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Chappaqua Drama Teacher Victim to Take District to Court

By Anna Young

An attorney representing a former Horace Greeley High School student who has accused former drama teacher Christopher Schraufnagel of sexual abuse is taking the Chappaqua School District to court after it failed to produce evidence linked to the case.

Attorney Julie Gaughran, who represents one of seven former students who are suing Schraufnagel and the district, said Chappaqua school officials are refusing to turn over complaints about the popular drama teacher dating back to 2011, three years before his sexual abuse allegations surfaced.

"We're not getting what we're asking for and what we're entitled to," Gaughran said. "It's very disturbing. They certainly have a right to defend themselves, but they're not a car factory, they're dealing with children. You'd think there'd be

more to it than trying to win."

Gaughran said her client was only 15 when Schraufnagel, now a registered sex offender, began his two-year stretch of sexual abuse and harassment in 2011. She alleges her client was provided with illegal drugs and alcohol and was directed to engage in sexual encounters on school grounds and during school trips.

School officials failed to exercise the appropriate oversight despite having received numerous complaints that Schraufnagel exhibited inappropriate behavior and was abusive to students, she said.

In June 2014, following allegations of improper contact with several students, Schraufnagel was suspended with pay until he resigned his teaching post after 12 years. He was then arrested in

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North Castle Adopts Update of Town's Comprehensive Plan

By Martin Wilbur

North Castle unanimously adopted its updated Comprehensive Plan last Wednesday, concluding a three-year process that officials hope will enhance the town's three business hamlets.

The revised Comprehensive Plan represents the first time since 1996 that North Castle had undertaken a full formal review of the document.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro called the completion of work on the plan exciting and a vitally important step to help guide current and future officials on the town's path forward for the next generation. He also thanked as many as several hundred volunteers and community members who either assisted town staff on revising the plan or provided feedback.

"This is our Bible, this is what we use when we help shape our future decisions in the town and the community was very engaged," Schiliro said.

Key points addressed in the updated Comprehensive Plan include consensus to have the state Department of Transportation study the Route 22 corridor in North White Plains; to allow for development of a hotel at the MBIA site in Armonk; and the possibility of limited retail and residential at the town's one Nursery Business parcel - Mariani Gardens - in Armonk's Bedford Road Historic District.

One of the most contentious issues during the latter stages of discussion was whether the town should revise the zoning code to allow for a third story and

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Walk a Mile in My Shoes



Pace University in Pleasantville hosted the recent Westchester Walk for World Water in partnership with the Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation (CELf) Student Ambassadors. More than 100 Pace students, staff, faculty, community members and students from high schools throughout Westchester walked one mile with large buckets of water on their heads to demonstrate the trek that many women around the world make each day to collect clean water.

Mayer Wins Special Election for 37th Senate District Seat

By Martin Wilbur and David Propper

In an election that received national attention, Democratic Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer defeated Republican Julie Killian last week to capture the 37th state Senate District.

Mayer topped Killian, a former Rye councilwoman, in a special election called by Gov. Andrew Cuomo in February, 26,918-19,963 (57 to 43 percent), according to the Westchester County Board of Elections. Mayer is expected to fill the seat vacated by Westchester County Executive George Latimer at the end of last year as soon as the result is certified.

"We weren't just a blue wave, we were a big tent blue wave that created a partnership between our progressives,



Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer, left, celebrates her victory in the 37th state Senate District special election last Tuesday with Senate Minority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

our Democrats, our union leadership and a whole lot of other people who are against the politics of hate and division that are

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October 2015 and charged with third-degree criminal sex act, a felony, and six misdemeanor charges. He pleaded guilty the following month to two charges, a misdemeanor count for sexual abuse and endangering the welfare of a child, also a misdemeanor.

Schraufnagel received a three-year probationary sentence last May after admitting to sexually abusing three students on the Chappaqua campus. He was also forced to surrender his teaching license and was registered as a Level 3 sex offender.

Gaughran said as she builds her case she continues to discover several grievances made by parents, teachers and students

regarding Schraufnagel's actions that warranted supervision and investigation. Schraufnagel was given free range of the high school and the district provided him with many opportunities to behave inappropriately, she said.

"Our investigation shows that the district should have paid attention to it, but they didn't," Gaughran said. "We're just not

getting the documentation we're asking for."

Board of Education President Victoria Tipp said Monday the parties remain in a discovery process that is supervised by the court.

"There has been no ruling that the school district has acted in an inappropriate or evasive manner," Tipp said. "The district has been cooperative and has every intention to continue cooperating and to submit and disclose all documents and information, consistent with the requirements of the discovery process."

Gaughran cited a class trip to Canada, which Schraufnagel co-chaperoned, where there were complaints of students and chaperones drinking. The matter was later investigated by school officials and deemed "unfounded." Gaughran said the district has refused to provide records of the investigation to support their determination.

"That's the type of thing that we're dealing with," she said. "If you can't work it out amongst yourself, and we've tried, you take judicial intervention, and we hope the judge will agree with us and they'll comply."

Gaughran and Chappaqua officials were expected to appear before U.S. Magistrate Judge Lisa Smith on Monday, but the conference was canceled. Gaughran said the case will be reassigned to another magistrate judge. The next court date has yet to be scheduled.

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a maximum height of 40 feet for buildings on properties in the Commercial Business district on Route 22 in North White Plains. Under that scenario, there could have been two floors of apartments permitted above ground-floor retail.

Currently, the code allows for only two stories and a maximum 30-foot maximum height for buildings. Apartments are now permitted on the second floor if retail is on the ground floor.

Town officials were told that the rationale for allowing property owners and developers to increase a building's height would be to make the project more economically competitive, creating a better chance for redevelopment.

However, several North White Plains residents objected to the possibility of more density in the hamlet despite town officials' estimates that that type of project would be feasible on four properties and

produce a maximum of an additional 46 units combined.

Schiliro said that the board decided against changing the code's language regarding the North White Plains Central Business district but developers may ask for a special use permit and zoning text change if they believe they have a good project. That would provide an extra measure of protection, he said.

Other board members were pleased that the work on updating the plan went smoothly and that it addresses the key issues of economic development.

Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto said when applicants come before the town their representatives routinely refer to the Comprehensive Plan when delivering their pitches, making it a crucial document.

"How many times a land use attorney would, for example, take sentences, take paragraphs out of this document to make

a point relating to a zoning change," DiGiacinto said. "And I think that for me, I read this so carefully just realizing the importance of the wording of the concepts that we wanted to make so that we've made very, very clear, because of how reading, or misreading, it can really change what is in our hearts when we are using this document."

"This is something that's going to be long past my time here on the board and I hope we did a great enough job that 10, 15 years from now they point to this and say 'They thought ahead with what they did,'" said Councilman Stephen D'Angelo.

Before its adoption, planning consultants Frank Fish and Susan Favate made a series of edits and clarifications that will be incorporated into the final document.

Fish said a Comprehensive Plan should be updated every 10 years.

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Chappaqua School Officials Scuttle Bond Vote for Security Upgrades

By Anna Young

The Chappaqua Board of Education put a halt to a potential \$7.4 million bond last Thursday night that would have paid for districtwide school security enhancements.

Following two weeks of community outreach, which included a district-wide survey and a two-session public forum, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Ackerman said there wasn't immediate urgency expressed by the community to make improvements.

Instead, the district will present short-term recommendations in June and long-term security improvements by January.

"There are things you can do without a bond, and things for which we need a bond," Board President Victoria Tipp said. "It's clear that we should make some changes... but I think it's important to make sure the plans are well-informed and effective and that we've explored all alternatives and possible sources of funding if we do end up asking for a bond."

While the roughly 15 people attending Thursday night's meeting appeared to support the board's decision, some said the district didn't do its due diligence notifying the community.

"Hearing you all speak about how you've given the information to the school family community when the rest of us knew nothing is really so incredibly inappropriate," resident Anne Angowitz said. "I was talking to other commuters and

other families who have given everything to this school district, who have been involved, they were incensed to hear that there was one day, a morning and an evening meeting they did not know about."

District officials hosted a two-session public forum on Apr. 18 that attracted roughly 60 residents combined. The meeting was not recorded, with Ackerman citing concern about publicizing the district's security shortcomings.

Angowitz criticized officials for relying primarily on feedback from surveys sent only to district parents. She also suggested results could be misleading with the survey available on the district's website for anybody to take.

Resident Judy McGrath pleaded with officials to engage the entire community when plans are proposed, adding that more than half of the residents don't have children in the district and don't receive district e-mails. She said the district's attempt to rush the process was disappointing and didn't serve the community.

While parent Jennifer Fahey said there's urgency to secure the schools, she felt there should have been better discourse with the community.

"You need to overcommunicate about this issue," she said.

The proposed plan, crafted by Erik Kaeyer of KG&D Architects in Mount Kisco, would have reduced the high school's four entrances to a single entry with a secured

vestibule where students and visitors would have to be screened at a transaction-style window and buzzed in. Doors would have a locking mechanism and be covered with bulletproof security glass.

The plan also called for the creation of two glass enclosures that would allow students to access any part of the building without exiting any of the four entrances. The proposed corridors would have been between the gym and auditorium and the main entrance and library.

An alternative and less costly plan suggested perimeter fencing around the campus with a gatehouse at the high school entrance for about \$2.6 million

Ackerman said feedback she received from students, faculty and the community reflected the more extensive project wouldn't thwart an intruder, but the alternative plan would change the culture of the campus. Survey responses suggested officials find a middle ground.

Ackerman advised that a committee be created to analyze the high school's short-term and long-term security challenges. She said the group would present short-term recommendations at the June 13 Board of Education meeting with any changes taking effect by Sept. 1, in time for the start of the 2018-19 school year. Long-term goals would be presented to the board in January.

Trustees Jeffrey Mester and Jane Shepardson agreed the district needs to consult with additional security experts

before moving forward at the high school. Both said students' social and emotional wellness must be considered before making changes to the physical space and the school's culture.

Mester added a long-term plan should include a five- to 10-year outline for the district. He strongly agreed with delaying the bond to conduct thorough research and encourage more community input.

"We have to define what our goals are, define what the risk is and define how we will address that," Mester said.

At the elementary and middle schools, Ackerman suggested the board review the district-wide safety and security assessment performed by Altaris Consulting Group, LLC at its next meeting. She said if the board decides to move forward with creating vestibules in the buildings that require restructuring, it can do so without presenting a bond to the public.

