osteoporosis, depression and autoimmune diseases.

However, heart disease is the leading killer of women and men. In women, it is responsible for roughly 30 percent of deaths in the United States. Autoimmune chronic illnesses include type 1 diabetes, lupus, multiple sclerosis and thyroid

disease.

Women can take the following actions to protect their health as they age.

**Understand your own body.** Although there are commonalities to stress, pain and illness, every person responds differently to these factors. What makes you energetic or sluggish? What are your optimum hours of sleep? How much exercise is enough without causing muscle fatigue or strain? What foods upset your stomach? If you are in menopause, how is your body adjusting? The more you are a student of your own body, the more you'll be prepared if something seems off-kilter and you need to seek medical attention.

**Educate yourself on health issues.** With ever-expanding technology and instant access to information, women can stay up to date on pertinent health topics. Local physician offices and hospitals often host health programs and forums just for women. The federal government's Office of Women's Health – womenshealth.gov or 1-800-994-9662 – shares a wealth of facts about women's health and wellness. Healthfinder.gov is another national-level resource for organizations and services available to assist with a woman's well-being.

**Know and act on your family health history.** Did your grandfather have diabetes? What types of cancer run in your family? Do your siblings have high blood pressure? Collecting an accurate health history on your family of origin can give your doctor a better picture of your current health and your risks for disease. Ask relatives from both your father's and mother's sides about any medical conditions they have or have had. Record the ages when these conditions first occurred. If your family member does not remember specifics, approximate

ages and general health descriptions are still useful. You may not be able to change your family health portrait, but you can make changes in unhealthy behaviors such as smoking and lax eating habits.

**Seek preventative health information.** The life expectancy for U.S. women continues to rise, moving from 78 years in the mid-1980s to 81.1 years in 2016. Preventative health information and early detection tests are adding years to people's health.

To keep your own health in check, stay current with your doctor on the screening tests for the following health conditions that often increase with age.

High blood pressure (manual or digital blood pressure monitor); cholesterol (fasting lipoprotein panel); heart disease (blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index and other cardiovascular tests); diabetes (fasting blood glucose level or A1c test); colorectal cancer (fecal occult blood test or colonoscopy); breast cancer (clinical breast exam, mammogram); ovarian cancer (pap smear); skin cancer (annual skin test); osteoporosis (bone mineral density test); and glaucoma (eye exam with dilation of pupils).

Just remember, you can be grateful for all the ladies who lived before you and helped changed the tide on physical conditions being attributed to night air, expressive emotions and educational pursuits.

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## Sydney Leone Hawthorne

By Martin Wilbur

When Sydney Leone went to Westlake High School, she was a member of the track team. By her own admission she didn't do anything special while competing.

Leone is still running. When she does, however, she's not going up against others or the clock, but is achieving something significant.

On Mar. 18, the Hawthorne native completed the New York City Half Marathon with her boyfriend, Jeremy De Los Santos, raising more than \$2,000 for the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation. Her choice of charity for the race as well as previous runs over the past five years has been in honor of her 25-year-old brother, Frankie, who suffers from the rare genetic disorder.

Leone, 23, said running to help raise money and awareness for the foundation is vital because far fewer people may be familiar with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) than other worthy causes.

"It's not Down syndrome or it's not cancer, it's not something perhaps everybody can relate to," she said. "Mostly

it's our family and friends that are supporting our efforts, who know Frankie, who've met him, whether through social media or in person."

Leone started participating in events to help the foundation in 2013, running the New York City Marathon as her first fundraising effort. Her mother, Susan, had been running races and participating in biking events for the charity for years, even swimming across the Hudson River.

"A few years ago was the first time we did something together," said Leone, who also has a younger sister. "I think it was just a time where I could participate and do more than just sit on the sidelines, and it was a great experience."

Following the marathon, which Leone found difficult, she cut back to run a series of 5K events. Last month was her first half marathon (13.1 miles), which De Los Santos arranged for them to run by signing both of them up.

Leone, who graduated from the University of Massachusetts and works as a health educator for a health insurance

firm, credits her family with encouraging her to participate in sports.

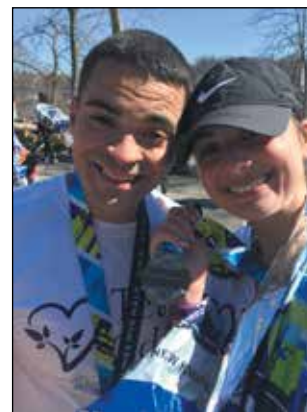
"We definitely have always been an active household, and I did run track and play soccer and sports, and then when I went to college I was feeling kind of off, not motivated after structured sports goes out the window after high school," Leone said. It was kind of like a way to get back into the swing of an exercise regimen with structure. Not that I was super out of shape, overweight or anything, but it was kind of a way to set a goal."

While Leone has to stay fit to participate in the events, the emphasis now isn't on any achievements on the course but the work for CdLS Foundation.

Frankie, who lives in a group home, has severe disabilities and is unable to talk or walk, Leone said. His condition impacted everyone in the family as she was growing up because of the special accommodations that were needed for him.

"It was very hard to deal with everybody else staring, and with other children's parents not knowing how to talk to their children about how somebody who is very physically different," she said.

However, Leone credits her parents with being patient with others, trying



to talk to and educate them about CdLS, with helping her overcome any embarrassment as she matured. She said it was their belief that it isn't okay to stare but they encouraged questions.

According to the foundation, CdLS occurs in about 1 in every 10,000 births. People with CdLS can have symptoms ranging from relatively mild to severely affected.

Some common characteristics include small size, hands and feet; thin eyebrows that meet in the middle; long eyelashes; upturned nose; and thin, downturned lips. Some individuals, such as Frankie, have limb differences, including missing fingers or arms.

Leone said she will continue to fundraise by running races and even vows to return to the New York City Marathon in the not-too-distant future. It's her brother that provides her with the inspiration

"Frankie is determined to overcome various obstacles he faces each and every day including the inability to talk, walk and eat without assistance," Leone said. "Despite such barriers, he progresses every day and continues to inspire us all."

For more information about CdLS, visit the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation at [www.cslsusa.org](http://www.cslsusa.org).

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# P'ville's Arc Stages Tackles Multitude of Issues in Latest Production

By Anna Young

The talented cast of Arc Stages' newest production, "The God of Isaac," will be taking the stage this Friday evening for the first of a five-show engagement.

The play, written by James Sherman, is a comedic story of Isaac Adams, a second generation American Jew, who embarks on a journey of self-discovery after a neo-Nazi group stages a demonstration in his home community of Skokie, Ill. in 1977.

As the demonstration roils Isaac, he travels to find the meaning of his heritage, relationships and himself.

"It's universal on so many fronts," said the show's director, Stephanie Kovacs Cohen. "It's the quest for identify on so many levels and we all go through that at so many points in our lives, and we all have family issues and go through that search for who we are. And we all identify with Isaac on many levels, and that's why it doesn't matter what religion you are. Everybody can come and enjoy the humor of this play as well as the poignant depth of emotion."

Pleasantville native Timothy McHale, who will play the title role, said that

Judaism is a significant aspect of the story, but the play isn't solely about a Jewish man search for greater meaning. So many layers of the story involve life experience, career, family, love and self-discovery, he said.

"Theater is a powerful vehicle to see people in this imaginary world using real circumstances to tell stories," McHale said. "Given the social and political climate of today I think people kind of need the theater more than ever."

Nancy Jane Blake, Timothy Laurel Harrison, Jennifer Helen Morris, John Palacio and Patrick Moore comprise the remainder of the cast.