Douglas Grafflin Elementary School would require the addition of a secured vestibule with an outside canopy and a security office with a window. Roaring Brook and Westorchard elementary schools and Seven Bridges Middle School would each have a security office. Robert E. Bell Middle School would have a second set of doors installed in their vestibule with a secondary entrance made handicap accessible.

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Mayer Wins Special Election for 37th Senate District Seat

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sewn to the other side in the campaign," said Mayer, a Yonkers resident.

With Mayer's election, Senate Democrats hold a 32-31 majority, but still don't have control of the body for at least the rest of the legislative year. State Sen. Simcha Felder, a Brooklyn Democrat who conferences with the GOP, confirmed last week he will continue to caucus with Senate Republicans.

That didn't dampen the spirits of Democrats at Mayer's raucous

headquarters last Tuesday night in Mamaroneck. Joined by Cuomo, Latimer, Senate Minority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Democratic leaders from around the state, they vowed that their party will take over the Senate in November.

Cuomo said Mayer was by far the best candidate for the seat. He also said the results show, similar to special elections elsewhere in the United States, that voters reject the politics of divisiveness.

"I worked with Shelley Mayer for

years," Cuomo said. "There is no one who has the experience, the qualifications, the values that Shelley Mayer represents and we need them in Albany."

"Voters said something else tonight and take notice of this, because voters said they reject the extreme conservative philosophy from Washington," Cuomo added. "That does not work for New York. When you attack New York, New York is going to fight back."

While the Democrats will be one vote shy of complete control in Albany for the remainder of the year, Stewart-Cousins said she is "absolutely confident" that the party will pick up at least one seat in November.

Meanwhile, Killian thanked her supporters at her Election Night headquarters in Eastchester.

"I really wanted to help all you guys out there," Killian said. "I heard a lot of stories, there's a lot of great things about living in New York, there's a lot of great things about living in Westchester, but we do have some things going on and I was really hoping I'd get that platform."

Supporters chanted "November" a couple of times during her concession comments, encouraging her to run again this fall when the seat again is up for grabs.

When asked by The Examiner if she would consider running again for the

seat in a few months, Killian said it's something she'd think about.

"I'll think about that tomorrow. Right now, I'm going to hang out here with my friends and family, get a good night's sleep maybe" Killian said. "I'm not at the train station tomorrow morning."

The race between Mayer and Killian got ugly at times. Mayer was accused of failing to do more to assist two female Senate staffers after they came to her to complain about harassment from male bosses when she was legal counsel for the Democrats in 2010. Killian also went after Mayer for having campaign operatives on her staff that were critical of law enforcement, including vulgar statements on social media.

Killian faced heat when it was discovered a person that threw a fundraiser for her directed insults toward survivors of the Parkland, Fla. school shooting on social media. Killian also was consistently called a "Trump Republican" with opponents hoping to tie her to President Donald Trump. Mayer's supporters continually sought to associate her with "dark money," that was derived from National Rifle Association donations.

The 37th Senate District stretches from Yonkers to Bedford and also includes the Sound Shore communities, North Castle and portions of White Plains.

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Mt. Pleasant Supervisor Open to Forming Airport Committee

By Neal Rentz

Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said the town may create a town committee monitoring Westchester County Airport after three Pleasantville residents last week objected to escalating levels of airplane noise.

Old Farm Road residents Jordana Silverstein, Tracy Levy and Renata Cirne, who live near the Mount Pleasant border, said the sounds of airplanes flying over their homes on their approach for landing have been degrading their quality of life.

They are among a growing group of county residents in the communities surrounding the airport who have recently expressed their concerns. Last month, County Executive George Latimer said his administration would investigate why aggravating noise levels have increased after a sharp increase in complaints from residents in New Castle and other communities in close proximity to the airport.

Latimer also urged any of the five towns closest to the airport – New Castle, North Castle, Mount Pleasant, Harrison and Rye – to nominate a town resident to represent their municipality on the county Airport Advisory Council if they don't have anyone serving.

"It's a very significant issue for us," Silverstein said.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Pleasantville resident Jordana Silverstein expressed her concerns about noise from planes flying into Westchester County Airport at the Apr. 24 Mount Pleasant Town Board meeting.

Fulgenzi said he could support a town committee dedicated to airport-related issues. A local committee could give residents a voice and could relay concerns

to the county, he said. He suggested that a list of residents be submitted to the Town Board so it could approve creation of the new committee.

About two weeks ago New Castle formed its own town committee to address airport issues after there had been a strong response from residents interested in serving as the town's representative on the county's advisory council seat.

Fulgenzi said he submitted Levy's name to county Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant) to make sure she was in consideration after Levy contacted him.

Silverstein said airplane noise has worsened in her neighborhood over the past two years.

"We've had cracked windows," she said. "It's that bad."

Councilman Mark Rubeo, a sitting member of the county's Airport Advisory Council who was appointed by former county executive Rob Astorino, said noise complaints from area residents "seemed to have ramped up" over the past year. However, the council is an advisory body that only makes recommendations, he said.

Concern among area residents have centered on the noise from private aircraft, which comprise the majority of the flights. Rubeo said commercial

airlines account for only about one-third of the flights at the airport.

But Cirne said Jet Blue flights have contributed to the noise problem.

"I can literally read the numbers on the plane," Cirne said. "Something clearly has changed."

Cirne, who lives directly in the path of Runway 16, said she hoped residents will get some relief.

"The last two years have been hell," she said.

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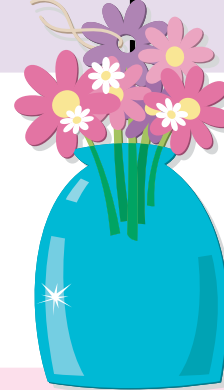
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New Castle Fire District to Entertain Senter Street Firehouse Offers

By Erin Maher

The New Castle Fire District No. 1 Board of Commissioners will weigh offers from the public to buy the Senter Street Firehouse but there has been no decision on whether to sell the property.

Commissioners held an informational meeting last Tuesday night at the Chappaqua firehouse at King Street and Bedford Road to discuss the district's options with residents.

Board of Commissioners Acting Chair Danna Schoenberg said "we will welcome all concrete offers" for the Senter Street firehouse but did not go into greater detail regarding what would constitute a serious pitch or what type of potential buyer they're looking for.

Last month, the Board of Fire Commissioners of New Castle Fire District No. 1 was approached by three different parties expressing interest in the firehouse, including local residents Steffi and Phil Green. In a Feb. 13 letter to the Board of Commissioners, the Greens outlined plans for a restaurant, a type of plan some town officials, including Supervisor Robert Greenstein, have been asking the fire district to consider to help with the revitalization of downtown Chappaqua.

Since then, public speculation pushed the Board of Commissioners to hold last week's meeting.

Commissioners told residents who attended the meeting that the Senter Street firehouse provides storage for the Chappaqua Volunteer Fire Department and houses two vehicles, including the district's antique fire truck. It also uses the building for training sessions and as a fitness facility.

Chappaqua Fire Department Chief Paul Eiden said if the district sold the Senter Street property, it would incur a large number of expenses, including about \$90,000 in moving costs and the need for temporary storage. There would likely be legal and professional fees associated with securing a temporary site.

Another \$50,000 might be needed for gym membership for each fire department member, he said.

In October 2016, the district's \$12 million expansion referendum that would have enlarged the King Street firehouse to accommodate the fire department's needs was overwhelmingly defeated by voters.

Commissioner Brian Murphy suggested that the Board of Commissioners ask an architect to design a first floor with an accompanying elevator and ADA compliant bathrooms. Murphy said asking the architect to redraw plans would cost about \$2,800.

The architectural proposal will be



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

New Castle Fire District No. 1 commissioners are welcoming offers from potential buyers for the Senter Street firehouse in Chappaqua.

discussed at the board's May 10 monthly meeting.

The district's only confirmed plan is to finish the demolition of the former Chappaqua Animal Hospital on the firehouse's adjacent property at 495 King St. by June to have it function as a flat

lot for parking and training grounds. The district successfully sought to acquire the former animal hospital property so it has the land to expand the King Street firehouse should there be support for such a project in the future.

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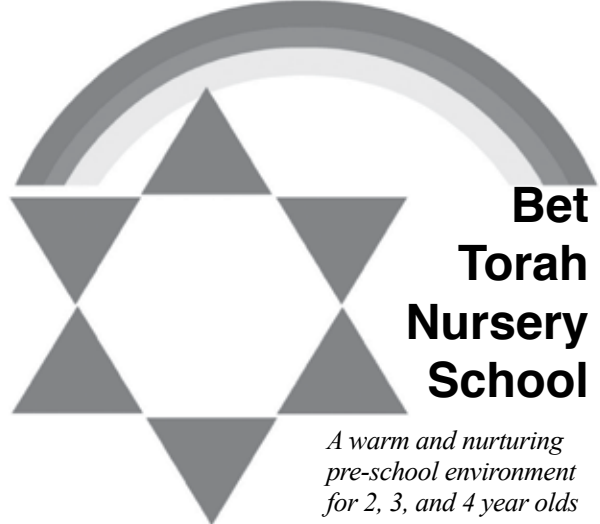
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Byram Hills to Present \$92.3M Budget to the Public on May 15

By Martin Wilbur

The Byram Hills Board of Education last week adopted the district's \$92.3 million budget for 2018-19 that maintains all existing programs and results in a tentative 1.67 percent tax rate increase for North Castle residents.

Although spending will rise 1.94 percent over the current year, the final budget was about \$920,000 below the maximum allowable tax levy to comply with the state tax cap.

Since Superintendent of Schools Jen Lamia released her proposed 2018-19 budget on Mar. 6, the budget's spending did not change, remaining at \$92,347,680

throughout the process. Lamia said district officials were able to achieve their goals of fiscal restraint, keeping programs intact and maintaining the school facilities despite a 1 percent decrease in the capital budget for next year.

All programs that have been in the district since 1997 will remain along with all student services, athletic and extracurricular programs and transportation.

"We maintained all of our programs that make our students stand out from their peers and we are still standing, as I believe, as one of the best public school

districts in the state," Lamia said.

Tentative tax rates for property owners in the district's other municipalities include a 1.14 percent hike in Mount Pleasant with decreases of 2.59 and 2.43 percent projected in New Castle and Bedford, respectively.

The only staffing changes for next year is the addition of a full-time shared aide for students with disabilities. However, that was offset with a decrease of one secondary school teacher.

Spending increases include an additional \$352,000 the district must pay toward health insurance costs next year. With Byram Hills spending \$10.6 million next year on health insurance that will represent an increase of more than \$5.4 million over the last 10 years.

The district will use just over \$3 million of fund balance to help balance the budget.

"I feel like that the integrity of this budget and the responsibility of this budget, I'm really proud of it," said Board of Education President Robin Glat. "I'm really proud of what everybody did."

District officials many not have had many serious challenges to overcome this budget cycle, but Trustee Ira Schulman warned the community that unless there is help from Albany regarding funding and mandates there could be difficulties ahead.



Byram Hills Superintendent of Schools Jen Lamia, above, and the Board of Education wrapped up work last week on the district's budget for 2018-19.

"Unless we have a real working partner with Albany and unless all the mandates and all the funding requirements, and I say this every year, there's a lot of talk about it, but until there's a real modification about it, there are so many slices of bread in a loaf, and even Byram Hills at some point has to be careful," Schulman said.

District residents who are registered voters can vote on the budget on Tuesday, May 15 at H.C. Crittenden Middle School from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Public Invited to Submit Photos to P'ville Presbyterian Church Exhibit

The Pleasantville Presbyterian Church is hosting a free photography exhibit, "Radical Beauty in Everyday Life," for two weekends in June and the public is invited to participate. Living in a time of constant distraction, the challenge is to slow down, notice what is around you and capture it in a photo to submit to the show.

It is open to adults and high school students who are amateur

photographers. Photos should be brought or mailed to the Pleasantville Presbyterian Church with a signed submission form between May 7 and May 18. Complete details and forms are available at www.pvillepresby.org.

The exhibit will take place at the church, located at 400 Bedford Rd. in Pleasantville, on June 9 and 10 and June 16 and 17 from 12 to 4 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No.: 51265/2018 Date of Filing: April 6, 2018 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

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-against- MARJORIE ADVOCATE AS
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Legal Notice

Officer Kills Coyote After Attack on Child in Mt. Pleasant Park

By Neal Rentz

A Mount Pleasant police officer shot and killed a coyote that attacked a five-year-old Hawthorne girl Sunday afternoon in James M. Carroll Park in Thornwood.

Police Chief Paul Oliva said Monday the child was attacked at about 4:40 p.m. in the playground area of the park. He said "a coyote came from out of the woods" and launched the attack. A 911 call was phoned in following the incident.

An off-duty Irvington police officer, later identified as Arcangelo Liberatore, who was in the park at the time of the attack, held the coyote with his bare hands. When Mount Pleasant Officer Jonathan Kramel arrived at the scene,

the animal was shot and killed, Oliva noted.

The coyote was brought to the state Department of Health in Albany on Monday to be tested for rabies, he said.

The girl was transferred to Westchester Medical Center where she was treated and released, Oliva said.

While coyotes live in the woods in town, it is not typical for them to attack

people, according to the chief. If you see coyotes, stay away from them, Oliva warned.

Dr. Melissa Grigione, a professor at Pace University's Department of Biology and Health Science, said Monday it is uncommon for a coyote to attack a person in northern Westchester.

Grigione, who has studied coyotes in New York and Florida for 15 years,

said the animal lives on a diet of wild animals, including deer and rodents.

If a person sees a coyote near them, he or she should throw a rock or stone at it or make loud noises, she said. That will typically scare them away.

"Don't roll over and play dead," as someone should while encountering a wild bear, Grigione cautioned.

Board Approves New Mount Pleasant Police Contract

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Pleasant Town Board unanimously approved a new five-year contract with the town's 40-member Police Department last week that will include drug and alcohol testing for the first time.

The Police Benevolent Association (PBA) will receive retroactive pay increases for the first two years of the new agreement that dates back to Jan. 1, 2016. Officers will receive a 2.5 percent salary hike for 2016 and a 2 percent increase for 2017. This year, PBA members will see a 3 percent raise followed by 2.5 percent increases for both 2019 and 2020.

Another major feature of the contract is the drug and alcohol testing provision for officers. Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi

said the program includes random testing and members who are suspected of improperly using drugs and alcohol.

"The officers welcomed it," said Fulgenzi, who was told that the PBA also unanimously approved the contract.

Longevity steps have been changed from 20, 25 and 30 years to 10 and 15 years, he said. Officers will now receive an additional \$150 at the 10-year mark and \$575 at the 15-year mark.

The contribution to the PBA welfare fund was increased by \$125 a year starting this year through 2020, he said.

For any PBA member attending a continuing education course, they must notify Police Chief Paul Oliva by Sept. 1 of the previous calendar year to be

eligible to take the course and for the town to properly budget for the expense.

The pact also includes a regular morning role call where officers will receive updates from the chief.

Councilwoman Laurie Smalley described the new contract as "fair and equitable" to both the PBA and the town.

Fulgenzi said officials have recognized the outstanding job done by department members.

"Our officers are not the highest paid but one of the finest in the county and we are trying to make sure they are treated fairly," Fulgenzi said. "I believe this contract is a step in that direction."

Messages left for PBA President Jim Reilly were not returned.



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County Police/Mount Kisco

Apr. 23: A 46-year-old Grove Street man was arrested at 2:36 p.m. and charged with disorderly conduct, a violation, after police had responded to West Hyatt Avenue near Mount Kisco Elementary School on a report that an intoxicated man was urinating in public. Officers located the man near Lexington Avenue and he became verbally abusive and combative with officers.

Apr. 24: A Diplomat Drive resident

reported to police at 4:33 p.m. that he had been scammed out of \$3,300 over several months after he retained a company to perform computer services for him. The resident said he determined the company does not actually exist. An investigation is continuing.

Apr. 24: Police responded to Diplomat Drive at 8:40 p.m. on a report that a former resident who is not welcome on the grounds was sitting in a parked car with two other people. The former resident was advised

that management wanted her to leave and to stay away.

Apr. 25: A West Street resident contacted police at 12:26 p.m. to report that she had received a call from a man saying he was from the IRS and that she would be arrested if she did not pay money he said she owed. The resident was advised that the call was a scam.

Apr. 25: Report of three men sitting on the curb on Spring Street drinking beer at 7:22 p.m. The men told officers they were waiting for a friend to return to his home on the block. One of the men was highly intoxicated and officers called for an ambulance to take him to Northern Westchester Hospital for evaluation. The second man, 22, a Leonard Street resident, was found in possession of marijuana and was taken into custody. He was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation, and released pending a May 31 appearance in Mount Kisco Justice Court.

Apr. 26: Police responded to Main Street near the Mount Kisco movie theater at 11:11 a.m. on a report that a man was walking up to cars and banging on the windows. The man, a resident of an area group home, was located by officers and turned over to staff at the home.

Apr. 27: The Mount Kisco Fire Department and Con Edison joined police in responding to Woodland Street at 2:09 p.m. on a report of a hissing sound and a strong odor of gas coming from a residence. Entry was made into the residence, which was unoccupied at the time, to permit Con Edison to correct the problem.

Apr. 27: Police responded to a South Bedford Road business at 3:59 p.m. to assist a 72-year-old woman who had passed out. The Mount Kisco Volunteer Ambulance Corps also responded and transported the woman to the hospital.

North Castle Police Department

Apr. 20: A cyclist drove into an open car door on Main Street at 9:39 a.m. and sustained a shoulder injury. Armonk Fire Department ambulance was dispatched. Officers responded and the party was taken to Northern Westchester Hospital.

Apr. 20: Report of a suspicious vehicle on Cole Drive at 10:29 a.m. The complainant reported that a suspicious gray jeep with the words Zombie Apocalypse spray painted on its side was occupied by two male subjects in their twenties parked in the cul-de-sac. The responding officer located the vehicle and reported that the parties checked okay.

Apr. 21: A complainant arrived at headquarters at 7:21 p.m. to report that his elderly mother who has dementia was missing. He reported that he last saw her at his residence at about 3:30 p.m. this date when he left briefly. He stated that when he returned about two hours later, she had apparently left the residence on foot in an unknown direction. The complainant stated she has done this once before and is known to frequent Kensico Dam Plaza. The woman is five feet tall and 150 pounds, has gray hair and was last seen wearing a black sweater, black pants and flip flops. The complainant stated that she does not have a cell phone and speaks Italian with limited English. The complainant will be out looking for her. His girlfriend will wait at the residence in case his mother returns.

Apr. 22: An E-911 call was received at 10:30 a.m. reporting an injury to a finger. The caller reported a crushed finger from dropping a large object on it. The responding officer reported a transport to Northern Westchester Hospital.

Apr. 24: Report of graffiti on Green Valley Road at 1:50 p.m. The complainant reported that the graffiti is at the dead end and landscapers illegally dump materials there. Photos were secured.

Pleasantville Police Department

Apr. 20: A 22-year-old female Pace University student was arrested at 2:14 a.m. outside Foley's Club Lounge on Bedford Road and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. She is scheduled to appear in Village Court on May 8.

Apr. 28: Following a car accident on Bedford Road, a 22-year-old Pleasantville woman was arrested at 4:02 p.m. for aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle. She is due back in Village Court on May 22.

Obituary

Robert O'Brien

Robert Patrick O'Brien (Bob) passed away on Mar. 25 in his home in Briarcliff Manor.

He was 90.

O'Brien was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, one of three sons, and was raised in Pittsburgh. Upon graduation from Central Catholic High School in 1945, he was inducted into the U.S. Army and served primarily at Camp Stoneman in northern California in the aftermath of World War II. Upon being honorably discharged from the Army in 1947, he returned to Pittsburgh and attended and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh.

He spent most of his career as an

investment banker in New York City and settled with his family in Pleasantville, where he lived for 51 years. O'Brien was passionate about his family, sports (Yankees and Giants!), politics, literature and The New York Times crossword.

O'Brien leaves his beloved wife, Gisela, and his sons Christopher and Dennis. His son, Stephen, predeceased him. He also leaves his older brother, Bill; his daughters-in-law, Lissie, Liz and Dana; and his eight loving grandchildren.

A memorial Mass was held on Apr. 28 at the Church of the Magdalene in Pocantico Hills. Donations in O'Brien's memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Westchester County.

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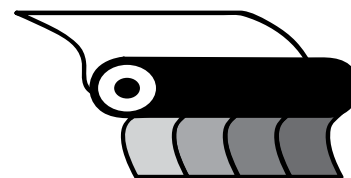
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New Castle to Form Committee to Ponder Rekindled Chap Line

By Martin Wilbur

New Castle officials are planning to form a committee to explore whether it's feasible to open a path to connect the area near Horace Greeley High School with downtown Chappaqua for pedestrians and possibly bikers.