As Arc Stages' Community Stage program begins its newest production, the dedication to offering the best in contemporary and classic musicals and dramas continues to grow. The Community Stage is a theater company for local actors, singers and technicians.

Cohen said that while "The God of Isaac" is fun and a perfect date night, it's also a



universal story with a strong message.

"The lessons in the piece are incredible things we all need to remember when we're barraged with school shootings and questions of intolerance, whether or not to be diverse and how to live, how to be, how we are with each other," she said. "This play tackles all of these issues in a wonderfully comic and also beautiful way."

Performances of "The God of Isaac" are scheduled for the next two Friday and Saturday evenings, Apr. 6, 7, 12 and 13, at 8 p.m. There will be one matinee on Sunday, Apr. 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$28 for adults and \$22 for seniors and students.

For tickets or more information, call 914-747-6206 or visit [www.arcstages.org](http://www.arcstages.org).

## Motivating Children to Use Their Own Visions and Voices



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Some of the local elementary school children who participated in Arc Stages' recent Visions and Voices Playwriting Festival in Pleasantville.

By Anna Young

Arc Stages' was filled with laughter and joy a couple of weeks ago. It wasn't a performance from one of its productions that stirred those at its Pleasantville theater but rather a special awards ceremony honoring elementary school playwrights whose original works were selected for Arc Stages' Visions and Voices Playwriting Festival.

During the Mar. 19 event, theater company members took the stage performing each original play chosen for the festival in front of the young creators and their families.

"This is my favorite night at Arc Stages," said Stephanie Kovacs Cohen, artistic director of the Pleasantville theater company.

The three-part playwriting program, which started two years ago, collaborates with Bedford Road School in Pleasantville, Douglas Grafflin Elementary School in Chappaqua and Pocantico Hills Elementary School encouraging children to create stories.

"This is the festival where we celebrate the child's imagination, creativity and the written word," Cohen said. "We believe every child has a unique view of life and special story that has to be heard with the wisdom of the window of the world."

This year's program kicked off last fall when students participated in theater programs and watched the Arc Stages troupe perform. In January, Arc

Stages joined students in the classroom, performing a musical show about writing and teaching the children how to create a story by incorporating the various components of a play, such characters, conflict, settings and themes.

Of the 83 submissions received, 23 were chosen for the festival. Storylines revolved around friendship, anti-bullying, speaking up, how it's wrong to steal and living happily ever after.

"The body of work was incredible," said Galit Sperling, Arc Stages' director of education. "We wish we could have performed every single play because they were all so amazing."

Sperling said while Arc Stages chose to produce 23 plays, every student that submitted a story would receive a certificate for their efforts.

"We celebrate all of their courage to create," she said.

Following the performances, Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer presented the young playwrights with their awards and praised them for their innovative stories.

"This is my second time coming to this event and it's so amazing to see you guys give us these stories and see these guys bring them to life," Scherer said to the students. "I hope this is just the beginning of a life of writing these stories because you've done a great job of telling these stories and reminding us that lots of stories happen."

## Music Legend to Make Major Gift to Bedford Playhouse

The Bedford Playhouse recently announced that legendary music producer Clive Davis has pledged substantial support toward the capital campaign that is funding the transformation of the theater into a vibrant, state-of-the-art cultural center.

The five-time Grammy Award winner and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame member who is known throughout the industry as "the man with the golden ears," is credited with discovering some of music's biggest stars, including Janis Joplin, Bruce Springsteen, Carlos Santana, Aerosmith, Billy Joel, Earth, Wind & Fire, Whitney Houston and Alicia Keys.

The gift will establish the Clive Davis Arts Center at Bedford Playhouse. Within the Playhouse, the Davis Center will encompass arts programming offered beyond film, including music performances, theater, art exhibits and stand-up comedy. The center will receive prominent exposure, both inside and outside the theater.

"Clive Davis is a living legend in the music industry," said Sarah Long, the playhouse's chairman of the board. "We are thrilled to have him engaged in this project in such a meaningful way. His wisdom, creativity and guidance will be invaluable."

"Beyond all the other benefits of Clive's support and involvement, our ability to brand the Clive Davis Arts Center will help us convey that we're not just a beautifully renovated movie house, but also a vibrant cultural center," said founder John Farr. "Some people still don't realize the breadth of our mission and all we want to offer."

As part of this gift, the 40-seat theater off the cafe on the first floor will be named "The Clive Davis Theater," to be known as "The Clive." A new, recently approved exterior sign outside the theater will read: "Bedford Playhouse, home of Clive Davis



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Pictured, left to right, are John Farr, legendary music producer Clive Davis and Sarah Long. They announced that the Bedford Playhouse will soon open the Clive Davis Arts Center to attract a variety of performers and art exhibits.

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In light of the building's historic significance, the existing sign will be restored and moved up higher on the front façade. Davis was enthusiastic about the future of the venue.

"I am thrilled to support the creation of the new playhouse and its new arts center," Davis said. "I love this community and I strongly endorse the expanded mission of the Playhouse. This all seems like a perfect fit, and I can hardly wait for it to open."

The playhouse plans a partial opening later this spring. This will involve operating just the downstairs portion of the new facility, including the main theater and concessions on weekends only. Assuming the playhouse completes its seat naming effort for the main theater over the next several months, the full opening is projected for later this year.

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## Here Are Some Tips for Easy Spring Gardening

Most every spring I write a piece about simplifying garden chores to achieve maximum effect in design and color with minimum effort in planting, weeding and especially bending and kneeling.

Although I've lived for three years in a condominium where someone else does all the bending and kneeling to keep the surrounding property looking like Shangri-La, I enjoy thinking about past garden chores. I can still throw out some tips that may be of help to you in simplifying your workload without sacrificing satisfying results.

Once a garden plan is developed and set in place, spring chores amount mainly to maintenance. As naïve as I was as a young homeowner thinking that every tree, shrub and bulb I discovered on my property, as well as ones that I plopped there over the years, would continue to grow and prosper during their lifetimes and mine.

Oh my, how the landscape that embraced my historic home changed over the near half-century that I owned it. Thanks to pestilence, severe



By Bill Primavera

winters and especially those unforgettable storms, Irene and Sandy, which toppled 17 mature trees, my property was transformed from an almost completely shaded stretch into a very sunny property, requiring an entirely different landscaping plan and maintenance requirements.

That unforgiving sun demands that little things grow into big things, be they cultivated or wild, and that requires a lot of work to either encourage growth or eliminate it. That would have been fine if I were willing,

which I was not, and had the time, which I didn't.

After the tree service people removed nine felled trees from Hurricane Irene, then another eight from Sandy, my property, which had been a gorgeous shaded glen, suddenly looked like a war zone. I was also thousands of dollars poorer from the experience.

At first, I was grateful that none of the trees had hit the house, but I didn't know where to start with suddenly moving from shade gardening to that of bright sunlight.

Years ago, the spreading limbs of two

century-old sugar maples required only broad swaths of evergreen pachysandra below. And in the sunny areas of the property, enthusiastic gardener that I was at the time, I planted beds of annuals and perennials in every inch of space that had access to the sun. Now, suddenly there was too much access to the sun and I had no drive to plant much at all. But it taught me some lessons in garden simplification that I pass on here.

Where a giant maple had once stood, centered on my front lawn, I seeded grass and bordered it with the pachysandra that had been under the tree to create a soft transition to the wooded area beyond.

I replaced all of the annual beds with either hardy perennials or daylilies, or better yet, vinca, where I didn't have to do anything at all.