During a discussion at the Town Board's Apr. 24 work session, Supervisor Robert Greenstein said the town should once again consider building the Chap Line, the name given to the path when it was proposed nearly four years ago.

He said stiff competition provided by the Internet has forced most communities to search for new ways to attract residents and visitors to their downtown shopping districts. By rekindling the Chap Line, residents in the area of the high school and Chappaqua Crossing can be connected to downtown by a roughly mile-long path without having to get into a car, Greenstein said.

"We need to do more, Greenstein said. "We need to look at our zoning to try and get more people living downtown, that's what towns all across America are doing. Pretty much what is happening at Chappaqua Crossing, we sort of need to happen down here, which is traditional neighborhood design."

Since there is almost no chance that sidewalks can be built on Route 117 because of the prohibitive expense and

the need to take private property to comply with the state's standards of wider sidewalks, the Chap Line could be a viable option, Greenstein said.

Dan Googel, who made a presentation in 2014 proposing the path before it was believed the project would be too expensive, said with relatively minimal work and expense the town could designate the outline of an existing path already in place. About 15 years ago a temporary dirt road was created for vehicles of crews that were building a sewer line at the time. Parts of that path are still noticeable.

However, residents who live nearby, expressed deep reservations last week, citing privacy and safety and security concerns. In some cases, the path would cross into residents' backyards, said resident Julianne Metzger.

"The trunk line literally comes through the property that we own. There's no avoiding that," Metzger said. "The trunk line, it is taking our property, it is a path literally in our yard. So with that being said, I can't pretend that that's not really, really important to me and that's not a top issue and why I'm opposed to this."

At a time when the Chappaqua School District has been studying how to make its high school campus more secure, Metzger said the town should reach out to school officials.



New Castle Supervisor Robert Greenstein would like the town to seriously consider a walking path from near Roaring Brook Road to downtown Chappaqua despite concerns voiced by residents who live nearby.

Greenstein responded that a previous school board supported the project because it would take Greeley's cross-country runners off the busy and potentially dangerous Route 117. Students could also easily walk to downtown.

Another resident, Peter Izzo of the Chestnut Oaks condominiums, said there are people already walking through parts

of the area. However, creating a more defined path may not have the desired effect of having large groups of residents walking to downtown Chappaqua.

"You could build as many bike paths and walk paths as you want, as long as Amazon is delivering by drone, certain things are a needs factor," Izzo said.

He also questioned how a path would be cleaned and maintained.

Googel said he hopes a compromise is attainable.

"I realize there are property owners and I hope that there could be some solution so we can work with them to make it seem like a plus for them," Googel said.

Councilman Jeremy Saland said there is merit and value in supporting the Chap Line, but the town will have to carefully evaluate the tradeoffs for the neighboring residents and the town. Also, some downtown business would be helped, but no one's walking a mile with certain types of merchandise, he said.

"I think in principal I support the concept, but my concern is...what is the cost going to be, is it going to be on people's property?" Saland said. "I'm not a big fan of sacrificing a few for the good of the many. That being said, what is the sacrifice?"

Officials said that if a committee is formed it would represent a variety of stakeholders and comprised of proponents and skeptics.

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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No. 60601/2017

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Editorial

Miller House is an Example of How Government Can Work Properly

With the speed at which the Miller House/Washington's Headquarters restoration issue was resolved in White Plains during the past few months, it's easy to forget that this took nearly a decade to accomplish.

Of course, when the county was first getting serious about the upgrades we where in the midst of the worst economic upheaval in about 75 years.

It might be a fair question to look back and ask why it took so long in the first place, as the county last week made it official by revealing its plans for the property on Virginia Road in North White Plains. However, rather than dwelling on what went wrong, what should be recognized is what went right this time around.

By the time 2018 dawned, there was a shared sense from every officeholder that the 280-year-old former farmhouse, which served as George Washington's

headquarters during and just after the Battle of White Plains, in October 1776 was worth saving.

Then there was overwhelming sentiment from the Town of North Castle that the house should remain in the place where it had been built and where it has withstood war and storms for the better part of three centuries. Both County Executive George Latimer, who pledged to get the refurbishment done, and the current Board of Legislators didn't try to buck the town or the most outspoken supporters of keeping the house where it is despite it no longer being an ideal location. Rather than digging in their heels, everyone realized it was more important to save the house.

Also, last year, when it was apparent that the \$1.3 million bond from 2010 wasn't going to be enough to cover the costs of the project, the entire Board of Legislators supported Legislator Margaret

Cunzio's appeal for an extra \$700,000.

Don't forget Assemblyman David Buchwald who was able to secure a \$250,000 grant from the state and the North Castle Town Board that kept the pressure up on the county.

Finally, the project could have stalled forever if it weren't for the years of unwavering dedication from volunteers from the North Castle Historical Society, Friends of Miller House and the Miller House/Washington's Headquarters Committee. Despite long stretches of inertia by the county and the general despair that the house might fall down before anything was accomplished, the people associated with those organizations kept plugging away.

Everyone finally started pulling in the same direction, and when that happens there's no telling what can be accomplished.

Letter to the Editor

Depending on Distant Places for Our Energy is Expensive, Unreliable

With Indian Point's closure less than three years away, developing replacement power is essential – as is an honest conversation about the thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic activity we're losing.

The New York Independent System Operator says it's counting on a combination of three natural gas plants to replace Indian Point. One's in New Jersey. The other two are under construction in New York: CPV Valley Energy Center in Orange County and Cricket Valley in Dutchess County.

The bad news is that the New York facilities may never go online, thanks to

not-in-my-backyard opposition to the plants and the pipelines needed to fuel them.

Without natural gas infrastructure, we're going to be forced to rely on generation from Canada and other states. We'll be paying them while we struggle to replace lost jobs and the economic benefits that came with them – and we'll lose control over our power supply. Ask Californians who depended on Enron for out-of-state electricity how well that worked out.

Importing electricity and exporting jobs is a lose-lose for New York, and it's completely unnecessary. The state owes

us a plan to ensure that even after Indian Point, we'll be making our own power here, by New Yorkers for New Yorkers.

Gavin J. Donohue

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Column

Cinco de Mayo: The Mexican Holiday That Isn't Really Mexican

By Daniel Javier McKinnon

My Mexican-born mother is always big on celebrating holidays. Christmas planning starts soon after Labor Day. St. Patrick's Day green decorates our house immediately after Valentine's Day.

But for some reason my mom has never mentioned Cinco de Mayo. How could a proud Mexican-American ignore the biggest, most patriotic Mexican holiday?

Well, as I found out, the big enchilada of Mexican holidays is actually Independence Day on Sept. 16, while Cinco de Mayo isn't even a federal holiday in Mexico.

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Battle of Puebla which was fought on May 5, 1862. Mexico had gained independence from Spain in 1810, but the young nation soon had financial problems. In the early 1860s, Mexico could not repay loans to

France. French leader Napoleon III saw the debt default as an opportunity to gain territory in the New World and sent an invasion force.

Since 1823, the Monroe Doctrine had warned the European powers to stay out of the affairs of North and South America. Therefore, France may normally have used a more diplomatic solution to their Mexican debt problem, but in 1862 the United States was embroiled in the Civil War. The country could only stand by while France sent a fleet to invade our southern neighbors.

The Mexican Army, which was led by Texas-born Gen. Ignacio Zaragoza, braced for an invasion at the Town of Puebla. They had only 2,000 poorly armed troops to combat the 6,000 well-equipped French troops. Somehow Zaragoza's men prevailed

and repelled the French invasion.

The victory brought great pride to Chicanos, Americans of Mexican heritage. After all, it was a Chicano general who had defeated the mighty French. The Chicano community has commemorated the Battle of Puebla ever since. From its beginning, Cinco de Mayo was a holiday not for Mexicans, but rather for Americans of Mexican heritage.

I now understand why my mother did not know much about this unusual holiday. Hopefully, she and many other Americans will now know the true story and on Saturday we can all celebrate the spirit of Mexico. Happy Cinco de Mayo!

Daniel Javier McKinnon is a Fox Lane High School student and lives in Pound Ridge.

New Castle ZBA Postpones Sunshine Home Vote Until May 16

By Neal Rentz

New Castle residents wanting to know if the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will approve the controversial proposal to expand Sunshine Children's Home & Rehabilitation Center were forced to wait another few weeks longer.

The ZBA, at the request of town officials, postponed the vote until a special meeting on Wednesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Eric Gordon, counsel for the ZBA, said after discussions with town Director of Planning Sabrina Charney Hull, there were "technical difficulties" with the resolutions that still had to be resolved.

Gordon had said if the board declined to hold a special meeting or couldn't agree on a date, the applicant would be forced to wait until the ZBA's next regularly scheduled meeting in late May. Neighboring residents and representatives of the Sunshine Home had been informed that the vote was going to be postponed, he said.

The ZBA came to a unanimous consensus in March to instruct town staff to prepare a resolution to approve the project's revised special use permit.

Sunshine, which cares for medically fragile children, is looking to expand its 18,000-square-foot facility at 15 Spring

Valley Rd. to more than 140,000 square feet. There would be an increase from 54 beds to as many as 122.

For nearly three years, neighboring residents have urged the ZBA to reject the applicant's permit application because of an assortment of environmental concerns.

Then at the public hearing in February, opponents charged that Sunshine has continuously disregarded local laws, particularly after it was found that it had engaged in unauthorized work at the site. In late November, a

shed housing one of three wells on Sunshine's property was removed without permits as the applicant sought to make improvements to the well. A tree was also taken down.

Neighbors have argued that Sunshine Children's Home's actions should be considered before the ZBA votes on the permit.

There is also an Article 78 that is pending brought by neighboring residents both on the New Castle and Ossining side of the town line.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

The New Castle Zoning Board of Appeals at its Apr. 25 meeting.

Trial Looms for Chappaqua Man Arrested at Planning Board Meeting

By Martin Wilbur

The Chappaqua man who was arrested outside a New Castle Planning Board meeting in January after causing a ruckus will likely see his case go to trial.

Town Justice Noah Sorkin last Thursday instructed Lawrence Fisher, the attorney for defendant Will Wedge, and the Westchester County district attorney's office to continue discovery and return to court on May 31. If an agreement between the two sides cannot be reached at the next court session, Sorkin said he will set a date for a trial.

However, Sorkin implored both sides to find a resolution to what should be a routine matter in order to avoid a trial.