For flowers that require less planting time, I've turned to container gardening. Since my attack by Mother Nature, I've created a more architectural garden by collecting urns – iron, aluminum that looks like iron, concrete and clay – and interspersed them on either side of the entrance to my driveway, three on my patio, at the entrance to my front door and at several locations in my backyard.

To make them really carefree, I

planted three geraniums in each urn, usually in pink and one white, my favorite combination. Geraniums are the hardiest plant under the sun, and surrounding them, I planted white and pink petunias, the kind which hang over the edge. Then I mulched them to better retain water. The nicest thing about container gardening is that I didn't have to bend over or kneel to plant them.

To guard against the need for constant weed pulling during the summer, I asked my lawn maintenance people to drop me off a truck of "clean" wood chips at the far edge of my wooded property. Then, when I felt like some exercise, instead of going to the gym I picked up my pitchfork and coated every bed of perennials and around my hostas with a thick layer of chips to retain moisture and keep the weeds at bay all season long.

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# State Gets in Under Wire, Approves New Budget for 2018-19

By David Propper

Up against a deadline with the Passover and Easter holidays looming, the New York State Legislature squeezed through a state spending plan over the weekend that averted a possible government shutdown.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and top legislative leaders from the Assembly and Senate found common ground late last Friday that resulted in a \$168 billion state budget. It includes a \$1 billion increase for state education aid while still closing a \$4.4 billion deficit that made this year's budget process more strenuous.

An expansive sexual harassment policy was also voted through that would end most nondisclosure agreements and mandatory arbitration when a complaint surfaces in state government. Any government worker found to have committed harassment would need to refund any taxpayer-financed payout, the law states. Companies that want state bids for business would need to develop anti-harassment policies and training.

But the budget once again left out substantive ethics reform, despite the conviction of a senior aide to Cuomo, Joseph Percoco, on corruption charges last month. Early voting reform was also left out and the Internet Fairness Act, meant to tax Internet sellers, also failed to be included in the final bill.

State Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) said lawmakers made tough sacrifices to ensure that the budget was approved on time while preserving critical services and enhancing programs.

Murphy highlighted education funding and infrastructure investments included in the budget and stressed New York upheld its commitment to fight the opioid scourge by placing \$245 million to help residents addicted to drugs.

"We will not back down, we will not give up and we will continue to support our neighbors and their families," Murphy said.

He said the budget included \$24 million to assist local communities in Westchester that will be affected by Indian Point's pending closure in 2021. He also applauded the comprehensive sexual assault policies that were approved.

"Protecting victims of sexual harassment and assault has been on the forefront of our minds and has remained a priority throughout this legislative session," Murphy explained. "The provisions included in this year's budget put New York miles ahead when it comes to protecting those who have experienced such terrible acts."

Assemblyman Kevin Byrne (R-Mahopac) complained that the budget process was filled with flaws, including a

lack of transparency. He said most of the bills connected to the budget were voted on when most New York residents were asleep. The Assembly didn't finish voting until after 4 a.m. on Saturday.

"We're voting on budget bills before a budget deal is agreed to," Byrne said. "When we're voting on spending, we don't know how we're going to pay for it, we don't know what taxes are in the deal, what taxes are outside of the deal."

He said he's upset an opioid manufacturer tax was included, which could eventually be passed onto consumers. While some of the money will go to fighting addiction, some of it will go to the general fund, he said.

Byrne said he was pleased new sexual harassment guidelines were put into place but said more state leaders should have been included in the process, including Sen. Andrea Stewart Cousins, the Senate Minority Leader. (Cuomo and three male legislators put the policy together.) He was pleased with funding for veteran services, schools, libraries and roads.

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) noted this was one of the toughest budget seasons she's been a part of because of the \$4 billion deficit that needed to be closed and policies enacted by the federal government. She said the state included legislation to give

communities the option to potentially get around the GOP tax law passed by Congress last year.

Galef said she was pleased that \$24 million toward communities affected by the 2021 Indian Point closure and an increase in school aid.

However, she was disappointed bail reform and early voting measures didn't make the cut in the final budget, though she noted the state legislature could get that legislation done later in the year.

"So many things dropped off the table," Galef said.

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## Tuesday, Apr. 3

**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).

**Elder Law Series: Understanding Your Social Security Retirement Benefits.** Financial considerations that need to be taken into account when deciding to take Social Security benefits will be the focus of this presentation. Also included is information on how to maximize your retirement income distributions relating to Social Security. Phelps Hospital Auditorium, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail [ewoods3@northwell.edu](mailto:ewoods3@northwell.edu).

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

**Nature Book Club.** Come join the Saw Mill River Audubon to discuss "The Evolution of Beauty" by Richard O. Prum, named Best Book of the Year by The New York Times, Smithsonian and Wall Street Journal. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-6503 or visit [www.sawmillriveraudubon.org](http://www.sawmillriveraudubon.org).

**"Her Magnum Opus."** A freewheeling narrative enacted almost entirely through movement and music, this is award-winning choreographer Marta Renzi's ode to creativity and community. Presiding over the festivities is Aileen Passloff, a grey-haired force of nature playing a version of herself. A diverse cast weaves in and out of her home, including a devoted younger friend (dancer Arthur Avilés), a pregnant dancer, a young couple in need of counseling, even a fairytale prince who pops out of a pile of autumn leaves. A tantalizing mix of magical realism and improvised naturalism, the film unfolds in bucolic settings, which hold emotional ties for the group as a source of inspiration and solace. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:35 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

## Wednesday, Apr. 4

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

**School's Out/Art's In.** On each vacation day, travel across the world to explore arts and crafts traditions of South Asia and the Middle East including mosaics, weaving, miniature painting and calligraphy. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St., Katonah. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children: Members--\$5. Non-members--\$8. Adults: \$10. Also Apr. 5 and 6. Info: 914-232-9555 or visit [www.katonahmuseum.org](http://www.katonahmuseum.org).

**Baby Time.** A fun interactive lap-sit story time that includes songs, rhymes and a few very short stories. The experience gives babies an opportunity to socialize and parents a time to share. Recommended for newborns through 12 months old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 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).

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

**Ambassadors for Successful Aging.** Are you aware of the benefits available to you as a Westchester County senior? Information can be provided to you on housing, home care, transportation options, counseling options, memory care, nutrition, vision and dental services along with SNAP, HEAP, EPIC and STAR and other programs that can save you money and help you plan for the future. Feel free to discuss a Westchester County "ambassador." No appointment necessary. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill 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 Whipoorwill 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.mountkiscoblibrary.org](http://www.mountkiscoblibrary.org).

**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).

**Mind Games.** A fun way for seniors to help stimulate their minds and improve cognitive functioning (memory, visual recall, problem solving, focus and speed and spatial reasoning) by playing group games. Phelps Hospital's boardroom, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Free. (Park behind the hospital and enter through the auditorium entrance, then proceed down one flight to the C-Level. Registration required. Info and registration: 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.mountkiscoblibrary.org](http://www.mountkiscoblibrary.org).

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

**"King in the Wilderness."** Commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the 50th anniversary of his death. Filmmaker Peter Kunhardt chronicles the last few years of King's life and portrays a conflicted leader who, after the Voting Rights Act passed in 1965, faced an onslaught of criticism from both sides of the political spectrum. Thanks to revelatory conversations with his inner circle of friends, this film unearths a stirring new perspective into King's character, his radical doctrine of nonviolence and his internal philosophical struggles prior to his assassination in 1968. Followed by a Q&A with Kunhardt and producer Teddy

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# The Conundrum of Satisfying One's Maturing Palate



By Nick Antonaccio

When I was a young man, I thought like a young man, acted like a young man and drank like a young man. Now that I have matured, I think, act and drink like a mature man

(with apologies to the Bible verse from Corinthians 13:11).

What does a mature man drink? I must say it has been an evolutionary journey, from price-conscious wines to price/quality wines and now to higher quality wines that command commensurate prices.

It has been my experience that it is becoming increasingly difficult to satiate my appetite for finer wines, while adhering to my self-imposed budget. The first hurdle is the price/quality hurdle. Certainly we've all experienced a few of our favorite wines in the under \$15 category. The price/quality ratio can be exceptional in this price range.

But if you've ever "upped your game" into the \$15 to \$20 range or ever "splurged" on a wine above \$20, you've most likely experienced a greater price/quality ratio than your taste buds and palate have ever enjoyed. And if you've

*'How does one find and procure these gems?'*

ever experienced a "higher-end" wine above \$50, it's difficult to revert to the wines that piqued your palate as a younger wine consumer, your wine spending budget notwithstanding.

Over the last few years I've embarked on a mission to find upper echelon wines that stand apart from the hundreds of brands available on the shelves of retail wine shops. My current effort is focused on California wines, which, in my opinion, is today's hotbed of entrepreneurial experimentation. There is a cult of winemakers who are intent on producing wine as a fulfillment of their passion, with a genuine desire to introduce consumers to fine wines at (somewhat) reasonable prices.

So here's the rub: How does one find and procure these gems?

California is dotted with the likes of wine lovers turned winemakers. A number have grape-stained hands from crafting their own wines while others have ink-stained hands from writing checks to purchase wineries and hire talented winemakers.

During my last two trips to Napa Valley and Sonoma County, I have been fortunate to locate passionate winemakers producing fine wines in

near obscurity from the broad wine-consuming community.

Here are several means I've employed to seek out these winemakers.

1. A deep dive into the Internet prior to my trip. I've found comments from fellow travelers, blogs from fellow wine writers and newsletters from professionals with far greater time and budgets than I. This investment in surfing has paid off many times. Several of my now-favorite wineries have come from unpeeling the layers upon layers of information and opinions deeply buried on the web.
2. Engage a sommelier at a wine country restaurant. Who better to offer advice than someone who is tapped into local winemakers who frequent their dining room? He or she will gladly share a unique experience with you of a wine on their list, which may be an exclusive offering. A number of them have hidden gems in their cellar that may not be on the wine list.
3. The concierge desk at wine country hotels and resorts. Small producers

frequently offer these workers free tastings at their winery. For me, word of mouth is a powerful inducement coming from an exuberant concierge.

4. Visit a tasting room. Fellow patrons frequently will share their adventures and discoveries when you join them at the tasting counter. Everyone likes to share a secret, especially wine country travelers.
5. Specialty wine shops in wine country. Wooed by small producers, these shops can be instrumental in identifying and sponsoring a rising winemaker star.

Invariably these gems command premium prices. But the artisanal craftsmanship and small production are worthy of an investment.

Coming up, a few of my discoveries over the last few years.

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 [antonaccio@theexaminernews.com](mailto:antonaccio@theexaminernews.com) or on Twitter @sharingwine.

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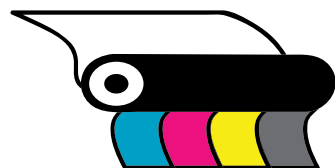
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Kunhardt with Programming Director Brian Ackerman. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 6 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

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

**Meet the Writers: Layli Long Soldier.** Soldier is the author of the poetry collection "Whereas," which is a finalist for the National Book Award. Her first book was the chapbook "Chromosomory." She has been a contributing editor to *Drunken Boat* and is poetry editor at Kore Press. In 2012, her participatory installation, "Whereas We Respond," was featured on the Pine Ridge Reservation, an Oglala Lakota Native American reservation in South Dakota. In 2015, she was awarded a National Artist Fellowship from the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation and a Lannan Literary Fellowship for Poetry. Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Visit [www.mvilllemfa.com/2017/10/spring-events-calendar](http://www.mvilllemfa.com/2017/10/spring-events-calendar).

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

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

**"Machines."** Marrying stunning visuals with social advocacy, Rahul Jain's debut documentary – winner of the Special Jury Award for cinematography at Sundance – takes audiences into the labyrinthine

passages of an enormous textile factory in Gujarat, India. Jain's camera wanders between pulsating machines and bubbling vats of dye to create a moving portrait of the human laborers who toil for 12 hours a day to eke out a meager living. Interviews reveal the stark inequality and dangerous working conditions brought about by unregulated industrialization in the region – a political message delivered amid the unsettling beauty of the factory's mechanical underworld and the colorful, billowing fabrics it produces. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**"Chappaquiddick."** In this riveting political thriller, the scandal and mysterious events surrounding the tragic drowning of Mary Jo Kopechne after Ted Kennedy infamously drove his car off the Chappaquiddick Bridge are revealed. Not only did this event take the life of an aspiring political strategist and Kennedy insider, but it ultimately changed the course of presidential history. Starring Jason Clarke as Kennedy and Kate Mara as Kopechne. It will screen two days before its official debut on Apr. 6. The Picture House, 175 Wolfs Lane, Pelham. 7:30 p.m. \$12. Seniors, students and members: \$10. Info and tickets: Visit [www.thepicturehouse.org](http://www.thepicturehouse.org).

## Thursday, Apr. 5

**Pleasantville Garden Club.** Jan Johnsen, landscape designer, author and teacher at the New York Botanical Garden, will be the club's guest speaker this month. Pleasantville Presbyterian Church Social Hall, 400 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. Membership meeting at 9:15 a.m. Program at 10:30 a.m. Free. All welcome. Info: Visit [www.pleasantvillegardenclub.org](http://www.pleasantvillegardenclub.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 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).

**Learn to Play Bridge.** Bridge teacher Walter Heitner will help you navigate the game. The sessions will include the mechanics of the game, bidding basics and how to work on the play of the hand. By working with a group, participants will become better players together. For beginners and intermediate players. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.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).

**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).

**Book Lovers Discussion Group.** "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee will be discussed. Led by Barbara Bernstein. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 1 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.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).

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**Lucy's Laugh Lounge Comedy Night.** KC Arora from Optimum's *The Unmovers*, FOX's *Laughs*, FOX's *Punchline*, and Gotham Comedy Live is headlining. Also on the bill are Maryelle Turner, Josh Kincade and Patrick Scully. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. \$20. Info and tickets: Visit [www.lucyslaughs.com](http://www.lucyslaughs.com). Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

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**Friday Night Cinema: "Monsoon Wedding."** This romantic comedy from internationally acclaimed director Maya Nair follows a family as it gathers for a four-day wedding celebration. Post-screening

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## Can Infrastructure Upgrades Present an Investment Opportunity?

Pilots and travelers of our metro area's busy airports will likely agree that various infrastructure changes would make transportation much easier and more convenient. Be it more runways and space to maintain the aircrafts, or more parking options and different terminal layouts, there is always room for improvement to increase travel ease and accessibility.

Some of those issues will be addressed in the coming year as The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey moves forward with its approved 2018 budget of \$8 billion, which includes \$3.4 billion for capital expenditures.

In addition to the region's major airports, the agency controls six bridges and tunnels, the World Trade Center site and the Port of New York and New Jersey. The agency anticipates net operating income of \$1.5 billion in 2018.

The focus on massive improvements to port facilities, bridges, tunnels and the transportation infrastructure

provide investors with myriad investment opportunities, across several industrial sectors, and the demand is likely to keep growing.