After the brief court appearance, Fisher declined to speculate why the case hasn't been resolved. The next day, the district attorney's office referred inquiries regarding the delay to the New Castle Justice Court.

Wedge was arrested Jan. 16 and charged with two counts of second-degree harassment, a violation, and one count of obstructing governmental administration, a Class A misdemeanor, after he yelled out a profanity from

his seat during a discussion of the controversial proposal to expand Sunshine Children's Home.

He was soon led down a flight of stairs at Town Hall by New Castle police to be escorted out of the building, but moments later he was on the ground being handcuffed.

At his arraignment in January, a Temporary Order of Protection was issued barring Wedge from the upstairs portion of Town Hall, which includes most town offices and the meeting room where public meetings are held.

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Residents Call for Delay in Rec Uses at Mt. Kisco Diamond Property

By Neal Rentz

About 15 neighboring residents urged Mount Kisco officials to delay weighing requested zoning text changes for additional family recreation uses at Diamond Properties' complex until after new supermarket opens to assess

Mt. Kisco Approves \$22M Budget With 1.7% Tax Increase

The Mount Kisco Village Board unanimously approved the \$22 million 2018-19 budget that carries a tax rate increase of just under 1.7 percent.

The general fund budget is nearly the same as the spending plan originally proposed by Village Manager Edward Brancati about a month ago.

An average homeowner whose property is valued at about \$400,000 will see their village tax bill increase by \$59. The tax rate increase is the fifth lowest since 1990.

Next year's spending plan is "an excellent budget by the village manager and the village treasurer," Trustee Peter Grunthal said.

The new fiscal year begins June 1.

--Neal Rentz

the impact on traffic.

A group of Park Drive residents contended last Monday night that the village should only consider bringing in more uses at 333 N. Bedford Rd. once ShopRite moves into the 31-acre site because congestion is choking the surrounding area's roads.

Diamond Properties has signed a lease to move a 70,000-square-foot ShopRite from its current location at 747 Bedford Rd. in Bedford Hills to the parcel known as The Park. A zoning text change is also needed by the developer to permit a supermarket in the Light Manufacturing district.

Residents said officials should wait to see how ShopRite would affect vehicular movement in and around the complex before agreeing to more family recreation uses.

"Once you've changed the zoning you have opened a Pandora's box," said resident Sheila Alagia. "What happens in the future?"

Alagia said she hoped the Mount Kisco Village Board would require Diamond to keep his previous promises that included improved access to the

site for pedestrians. Also, residents were previously told that no arcades and catering would be allowed at Grand Prix New York, the go-kart racing and entertainment center that opened about 10 years ago, but the developer later brought those uses to that venue.

Another Park Drive resident, Carol Dounn, said she feared the plan would make an already bad traffic situation worse on North Bedford Road.

While Dounn doesn't oppose bringing ShopRite to the property, she said the board should look at the family entertainment request as a separate issue.

"Let's see what the impact is," Dounn said.

Resident Marion Halberg also said there should be a delay on the family recreation issue until after ShopRite opened, saying they're two different types of uses.

"Let's see how ShopRite plays out. Let's see what happens with the traffic. Let's see what happens with the development," Halberg said. "I don't think we've given this adequate time to review."

Diamond is scheduled to meet with residents and the Village Board on Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. The public hearing is slated to resume at this Monday evening's board meeting.

A message left last week for Diamond was not returned.

Radio Circle zoning change proposal

Mount Kisco Mayor Gina Picinich said a public hearing on the village's plan to allow family recreation on Radio Circle is scheduled to begin at this Monday's meeting.

The Radio Circle hearing will be separate from the resumption of the hearing for potential zoning changes at 333 N. Bedford Rd., Picinich said. Radio Circle is zoned Research and Development.

While Trustee Peter Grunthal agreed with opening the public hearing and the exploration of allowing the use on Radio Circle, he said the village should consider that change during its ongoing Comprehensive Plan update process.

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Chappaqua Man Biking Across America to Help Ethiopian Women

By Martin Wilbur

Later this year James Rosenberg will attend Columbia Business School to begin his graduate studies.

But before he embarks on the next chapter in his life, Rosenberg will take on a challenge to help others in a distant land realize their entrepreneurial dreams.

On Sunday, the 25-year-old Chappaqua resident began a three-month, 4,200-mile bike journey called Ride for Kore starting in Yorktown, Va. and taking a circuitous path to the Oregon coast.

Rosenberg's mission is to raise \$20,000 through donations to help women in Kore, Ethiopia, a community of about 100,000 outside the capital of Addis Ababa, launch their own businesses.

"I'm going to be going back to school to get my MBA and what this does is to help women in Kore to essentially get their MBA, obviously on a slightly more microscale," said Rosenberg, a Horace Greeley High School graduate who earned his undergraduate degree at Emory University. "We're going into Ethiopia and helping these women and training them to make sure they can run their own businesses and help them network and get the capital that they need, and if that's not an MBA I'm not sure what is."

What attracted Rosenberg to the cause after learning about it through a friend's cousin who participated in a previous Ride for Kore, is how the area and its residents have been ostracized, even in their own country, as they have suffered from rampant cases of leprosy and AIDS, extreme poverty and despair.

The project is one of many overseen by the Missouri-based nonprofit organization I Pour Life. Among the organization's many initiatives is a Global Women's Economic Empowerment program, which targets poor women for a 10-month training period that includes start-up capital, medical attention and basic living expenses to help them acquire the skills and knowledge to enable them to become self-sufficient.

Rosenberg, who after college worked as a strategy analyst for a company in Virginia before returning to New York to work for JP Morgan, said I Pour Life's previous record and their experience in Ethiopia intrigued him.

"That kind of makes me feel really good about it because they have had a huge track record of success over there," Rosenberg said. "They've gotten a bunch of women onto their feet and starting second and third businesses even, hiring members of the community. So the women start this self-sustaining environment."



James Rosenberg left Yorktown, Va. on Sunday for a ride across the United States to raise money for women to become more self-sufficient in an Ethiopian community.

To help the effort, Rosenberg has mapped out an ambitious biking schedule aboard his Trek 520 touring bike over the next three months, which will certainly test his limits. Until he reaches his destination of Astoria, Ore., tentatively scheduled for July 29, he plans to bike an average of 55 miles a day.

He trained by taking his bike out and by

using a resistance wheel in his home, so even when the weather didn't cooperate he could work to get in the best shape for the ride.

In a route called the TransAmerica Trail that keeps him off major highways, Rosenberg is heading due west out of Virginia until he reaches the Rockies. He will then head north before traveling west again to the Pacific. Rosenberg will pass through places such as Berea, Ky., Girard, Kan., Rawlins, Wyo. and Missoula, Mont.

He will be making the trek mostly on his own, except for three weeks when his father will join Rosenberg in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Rosenberg has collected some donations from friend and family, but the route will allow him to stop in small towns and interact with people in local communities. As of Sunday, he had raised more than \$8,400.

"What I'm doing is I'm just trying to talk to as many people as I can as I'm biking across (America), and if a couple of people can throw in \$5, if people can throw in a dollar, it all makes a difference," Rosenberg said. "So I'm really trying to go through the grassroots way. People across American will show how giving they are."


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No. Castle, County Officials Celebrate Saving Miller House

By Martin Wilbur

For those who fought hard for more than a decade to see the restoration of Elijah Miller House/Washington's Headquarters in North White Plains, last Thursday was a day to celebrate.

County Executive George Latimer was joined by local, county and state officials on the historic grounds to officially announce the recent agreement to refurbish the 280-year-old former farmhouse and thank the bipartisan effort among legislators who supported the more than \$2 million project.

There will also be a 500-square-foot visitors center that will be built on the site that will be appear from the outside as an 18th century schoolhouse.

"It's an affordable way for us to protect our history," Latimer said. "This is a debt that we owe our great-great-great-grandparents and to our great-great-great-grandchildren. We have to be able to recognize the sacrifices they made and make this a part of our history and we have to protect it for generations yet unborn. That is our responsibility today."

Westchester County took over the house in 1917 and for years gave tours, but within the past 15 years the condition of the house deteriorated to the point where it had to be shuttered. A few years ago, the county was forced to place a blue tarp on the roof while haggling over whether the house should remain in its original location on

Virginia Road or be moved to another site.

County Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant) thanked her colleagues on the Board of Legislators for unanimously approving \$700,000 in additional funding to supplement the original \$1.3 million bond that was secured about eight years ago. Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) helped acquire a \$250,000 state grant.

"Growing up in North Castle, I remember when the Miller House was open for tours and it's something I feel very strongly about preserving," Cunzio said. "As an educator, I'm very grateful for the opportunity for children to come to the educational out building that will be here."

In addition to the refurbishment and construction of the visitors center, there will also be work on the root cellar that stored food, parking for up to 12 vehicles and preservation of an old Sycamore tree that is close to the house.

The house served as George Washington's headquarters during the Battle of White Plains in late October 1776. Washington stayed at the house until Nov. 11 and returned twice more before the Revolutionary War ended, in 1778 and 1781.

North Castle Co-Town Historian Sharon Tomback recalled how the late Dorrie Watson, the town's beloved historian for many years, worked tirelessly to help save Miller House/Washington's Headquarters.

Although Watson died more than three years ago, Tomback dedicated the achievement to her.

Tomback said she was recently asked about why it's important to save another old building, particularly with other so many other pressing social and economic issues that need attention and money.

"History reminds us that people who lived in the 1700s faced the same social and economic issues we face today," she said. "They faced war, they faced war on their doorsteps, yet they prevailed, the created a new nation, inspiration for us."

Preservation of the Miller House was so important to the town that the initiative was included in North Castle's updated Comprehensive Plan, said Supervisor Michael Schiliro.

He and others credited the various historical groups in town who worked hard to save the house.

He also recalled how when he first campaigned for office 11 years ago, a North White Plains resident showed him a cannonball in his house from the Revolution, highlighting how passionate town residents are about their history.

County Parks Recreation and Conservation Commissioner Kathleen



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Some of the key individuals who helped save Miller House/Washington's Headquarters in North White Plains. Pictured left to right are North Castle Supervisor Michael Schiliro, County Legislator Margaret Cunzio, Eben Turnure as Elijah Miller, Cynthia Kauffman as Ann Miller, County Executive George Latimer, Legislator John Testa and Councilman Barry Reiter.

O'Connor said the refurbishment will begin in October and take about a year.

As a former tour guide at the Miller House in 1980, O'Connor said Latimer pledged to save the structure and did so less than four months after taking office.