Furthermore, the tristate interstate highways have a large number of infrastructure projects proposed or in the works – just look at all the orange cones. The projects range from highway widening to commuter rail upgrades, along with repairs to numerous bridges. Granted, there are issues with funding all these projects, but the simple fact remains, the projects directly affect the traveling public and sooner or later must be done.

Another infrastructure improvement that seems to always be on the back burner is upgrading the air traffic control system. The current system is considered safe; however, it also was created when annual passenger levels in the



By Kevin Peters

United States were a fraction of today's one billion annual fares. The system nonetheless will require extensive upgrading in the foreseeable future, which will require a massive investment in state-of-the-art electronics.

Simply put for investors, that means construction and engineering firms, may be worth a look. The same goes for the manufacturers of heavy equipment.

Industrial firms that produce cement, steel, asphalt, wire and cable and lighting will be needed. Electronics, which carry its own weight in the stock market, are necessary for everything from tracking commercial aircraft and an increasing number of drones, to implementing new high-tech toll plazas on limited access highways.

Of course, indiscriminate buying is not recommended. As with any investment, careful research is key. There are multiple companies in each of these categories. Some may have bright, profitable futures. Others may not. Some may pay a dividend that is right for your portfolio. Others may not. Before making any investment, investors should weigh the risk.

Infrastructure investment, in many cases, is truly a long-term opportunity and commitment. The need for nationwide repairs, replacements and upgrades is not going away any time soon and neither are the investment opportunities they represent.

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discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Axial Theatre's Spring Benefit.** A dual celebration as it welcomes the company's new co-artistic directors, Catherine (Cat) Banks and Linda Giuliano, and ushers in a milestone year – the 20th anniversary of the Pleasantville-based professional theater company. Featuring cabaret performances by Axial singers, gourmet bites and libations from Jean-Jacques Culinary Creations in Pleasantville and a live auction featuring a luxury getaway to the Italian Riviera and a South African safari. ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 7 to 10 p.m. \$60. Info and tickets: 914-286-7680 or at visit. [www.AxialTheatre@gmail.com](http://www.AxialTheatre@gmail.com).

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**Lucy's Laugh Lounge Comedy Night.** One of NoMa Comedy's favorites and first comedians, Tommy Gooch is headlining. Mo Vida, George Saltz, Jason Scott and Frankie Becerra are also on the bill. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. \$20. Info and tickets: Visit [www.lucyslaugh.com](http://www.lucyslaugh.com). Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

**Saturday, Apr. 7**

**Pleasantville Farmers Market.** Spring has sprung and opening day is here for the

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**Chappaqua Farmers Market.** Locally-raised and produced food to the community creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. First Congregational Church of Chappaqua, 210 Orchard Ridge Rd., Chappaqua. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. First Saturday of each month through April. Info: Visit [www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org](http://www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org).

**Children's Art Workshop.** The Mamaroneck Artists Guild is hosting a new monthly series of children's art workshops. This month, the workshop will focus on celebrating Earth Day Learn how to draw animals with wildlife artist Alison Nicholls. Recommended for children 5 to 12 years old; younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 9:30 a.m. \$15 donation. The first Saturday of each month through

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# Recipes to Try That Will Put a Spring in Your Step

Now that spring has arrived, I am looking forward to shifting away from the root vegetables that are mostly associated with winter and toward light, green vegetables such as peas, ramps (wild leeks) and asparagus. Your local farmers markets should soon have these available.



By Joanne Witmyer

Here are two recipes that offer a fresh spring twist on traditional ones. Instead of avocado on your toast, try a pea mash – and substitute ramps for basil to create an easy, zesty pesto.

## Pea Mash on Toast

**Yield: 2 cups**

### Ingredients

- ¼ cup fresh parsley leaves (flat-leaf)
- 3 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cups shelled, fresh peas
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh chives
- 1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice, plus the zest of one lemon

1 tablespoon (or more) fresh lemon juice  
Crushed red pepper flakes, to taste  
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
10 slices of ciabatta, toasted

### Instructions

Combine parsley, one tablespoon of olive oil, salt and a half-cup of water in a saucepan. Add the peas and cook over medium-high heat while stirring until the peas become tender. (This should take about five minutes.) Drain the peas and keep their cooking liquid.

Place the pea mixture into a food processor and pulse until a chunky paste forms. Transfer this mixture into a mixing bowl, stir in chives, lemon juice, zest, red pepper flakes and two tablespoons of olive oil. Stir in the reserved cooking liquid until the pea mixture is spreadable, but still chunky and thick.

Top each ciabatta slice with pea mash and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Pea mash can be made one day ahead and stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

## Ramp Pesto

**Yield: 1 cup**

### Ingredients

- 2 bunches of ramps (around 20 total), trimmed as you would a scallion, and chopped
- ¾ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

### Instructions

Place ramps in a food processor and pulse until finely chopped. Pour in olive oil and continue pulsing. Season with salt and pepper. Enjoy on whole-wheat pasta or as a dip for vegetables.

**Note:** Store pesto to an airtight container, pour a thin layer of olive oil on top to keep moist, and refrigerate for up to 1 week.

Do you have any seasonal recipes that you are looking forward to trying? If so, let me know how it goes for you.

*Joanne Witmyer is the founder of Indigo Health and Wellness based in Briarcliff Manor. She teaches group classes, offers wellness consulting to companies and helps individuals achieve their health goals – particularly during times of change and transition. You can reach Joanne at 914-208-1022 or Joanne@IndigoHW.com.*

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## Sunday, Apr. 8

**Westchester Philharmonic's Eternal Spring.** Edgar Meyer's mantel full of Grammy Awards barely define this remarkable composer and performer, whose instinct for collaboration draws the likes of Yo-Yo Ma, Joshua Bell, Bela Fleck, Emanuel Ax and now the Westchester Philharmonic. Purchase College Concert Hall, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 3 p.m. \$36, \$76 and \$98. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit [www.artscenter.org](http://www.artscenter.org).

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**Himmel Award and Lecture.** The New Yorker art editor Françoise Mouly and her husband, Pulitzer Prize-winning Maus creator Art Spiegelman, will receive the Katonah Museum of Art's (KMA) 2018 Himmel Award in recognition of their achievements in elevating illustration and comics to the realm of fine art and literature. Throughout their careers, Mouly and Spiegelman have employed comics as a potent gateway for visual storytelling and social commentary. More than ever, the immediacy and power of their medium speaks to a generation

accustomed to sound bites, memes and messages relayed in 280 characters or less. The couple will discuss their work, process and collaborations in a salon-style conversation followed by a Q&A. The Harvey School's Walker Center for the Arts, 260 Jay St., Katonah. 5 to 7 p.m. Katonah Museum of Art members: \$50. Non-members: \$75. Students: \$15. Reservations recommended. Info and tickets: Visit [www.katonahmuseum.org](http://www.katonahmuseum.org).

## Monday, Apr. 9

**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 just drop in.

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

**Foreign Policy Discussion Group:**

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

**The Importance of Pollinators and the Dangers They Currently Face.** Courtney Leigh Scott from Cornell will give a brief history of beekeeping in general and then talk about the native pollinators that live in the U.S. She will also discuss the problems that all of our pollinators and their host plants face and what people can do to create a safer environment for bees. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

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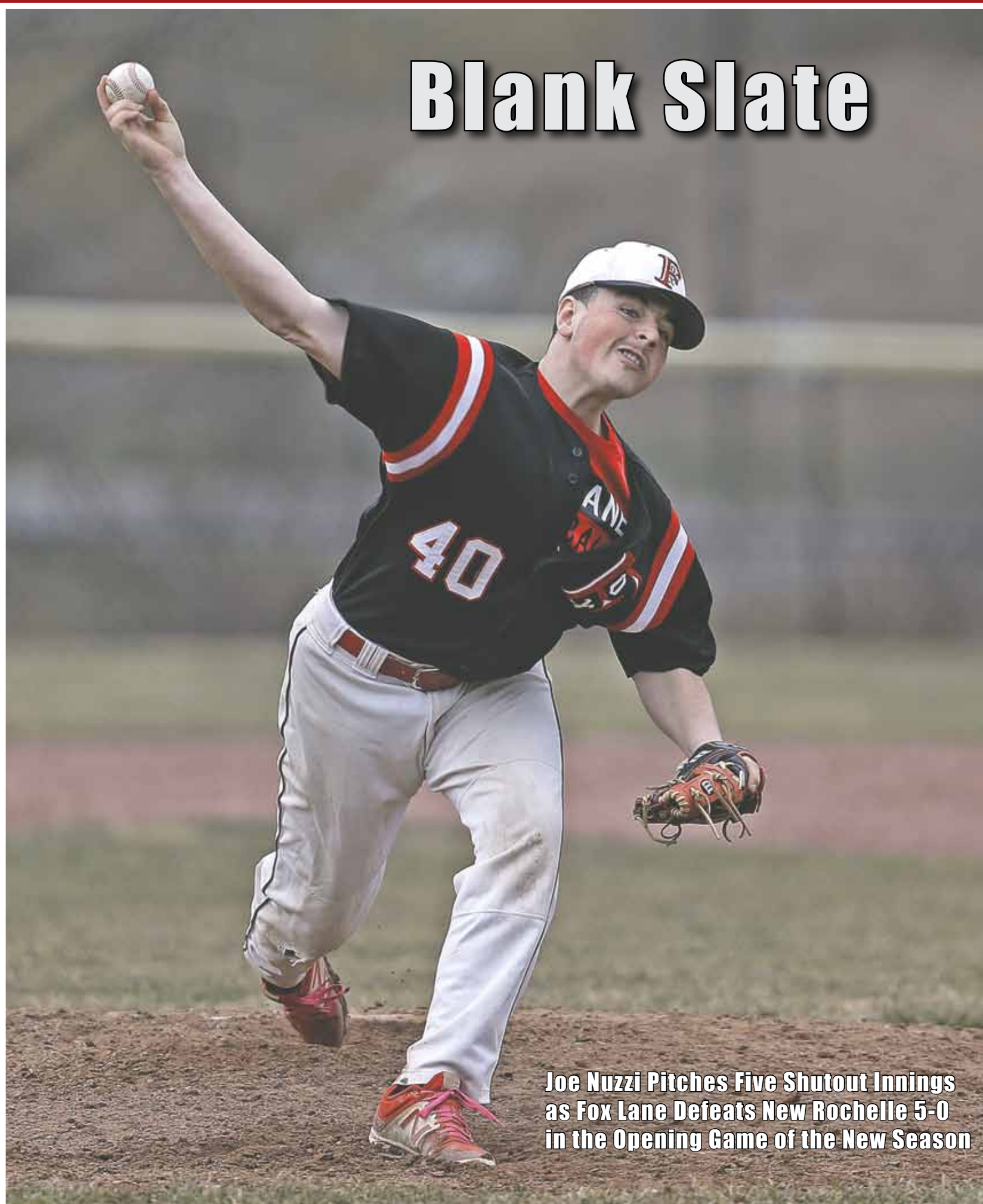
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**Joe Nuzzi Pitches Five Shutout Innings  
as Fox Lane Defeats New Rochelle 5-0  
in the Opening Game of the New Season**



# Foxes Beat New Rochelle in Their Season Opener

The Fox Lane baseball team found some grass and dirt under the spring snow long enough to open its season with a 5-0 victory over visiting New Rochelle last Wednesday afternoon.

The Foxes' pitching staff shut down the Huguenots on just four hits, led by starter Joe Nuzzi, who limited New Rochelle to three hits over the first five innings, while striking out six and walking just one batter. John Alley and Thomas O'Sullivan each tossed an inning in relief to complete the victory.

O'Sullivan, who also provided a pair of hits at the plate, got the first run batted in of the season with a single in the opening inning. Ethan Gabor followed O'Sullivan with a sacrifice fly for another run and Justin Reeves added an RBI single as Fox Lane jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead after one inning.

Reeves finished with two hits, one of them a double, in two at bats and drove in a pair of runs. Brendan Jordan had an infield single to plate another run in the fourth inning for the Foxes, who wound up the day with nine hits.

Center fielder Antonio Chousa had six putouts and made the play of the game by diving headfirst to catch a short fly ball in the fifth inning and also took

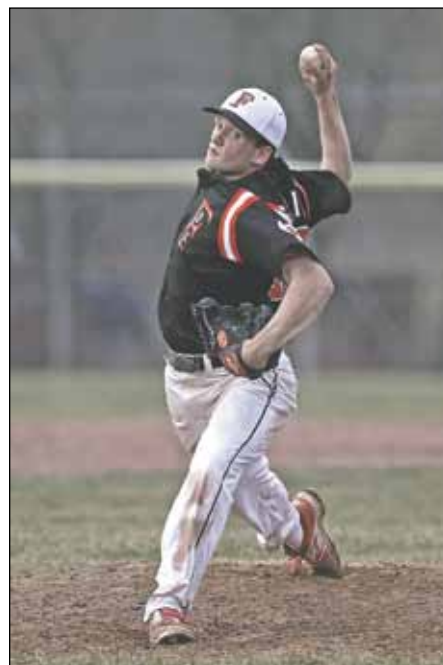


Fox Lane senior Henry Davis leads off first base in last week's 5-0 win in the season opener.

away another hit with a running catch.

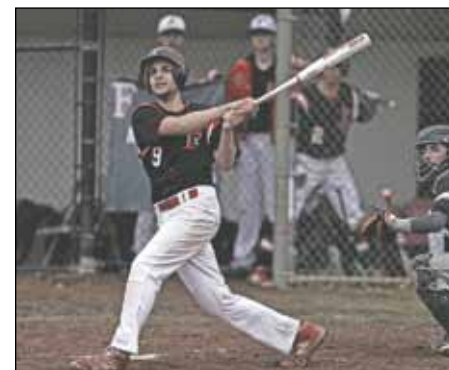
Nuzzi gave way to Alley in the top of the sixth inning with his team leading 4-0. Alley faced four batters, striking out one and yielding a hit before O'Sullivan was summoned for the seventh and pitched a 1-2-3 inning to end the contest.

The Foxes were scheduled to play Rockland County's Clarkstown South, also visiting Florida for the holidays, on Tuesday. The team returns home



Fox Lane's Thomas O'Sullivan delivers a pitch to the plate during his relief appearance in the seventh inning vs. New Rochelle.

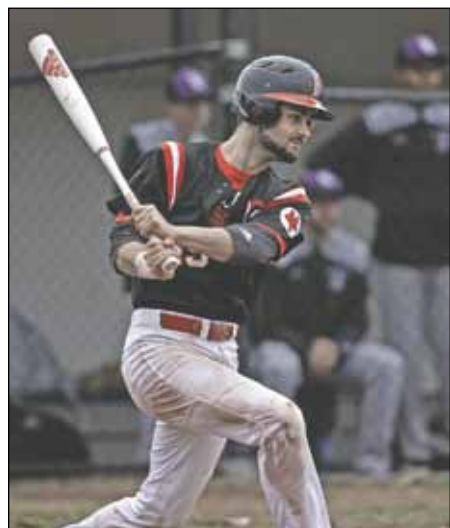
next week and will host Port Chester on April 11 in the first game of a home-and-home series, with the following game at Port Chester on April 13.