"He feels it's so important, legacy stewardship and not to ignore our history, because if we don't do anything this will be flat on the ground," O'Connor said. "I can't tarp it any more than it is."



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The Psychedelic Furs to Lead 2018 P'ville Music Fest Lineup

By Anna Young

Music lovers filled Lucy's Lounge in Pleasantville Sunday night to hear that The Psychedelic Furs will headline the 14th annual Pleasantville Music Festival this summer.

Festival Executive Director Bruce Figler made the highly anticipated announcement of the 14 confirmed performers for the July 14 festival at Parkway Field between sets performed by Back 2 Zero, one of the festival's 2016 Battle of the Bands winner.

The Psychedelic Furs is best known for their hits "Love My Way" and "Pretty in Pink," which served as the inspiration for the John Hughes film of the same name.

The Main Stage will also feature Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Robert Randolph & The Family Band, country-rock band Cracker, Lizzie and The Makers and Brooklyn-based folk band The Lone Bellow.

Figler said they were looking to present as much variety as possible.

"We're trying to do a little bit of something for everyone here," Figler said. "We don't want four of the same (bands), we want to make a lot of people happy," he said.

The Chill Tent will feature Dobbs Ferry musician Tim Stout, Somers singer-songwriter Dan Zlotnick, pop-rock singer-songwriter Emily Angell and



The Pleasantville Music Festival attracts thousands of music lovers to the village every July.

the all-female band Channele. Former congressman John Hall, a member of the 1970s band Orleans, will appear with special guest Fly Amero and serve as the tent's headliner.

The Party Stage will include Mahopac alternative rock band Friends at the Falls, New York City's Loose Buttons, rock band Late Night Episode and Juice, an eight-man group out of Boston College. A headliner for the Party Stage will be announced at a later date.

In addition, the two winning groups that will emerge from the festival's ongoing Battle of the Bands will open the festival at noon on the Party Stage and The Chill Tent. The competition features metropolitan area musicians who are 26 and under.

Tickets can be purchased online through TicketWeb and at the Pleasantville Recreation Center, located at 48 Marble Ave. next to Parkway Field, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Pleasantville Music Festival Executive Director Bruce Figler announced the confirmed performers early Sunday evening for this year's 14th annual festival. The festival is scheduled for Saturday, July 14 at Pleasantville's Parkway Field.

Friday. Tickets cost \$45. For seniors (65 and up) and students (12 to 21 years), tickets are \$30. Children under 12 years old are admitted free but must be accompanied by a ticket-carrying adult.

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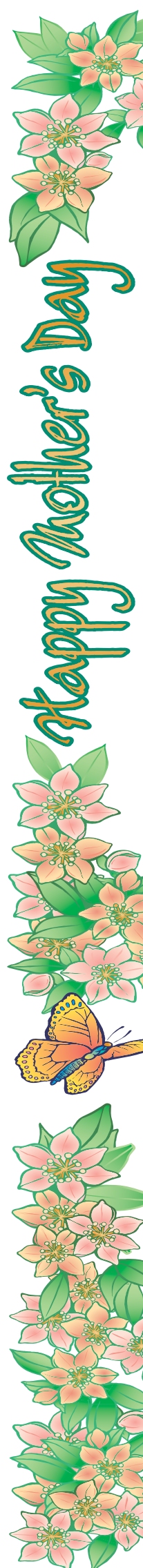
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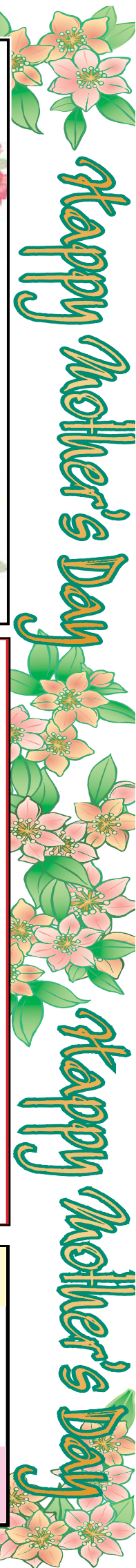
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The Impact of a Street's Name on Your Home's Appeal

Can the name of your street influence the perception of your home and its value?

The thought occurred to me a while back when I read a newspaper report about a complaint among residents of a town in Putnam County where a local motel housed a number of sex offenders. At the end of the article, almost as a throwaway, the motel's street address was listed as Sodom Road.

The origins of street names can be a fascinating study, ranging from history, their locations, mystery or sheer whimsy. I happen not to live on a street or road, but rather at a "park" – Trump Park. Sharing my address, where I've lived for the past three years, always elicits some kind of response, either positive or negative. But the residents who live at the property agree that it projects an image of quality.

I was first aware of how streets got their names when I went to grammar school in Philadelphia and the nuns taught us that the etymology of street names there was based on the plan developed by William Penn, where the major east-west streets were the names of trees: Vine, Mulberry, Chestnut, Walnut, Locust, Spruce and Pine among them, intersected by a

numbered grid.

When we took a class trip to Washington, D.C., I found that all 50 states have streets named after them and most of them cross diagonally through an alphabetized and numerical grid system. Rather than making an address clear, the intention of that system was to confuse invaders and to guard the Capitol, but today it serves to confuse tourists as well.

When I moved to New York City, I was relieved to find a grid plan that made finding any address very easy, except for the wildly erratic system in Greenwich Village, which was established before the grid was in place. It resulted in somehow having West 4th Street intersect with West 12th Street.

Until the mid-1800s, most of the population lived in densely populated cities where grid systems avoided chaos. Around 1850, people began moving out of congested cities to have cleaner air and less congestion. With increased value placed on nature, it became common to name streets after trees. As a result, my former neighborhood featured Hickory, Hemlock and Birch streets.

The roads in our communities might reveal the types of industries

they originally supported, such as Mill Street, Milk Street, Commerce Street and Mechanics Road. Also, presidents were honored in nearly every town: Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison and Kennedy abound across the nation. Some streets simply reflect the surroundings, such as Mountain View, Lakeside and Hudson View.

But the most creative names came with modern housing track developments where builders became responsible for naming streets, harnessing the suggestive power of words that shape a neighborhood even before the first home is built.

Sometimes the personal interests of builders attached themselves to street names. The most interesting I've found is a neighborhood in Mahopac known as the "fish bowl," where the streets are named Pike Place, Perch Drive and Trout Place. In the same town, my friends Jeanne and Gerry live in the "flower" neighborhood of Astor, Dahlia and Tulip. Nearby in Yorktown, we became American literary aficionados in Walden Woods with streets named Whitman, Emerson and Thoreau.

From the 1970s and 1980s, newer developments frequently adopted names of the developers' wives or daughters, and only infrequently, sons. Today, that practice is generally discouraged by municipalities because those street signs tend to be stolen more frequently,

presumably by young people of the same names.

We can be either drawn to or repelled by the mystery of some street names. I had a client who challenged me to find a house for her on Watermelon Hill Road simply because she loved the name so much. My personal favorites in this region are Pudding Street, Bullet Hole Road and Lover's Lane in Putnam Valley and Fiddler's Bridge Road in Dutchess County.

There's no denying whether your street suggests picking a flower, enjoying the comfort of a shade tree, paying tribute to a founding father, making love or catching a fish, its name can indeed add character, charm or mystery to where you live.

Here's a trivia question for you: Can you guess the most popular street name in America? No, it's not Main, Maple or Elm. It's 2nd Street. Surprised? Most towns in America started with a simple grid of numbered streets, but many times 1st Street was renamed Main Street, boosting 2nd Street to the lead. Therefore, second is second to none.

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Dave Hoffman
Conference Producer/Musician, Mt. Kisco

By Martin Wilbur

Whenever Dave Hoffman feels like he's in a rut, he has a couple of outlets to regain his spark.

One of them is his music. Last year, Hoffman released his first CD, a five-song collection that he recorded featuring an eclectic mix of rock, rhythm and blues and one of his silly, quirky songs that he enjoys writing under the name Daddy Stingray.

Having written music and played guitar since high school, Hoffman had plenty of material to choose from but he didn't want to go to the trouble and expense of recording without something a little different. That changed when he came up with the idea for Daddy Stingray, a mysterious character he created that comes out of his cave every 15,000 years "to bless mankind with his gift of song."

"I didn't want to move on to the next thing," said Hoffman, 44, a Mount Kisco resident since 2006, who lives with his wife, Alicia, and their two children. "I needed time and then I came up with the idea of the Daddy Stingray persona and that just

changed everything for me. It became a huge idea. I love the idea of having my own persona."

His other escape came in 2016, when Hoffman wrote and self-published "Producing Success: A Career Guide for Conference Producers," an outgrowth of his roughly 15-year niche career as a conference producer. A conference producer organizes an agenda, books professional speakers and runs business-to-business conferences in a particular field. Many of his events have catered to the financial industry, but he's also overseen conferences dealing with energy and sustainability and an assortment of other fields.

However, after experiencing stagnation, Hoffman's innate creative streak sought to introduce new ways to do his job.

"So in order to change the calculus of what I was doing, instead of doing the same thing year after year, I decided to write the book," Hoffman said. "This is the first and only book for people who do what I do. I'm very proud of myself and now I'm a writer



instead of just a producer, and I realized I could do this, you could be a self-publisher in the 21st century."

He has sold well over 100 copies of the book on six continents. While that may not seem like much, Hoffman said given the relatively small number of people who work as conference producers, he's pleased with the response.

But it is Hoffman's music that he enjoys most. Born in Tarrytown before his family moved to Allendale, N.J. when he was five years old, Hoffman started playing guitar at 14 after he saw one of his peers bring along instrument and a pocket amplifier while on a teen trip. A short time later, Hoffman bought the guitar from him.

For more than 20 years he has performed at clubs in the metropolitan area. He recently completed his first gig as Daddy

Stingray when he played at the reception for the Mount Kisco Conservation Advisory Council's nature photography exhibit at the Mount Kisco Public Library.

Hoffman dismisses anyone who might think that his dreams of a musical career is nothing more than a midlife crisis.

"I have all the songs and I couldn't walk away if I wanted to," Hoffman said of his music. "I think the corporate world is very repressive and I think that our society doesn't accept creativity. It's not how the world works. We're all in the suburbs."

"Creativity is really about dipping into your soul and sharing your feelings and things that are repressed and putting them out there."

By next year, Hoffman plans on combining his passion for music with the skills he's acquired as a conference producer. He hopes in 2019 to present a Hudson Valley music summit that would be a business conference for people in the music industry.