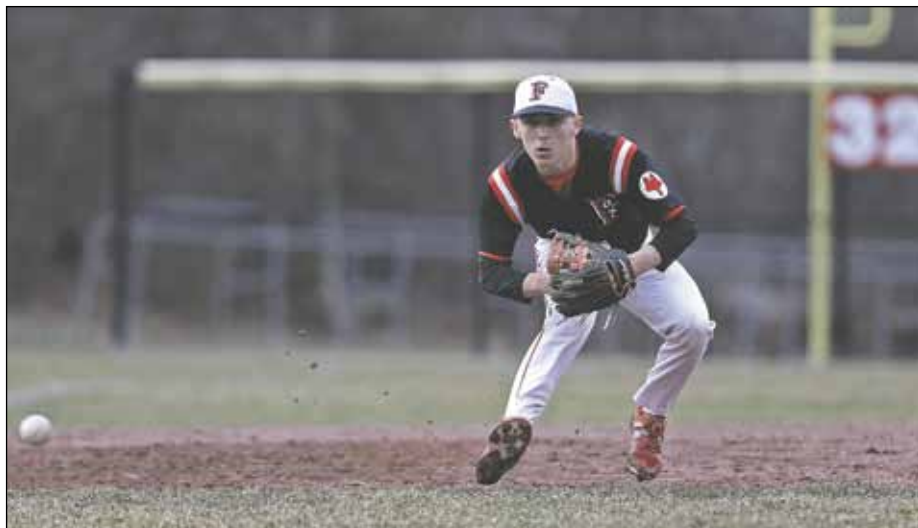
Tommy Passarelli of Fox Lane watches the flight of the ball as he bats in last Wednesday's season-opening victory over New Rochelle.



Ethan Gabor races down the third-base line to score a run in Fox Lane's win over New Rochelle.



The Foxes' Brandon Jordan swings the bat during last Wednesday's season opener vs. the visiting Huguenots.



Fox Lane third baseman Andrew Lanzilotti fields a grounder in the seventh inning of the Foxes' 5-0 win over New Rochelle.

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# Panthers Top Mamaroneck in Lacrosse Season Opener

By Danny Lopriore

Behind on the scoreboard early on a chilly, gray and damp Thursday afternoon, the Pleasantville boys' lacrosse team rallied and controlled the second half to forge a 12-7 victory over visiting Mamaroneck on opening day.

Jack Howe and Declan McDermott each scored three goals and Brian Reda added two scores as the three-time defending Section 1, Class C champion Panthers turned a 3-1 deficit into a win by outscoring the Tigers 8-3 in the second half.

The Panthers' defense found itself after giving up three first-quarter goals and limited the Tigers to just four scores over the final three quarters. Goaltender Jack Fitzgerald had 17 saves, fielding several skimming shots along the turf to slow the Tigers' offense.

"In practice, it's always high to low with these guys, so I was ready for it," Fitzgerald said. "I started a little slow, but I tried to shut it down so we could recover and get back into the game. The offense took over from there."

Howe, who recovered from a shoulder injury to help lead the Panther football team to its first state title in November, said this year's team may be led by upperclassmen but has depth at all positions and a strong group of younger players.

"It takes a little time to get the younger guys going in the system that we've been playing for the last few years," said Howe, who scored back-to-back goals to extend the lead to 8-5 midway through the third quarter. "We've been fortunate enough to have a core group of guys who have had success together. We are focused on getting better with each game."

McDermott, another member of the state champion football team, scored a goal in the first, second and third quarters. His second goal knotted the



Pleasantville junior Jack Howe tries to dodge his way toward the Mamaroneck cage in Thursday afternoon's season opener.

game at 4-4 just before the first half ended.

"We do have a strong group of seniors and we know how to win, especially going into the fourth quarter," McDermott said. "We can go with our entire bench and have confidence that we can compete."

Pleasantville will play in Class D this season after dominating Class C for the last three years. The Panthers' slogan for the season, "Break the Hold", is dedicated to a football teammate, Brian T. Halloran, who passed away earlier this year, and also to a renewed focus on winning in the postseason.

"We're playing in Class D this year, but we are still motivated in the same way," McDermott said. "We'll be playing against rivals like Bronxville, Westlake and Briarcliff in the class. 'Break the Hold' has a double meaning for us. It means that Brian is always in our hearts and always on the field with us. The other meaning is, we were stuck in the state semifinals the last three years. We need to break the hold and get over the hump."

Reda, recovering from a knee injury he suffered last summer, said he is still getting back into the flow. He scored his first goal to tie the score early in the second quarter, then added another to make the score 11-6 late in the game.



Brian Reda runs past a pair of Mamaroneck defenders to set up a shot at the cage in host Pleasantville's 12-7 win last Thursday afternoon.



The Panthers' Declan McDermott races down the middle of the field on his way to the cage in last Thursday's game vs. Mamaroneck.

"My knee is full and back to normal, but getting back to full playing shape is more a mental thing," Reda said. "The knee will be fine, but I haven't been in a competitive environment for a long time. Our senior class has a hunger to win all four years we've been together. We reached the top and won in football and now nothing short of that is acceptable. Mamaroneck made us work like dogs. It was a good test and we had to fight. That's always good."

According to Reda, a lot of the Panthers' success against the Tigers can be credited to Fitzgerald, their last line of defense.

"Jack came up huge with a lot of saves, especially after their early run," he said. "He started the transition game. Get the save, get the ball, outlet to the midfielders and we're off to the races. He got us going."

Panthers coach Chris Kear said his

players have not lost their passion for winning after three Section 1 titles and going deep into the state tournament twice before being eliminated.

"The good thing about this squad is that we have a big senior class that is self-motivated," Kear said. "We let them know that every year is a new year and that no one cares if we won last year. You have to come out with your 'A' game every game. You can't take a play off, you can't take a day off and no regrets."

J.B. Conner scored five times for the Tigers and teammate Ajed Zimet added two goals.



Pleasantville's James Daniele runs behind the cage with the ball in the Panthers' season-opening win over Mamaroneck.



Pleasantville's Jack Halloran controls the ball during last Thursday's season-opening victory over Mamaroneck.



Panthers goalie Jack Fitzgerald tries to make a save in the first quarter of Thursday's win over visiting Mamaroneck.

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# focus on Pace



Lindsey Ah Soon hits a groundball in the sixth inning of the Setters' 4-0 win over Le Moyne in the nightcap of Saturday's doubleheader.



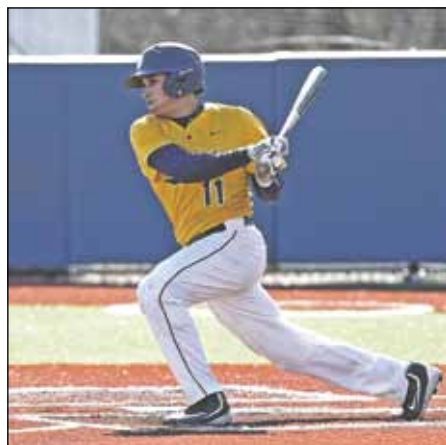
Pace sophomore Emma Bernet pitched a four-hit shutout in the nightcap vs. Le Moyne on Saturday, helping the Setters earn a split of their doubleheader.



The Setters' Michael Gulino sends a line drive down the left-field line during the second game of Saturday's doubleheader.



Senior midfielder Angela Kelly finished with five goals and an assist in the Setters' 16-5 rout of AIC at Pace Stadium.



Pace's Matt Almonte grounds out to short in the fourth inning of Saturday's 5-2 loss to Southern Connecticut in the second game of a twin bill.



Casey Gelderman takes the ball up the right sideline in the second half of Saturday's home game.



Pace southpaw Alex Busby pitched the first four innings of the nightcap Saturday vs. visiting Southern Connecticut.



Second baseman Niyah Brown tracks a pop fly during Saturday's doubleheader vs. the Le Moyne Dolphins.



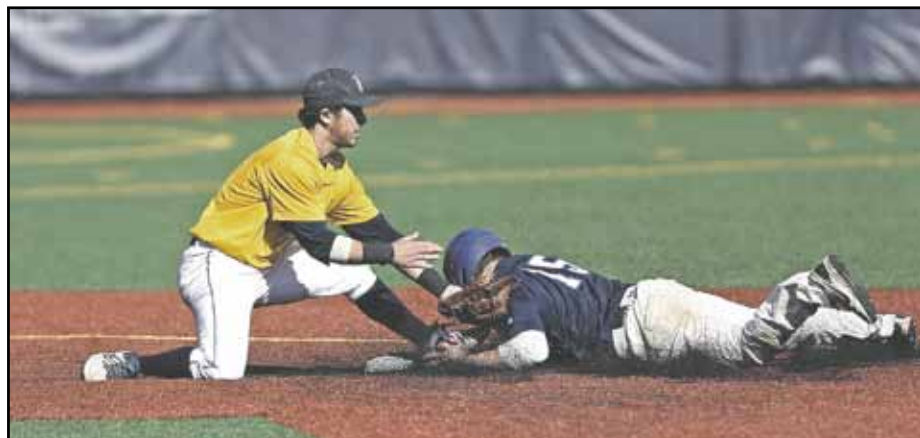
Pace University's Mary Kate Lonegan goes on the attack in Saturday's 16-5 win over American International College.



Pace first baseman Annie Carberry stretches to field a throw in the seventh inning of Saturday's second game vs. visiting Le Moyne.



Emma Rafferty gets set to fire a shot on goal in Pace's lopsided win over AIC on Saturday afternoon.



Southern Connecticut's Anthony Zambito steals second as Pace shortstop Paul Piccolino applies a late tag in Saturday's second game of a doubleheader. The two teams split the twin bill.



# SPORTS SCENE



Horace Greeley's Sami Miller delivers a pitch in the first inning of last Wednesday's home opener vs. Carmel.



Greeley's Matt Nagler races past midfield with the ball during the Quakers' 15-1 victory over visiting Hastings last Wednesday.



Ava Melnychuk of Briarcliff runs to second base in the Bears' home-opening game last Tuesday afternoon.



Briarcliff junior Camryn Cohen controls the ball behind the cage vs. visiting Hastings.



Jamie Berkenblit goes on the attack in Briarcliff's 15-2 victory over the Hasting Yellow Jackets.



Sam Kilman of Briarcliff takes the ball along the left sideline in the second half of last week's rout of Hastings.



Horace Greeley's Brent Rosendorf fires a shot toward the cage in the first half of last Wednesday's home game vs. Hastings.



Briarcliff junior Amanda King pitches in last Tuesday's home opener vs. the Edgemont Panthers.



Liam Whitehouse of Greeley maneuvers past a pair of Hastings defenders in last week's home game, won easily by the Quakers.



Greeley shortstop Penny Toll stays ready during last week's home game vs. the Carmel Rams.



Center fielder Carolyn Calenda of Briarcliff fields the ball during last week's home game vs. Edgemont.

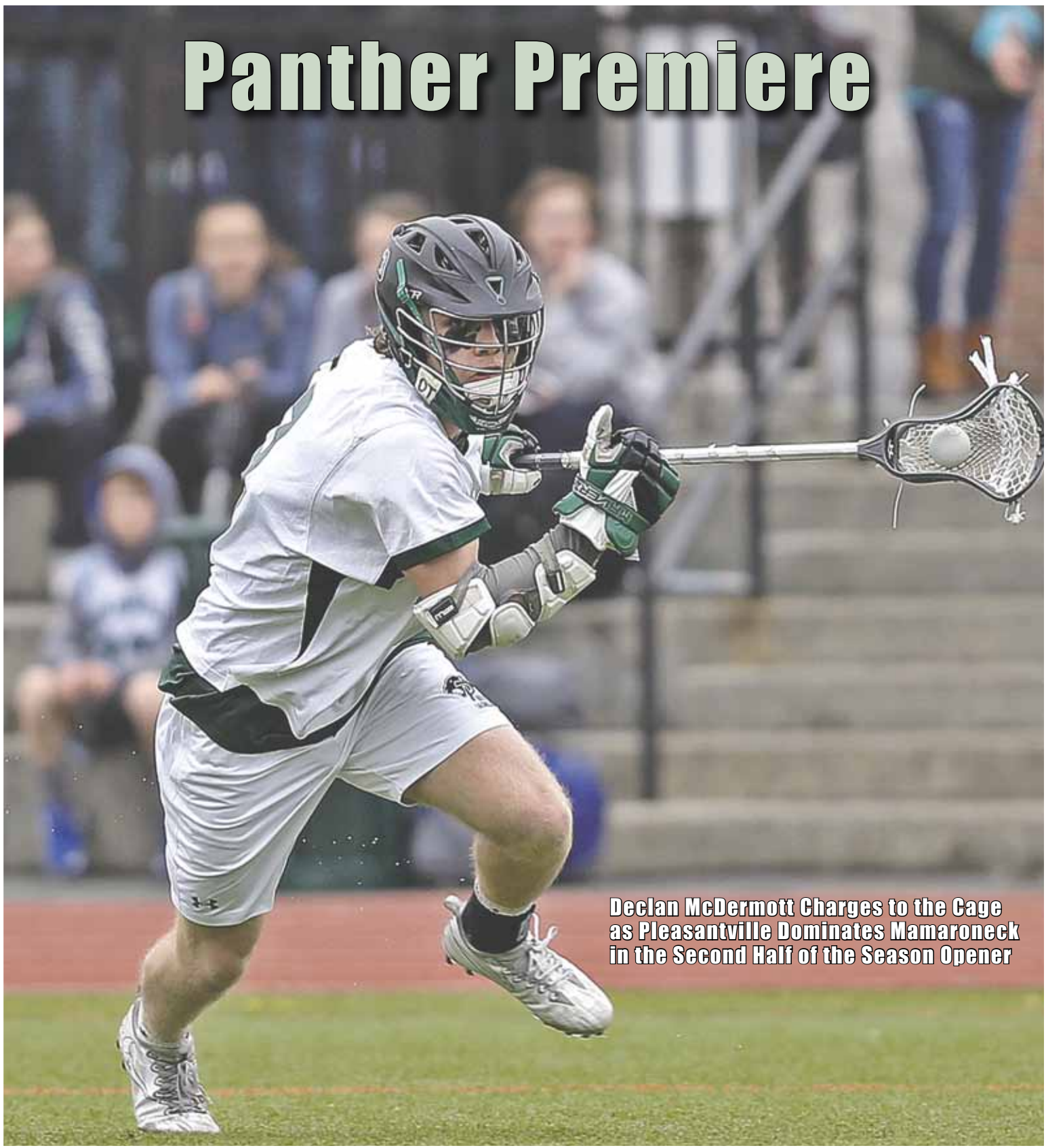


Briarcliff's Ashley Goldstein gets ready to fire a shot in the Bears' 15-2 win over visiting Hastings last Tuesday.

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## Panther Premiere



Declan McDermott Charges to the Cage as Pleasantville Dominates Mamaroneck in the Second Half of the Season Opener

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