Hoffman envisions it as a day-and-a-half event that would help regional musicians get to the next level in their career.

"I'm excited because this is the first time I've had a vision which now is coherent," he said. "Who knows if I can take the Hudson Valley music summit and bring it somewhere else. One might be enough for me to do it full-time."

For more on Hoffman and Daddy Stingray's musical pursuits, visit www.daddystingray.com.

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Burns Takes a Look Back as Jazz Sessions Series Turns 10

By Neal Rentz

If you're a jazz lover, you should be elated at what the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville has in store this month.

The film center is reprising its annual Jazz Sessions series, predominantly featuring films that have been screened during its previous jazz series along with several new pieces. There will also be five live performances to augment the programs.

On Wednesday, Jazz Sessions Take 10, named because the Burns has held the series for a decade, will present 11 evenings showcasing documentary and fictional films. Burns film programmer Kathryn Bonomi chose this year's selections while the live performances have been scheduled by Maria Traversa, a former staffer.

Two films that will be revisited are "1959: The Year That Changed Jazz" on May 23, which features a live performance by the Benny Benack III Quartet, and "Jazz on a Summer's Day" on May 30, followed by Veronica Swift and her trio.

Those lucky enough to have tickets to the sold-out opening night program this Wednesday will see and hear John Pizzarelli, a popular guitarist and singer, perform a tribute to Antônio Carlos Jobim. Pizzarelli will introduce



JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER PHOTOS

The Julian Lee Quartet will perform as part of the the Jazz Sessions Take 10 series' May 9 program at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

"The House of Tom – Mundo, Mondo," a 2007 documentary directed by Ana Jobim and Jobim Biscoito Fino.

The film explores Brazilian composer Antônio Carlos Jobim, who was best known in the United States for creating the 1960s bossa nova craze with tunes such as "The Girl from Ipanema."

Pizzarelli has been a popular fixture at previous Jazz Sessions programs, Traversa said. Last year he made a CD of the collaboration between Jobim and Frank Sinatra producing the album "Sinatra & Jobim @ 50."



John Pizzarelli, above, and his quartet will perform during the opening night program of Jazz Sessions Take 10. The annual series is scheduled to open Wednesday and run nearly the entire month at the Jacob Burns Film Center.

The Julian Lee Quartet will perform on May 9 following the screening of "Chasing Trane: The John Coltrane Documentary," a 2016 film directed by John Scheinfeld.

Traversa praised Lee as "one of the most promising young saxophonists in New York City." A Juilliard graduate, Lee

has performed at many of the top jazz venues and at major festivals, she said.

His performance following the Coltrane documentary is fitting, Traversa noted, because Lee mentioned in an interview that the John Coltrane Quartet was the ideal jazz band. Coltrane sprung to prominence in the late 1950s with the release of his album "Giant Steps" and became one of the top jazz bandleaders and composers before his premature death.

Traversa said young performers such as Lee are keeping the jazz tradition alive while at the same time brining their own creativity to the genre.

"They absolutely respect the tradition," she said. "They respect it, and looking forward, making it their own."

On May 16, the Julius Rodriguez Trio will perform following the screening of "Bill Evans: Time Remembered," one of the new films featured during this year's series. Evans was a brilliant jazz pianist and composer who worked with the likes of Miles Davis and formed a unique trio with drummer Paul Motian and bassist Scott LaFaro.

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

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March was a busy month due for the department because of the nor'easters. The department responded to 70 calls, many of which involved downed wires as a result of the storms. Members were on stand-by – where they stay in the fire house instead of responding from home – for two periods of time over two days. To put this in perspective, the department responded to roughly 450 calls last year. We are looking forward to a less busy April and May.

Here is a breakdown of the March calls:

Structure fires: 10
Rescue/EMS: 3
Service calls: 4
Hazardous conditions: 30
Unfounded: 33

News

Engine 259, commissioned in 1984 as a first line engine/pumper, was sold to a department in New Mexico to serve as a pumper in that department. It was a first-due apparatus until 2005, when it was replaced by Engine 91 and served as backup until its decommissioning in 2017.

Engine 259 was a Pierce Dash, carried 750 gallons of water, 1,500 feet of supply hose and numerous attack lines. It did all that was asked of in its 33 years with the department and never failed to fulfill its mission. It still looked great and operated well due to care and maintenance undertaken by the volunteers. The department will miss Engine 259.

Upcoming events

Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 28: The Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department marches every year with various other Pleasantville organizations to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. The parade starts on Bedford Road behind Bedford Road School and ends at Memorial Plaza. It is followed by a ceremony.

Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department Parade, Friday, June 1: The parade starts in front of the Mount Pleasant Public Library at 7 p.m., heads down Bedford Road, makes a right to the gazebo, which also serves as the reviewing stand, and then makes another right

turn onto Manville Road. It then heads to Grove Street and to the department's headquarters. Although final plans have not been completed, typically 20 to 25 other departments join participate in the parade. Come out to see the volunteers from Pleasantville and some of the neighboring departments.

Anyone interested in joining the department, can stop by headquarters at 75 Washington Ave. almost any Monday night when drills and meetings are held and the equipment is maintained. If anyone who stops in, volunteers will make time to talk to you. Otherwise, call 914-769-2336. Callers will get a recording,

but the department will return the call.

For more information about the Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department, visit www.pleasantvillefire.org.

The Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department's Engine 259, which served the department for 33 years. It was decommissioned last year and sold to a department in New Mexico.



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Tuesday, May 1

Italian Language and Culture. Mara De Matteo, born and raised in Italy and passionate about her native language, combines lively conversation with grammatical instruction in her classes. She creates interactive lessons on the richness of Italian culture, past and present, through real-life anecdotes, literature, personal memoirs, films and even photography. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Also May 8, 15, 24 and 29. Info: 914-273-3887

Wednesday, May 2

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. 9 a.m. 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.

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.

Mother Nature's Storytime. Nature-themed stories, nature walks, live animals and/or crafts. For children two to four years old; with a parent or caregiver. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme weather conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. Meets six consecutive Wednesdays. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 to 11 a.m. Members: \$50 for six-week session. Non-members: \$90. Pre-registration required. Info and registration: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Student Art Show. An end-of-term celebration of student talent and creativity, the exhibit reflects student accomplishments and faculty dedication. Work includes prints, drawings, paintings, sculptures, digital images, graphic designs and computer graphics created by those in various studio art classes. The Fine Arts Gallery at Westchester Community College, Academic Arts Building, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. Gallery hours 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 3 the gallery will also be open from 4 to 6 p.m. Free. Exhibit runs through May 5. Info: 914-606-6621 or visit www.sunywcc.edu/gallery.

Ambassadors for Successful Aging. Are you aware of the benefits available to you as a Westchester County senior? Information can be provided to you on housing, home

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

New Mommy and Daddy Meet-Up. Whether it's your first child or your fifth, this is a great way to get out of the house, meet new friends and enjoy time with your baby. World Cup Nursery School, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 10:25 to 11:10 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-238-9267 ext. 20.

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

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

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

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

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

Meditation Series: Midday Mind Break. Benefits of meditation include increasing focus and memory; increased health; reduced stress, anxiety and pain; and increased productivity and happiness. Led by Alka Kaminer. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Also May 16, 23 and 30. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.com.

Chair Yoga With Alka Kaminer. Experience greater flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and improved balance, strengthening and toning of muscles, better digestion, stress reduction, mental clarity, improved breathing, relaxation and an overall sense of well-being. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Also May 16, 23 and 30. Info: 914-273-3887.

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

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

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Friends of Chappaqua Library Book Sale. The five-day sale begins with a preview for Friends members only. Includes books, audio books, CDs and DVDs. Non-members may join at the door for \$30. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 5 to 8 p.m. Members: Free. Non-members may join at the door for \$30. Sale continues May 3 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., May 4 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., May 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (books are half-price) and May 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. (books are free). Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.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.

Art Series: Sir Henry Raeburn and the Portrait. Born in 1768, Raeburn was one of Scotland's preeminent portrait painters to gain international recognition. Also explore various landmark portraits and the artists who have created them throughout the centuries. 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.

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The Business of Comedy Seminar. Booking agent, manager, writer, producer, director and performer Carole Montgomery will give a seminar about the business of comedy. The perfect event for the newer comedian or prospective performer. After the lecture, Montgomery will be joined by Frank Pellegrino for a live Q&A to answer questions about the business. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Info and

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Briarcliff Chamber of Commerce to Host Chili Cook-Off This Thursday

This Thursday, May 3 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., the Briarcliff Manor Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Chili Cook-Off.

The cook-off is Briarcliff Manor's nod to Cinco de Mayo. This family-friendly event, held outdoors at one of the loveliest times of year, takes place in front of the storefronts along Pleasantville Road from the Briarcliff Manor Fire House to Holbrook Cottage. Local businesses join together and offer samples of homemade chili to all Briarcliff's friends and neighbors. Then they vote on their favorite recipe and a winner is awarded.

The event is free and includes live

musical performances, face painting, crafts for children and more. Everyone is invited to stroll the local businesses to check out your favorites and discover something new. You can also dine at one of the wonderful restaurants downtown or pick up something to take home. Scheduled just before Mother's Day, the Chili Cook-Off is a great opportunity to do a little shopping and entertain the children at the same time. Competition was intense last year and the chili was delicious.

If you would like more information about an event or to join the chamber, visit www.briarcliffchamber.org or e-mail briarcliffchamber@gmail.com.



Take That, Please

Mount Kisco Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Council Chairman Mel Berger assists one of the many residents who stopped by to drop off unwanted prescriptions during the national Drug Take Back Day last Saturday in front of Northern Westchester Hospital. The coordinated effort between Mount Kisco Partners in Prevention, Northern Westchester Hospital and the county police was designed to remove unwanted, unused or expired prescriptions from the public.

A Few Gift Ideas to Try for Mom on Her Special Day

Mother's Day is coming up on Sunday, May 13. Here are a few gift ideas to consider as we celebrate the moms in our lives.

I am drawn to gift-giving that involves creating something special for the recipient, letting her know of the thought that leads up to the gift itself.

1. Cook or bake a home-made treat. Try a recipe that has been passed down in your family and put your own individual twist on it. Write up the recipe on a handwritten card and present the food in a festive way. Or offer a new recipe or cookbook to inspire playfulness in the kitchen.

2. Make a coupon book of activities. Suggestions include offering a spring house cleaning session, child care for a date night



By Joanne Witmyer

out, a visit to a spa or a day of handling errands.

3. Give an herb planter that includes perennials to continue bringing joy in the future. The local farm Hilltop Hanover offers herb planters for Mother's Day (<http://hilltophanoverfarm.org/welcome.html>).

However you decide to celebrate motherhood this year, I look forward to hearing about it. Enjoy!

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.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

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Date of Filing: April 6, 2018
SUPREME COURT OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

WENDOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Plaintiff, against-
FRANK COSMO JR. AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ANN COSMO; LINDA RICCO AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ANN COSMO; DONNA SCHIAVONE AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF ANN COSMO; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" 1 THROUGH 50, INTENDING TO BE THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DISTRIBUTES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF THE ESTATE OF ANN COSMO WHO WAS BORN IN 1923 AND DIED ON MARCH 24, 2017, A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 111 CHITTENDEN AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10707, THEIR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST IF ANY OF THE AFORESAID DEFENDANTS BE DECEASED, THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE AFORESAID CLASSES OF PERSON, IF THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE DEAD, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO THE PLAINTIFF"; "JOHN

DOES" and "JANE DOES," said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE

ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Helen M. Blackwood of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on March 19, 2018, and filed with supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, State of New York. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by ANN COSMO to BNY MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC bearing date December 27, 1999 and recorded under Control Number 401310094 in the County of Westchester on June 1, 2000.

Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to WENDOVER FUNDING, INC. by assignment of mortgage bearing date December 27, 1999 and recorded under Control Number 401310109 in the County of Westchester on June 1, 2000. Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to SENIOR HOMEOWNERS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. by assignment of mortgage bearing date September 14, 2000 and recorded under Control Number 403610481 in the County of Westchester on January 3, 2001. Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to WENDOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION by assignment of mortgage bearing date November 14, 2006 and recorded under Control Num-

ber 470120443 in the County of Westchester on February 6, 2007. That the mortgaged premises affected by said foreclosure action are situate in the County of Westchester State of New York and more specifically described in "Schedule A" annexed hereto and made a part hereof. Said premises being known as and by 111 CHITTENDEN AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10707. Date: April 6, 2018, Batavia, New York, Megan Suttell, Esq.

ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
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Help For Homeowners In Foreclosure

New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Mortgage foreclosure is a complex process. Some people may approach you about "saving" your home. You should be extremely careful about any such promises. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. There are government agencies, legal aid entities and other non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about foreclosure while you are working with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us. The State does not guarantee the advice of these agencies.

Legal Notice

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tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs.com.

Thursday, May 3

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

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

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

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

Storytime. For children 18 months to five years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscohistory.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.mountkiscohistory.org.

Bridge for Advanced Beginners/Intermediate. With Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1:30. Free. Also May 10. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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

mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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

Briarcliff Manor Chamber of Commerce Annual Chili Cook-Off. A nod to Cinco de Mayo, this family-friendly event sees local businesses join together and offer samples of homemade chili to friends and neighbors. Everyone gets to vote on their favorite recipe and a winner is awarded. Includes live musical performances, face painting, crafts for children and more. Pleasantville Road (from the Briarcliff Manor Fire House to Holbrook Cottage), Briarcliff Manor. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.briarcliffchamber.org or e-mail briarcliffchamber@gmail.com.

"First Reformed." One of most celebrated films out of Venice and Toronto this year, this is the story of Rev. Ernst Toller (Ethan Hawke), a solitary, middle-aged parish pastor at a small Dutch Reform church on the cusp of celebrating its 250th anniversary. Once a stop on the Underground Railroad, the church is now a tourist attraction catering to a dwindling congregation, eclipsed by its nearby parent church with its state-of-the-art facilities and 5,000-strong flock. When a pregnant parishioner (Amanda Seyfried) asks Rev. Toller to counsel her husband, a radical environmentalist, the clergyman finds himself plunged into his own tormented past and equally despairing future, as he searches for an act of redemption. Followed by a Q&A with screenwriter, director and film critic Paul Schrader and Rev. Dale Southorn, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Mount Kisco. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$25. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

"Before the Flood." A Community screening and discussion of this internationally acclaimed eco-documentary. The film, presented by National Geographic and filmmaker Fisher Stevens, follows Leonardo DiCaprio as he explores the effects of climate change around the globe with world leaders, and provides an in-depth look at the complex issues from all sides. Learn how individuals, communities and countries can combat climate change through sustainable measures like waste reduction, renewable energy and conservation. Seating on a first-come basis. Hosted by the New Castle Sustainability Advisory Board, the Horace Greeley High School Environmental Club S.T.O.P., Friends of the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, the New Castle Arts & Culture Committee and the Chappaqua Central School District. Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, 480

Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail sab@mynewcastle.org.

Friday, May 4

Early Weekday Bird Walk. During spring migration get up extra early to catch the dawn chorus. Walk begins in main parking area. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 6 a.m. Free. Also May 18. Info: 914-666-6503 or visit www.sawmillriveraoudubon.org.

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

Friday Night Cinema: "All About Eve." With the ethics and morality of Hollywood under examination the past several months, nothing could be more appropriate than a peek at how to get ahead in the entertainment industry on the Great White Way. For some, its hard work, talent and luck; for others, its hard work, talent and a lot of devious planning. Winner of six Oscars, this 1950 gem stars Bette Davis, Anne Baxter and George Sanders in a film with more behind the curtain intrigue than the CIA. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Spring Festival Open Studio Dance Party. The public is invited to kick up its heels at this community event. Come for the social dancing, Salsa and Swing mini lessons, demonstrations, great music, fun people and faffle. Beginners to experienced dancers are welcome. No partner necessary. Fred Astaire Dance Studio Mamaroneck, 451 E. Boston Post Rd., Mamaroneck. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-775-7402, e-mail mamaroneck@fredastaire.com or visit www.FredAstaire.com/mamaroneck.

Country Line Dance. Dancing followed by a complete dinner. All proceeds to go to the scholarship fund at Fox Lane High School and New York Boys' State. Moses Taylor American Legion Post 136, 1 Legion Way, Mount Kisco. 7 to 11 p.m. \$15 per person. First Friday of every month. Info: 914-241-0136.

Hoff-Barthelson Music School Master Class Series: Yoobin Son. The series continues with New York Philharmonic flutist Yoobin Son, who will coach the school's flute students. Son was the first Korean to join the New York Philharmonic's woodwind section when she became an orchestra member in November 2012. She has served as the principal flutist of Lincoln Center's Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra and the New Haven Symphony

Orchestra. Son worked with Ensemble Connect, participating in music education throughout New York City as a designated teaching artist. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info and tickets: 914-723-1169, visit www.hbms.org or e-mail hb@hbms.org.

An Evening With Cowboy Junkies. For more than 20 years, Cowboy Junkies have remained true to their unique artistic vision and to the introspective, quiet intensity that is their musical signature, creating a critically acclaimed body of original work that has endeared them to an audience unwavering in its loyalty. Albums like "The Caution Horses" (1990), "Black Eyed Man" (1992), "Pale Sun, Crescent Moon" (1993), "Lay It Down" (1996) and more recently "Open" (2001), "One Soul Now" (2004), "Early 21st Century Blues" (2005) and "At the End of Paths Taken" (2007) chronicle a creative journey reflecting the independent road the band has elected to travel. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35, \$39 and \$49. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

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

Saturday, May 5

Pleasantville Farmers Market. Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" from 2014 to 2017. With 55 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, it's a delicious good time. This week, Harper Keehn Knife Sharpening will arrive to sharpen knives while you shop. Also, meet Suzy Scherr, author of "The Baking Soda Companion." Scherr will visit to discuss her book and sign copies. The Village Bookstore will help with sales of her book at the market from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Rain or shine. The market is a dog-free environment. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 17 (except May 19). Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Children's Art Workshop. The Mamaroneck Artists Guild is hosting a new monthly series of children's art workshops.

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BluePath Service Dogs Hosts Second Annual Walkathon on May 19

On Saturday, May 19, BluePath Service Dogs will host its second annual walkathon at FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights. The family-friendly fundraiser, held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will raise funds in support of BluePath's mission to provide autism service dogs, offering safety, companionship and opportunities for independence.

The walkathon is open to all ages and begins in Lot 4 of FDR State Park. Walkers can choose between a 1.7-mile or three-mile loop. Children will be entertained with a variety of activities including a bouncy house, lawn games and face painting. Friendly dogs are welcome on leashes of six feet or shorter. Attendees also have the opportunity to meet the puppies of BluePath and learn more about how the nonprofit is unlocking life's potential for children and families touched by autism.

According to the Autism Society, more than 3.5 million Americans live with an autism spectrum disorder. It is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, with a 119.4 percent increase in diagnoses from 2000 (1 in 150) to today (1 in 68).

"Many children with autism exhibit bolting or wandering behaviors, which can make trips outside the home a frightening proposition," said BluePath President and CEO Jody Sandler. "BluePath dogs are connected to children via a specially

designed tether system and trained to 'anchor' in response to a child bolting. This immediate, emotionless reaction keeps the child safe – and often helps to reduce or eliminate the bolting behavior."

BluePath dogs significantly reduce parents' safety concerns and help children to lead fuller lives. Reduced stress, improved sleeping routines, and more meaningful social interactions can allow families to feel a renewed sense of hope and empowerment.

"We all know the signs by now... the statistics are so alarmingly high that we are all affected in some way and connected somehow to an individual with autism," said Tricia Zarro, BluePath's board chair. "Our family's autism service dog has meant my son's journey is full of more joy, more safety and more social experiences than I could have ever imagined. Join BluePath and make a meaningful difference in someone's life."

BluePath recently completed its first full year of operation, with a focus on building a world-class brand, engaging passionate supporters, establishing a robust Puppy Raising Program, and creating a vast network of volunteers and industry partners.

"The majority of our work was accomplished through thousands of hours of volunteer time," noted Sandler. "Our first annual walkathon attracted almost



400 participants and raised more than \$80,000 to support our mission. We look forward to another successful fundraiser this year and encourage all those interested in BluePath's life-changing work to get involved."

Walkathon registration includes a BluePath event t-shirt. Adult walkers are \$30; children under 13 years old are \$20. Visit www.bluepathservicedogs.org to learn more or register. Those unable to participate on May 19 also have the option to support walkers with an online donation or become a virtual

walker with a personalized fundraising page. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, contact Erica Stanzione at 914-804-4023 or e-mail orerica.stanzione@bluepathservicedogs.org.

BluePath Service Dogs, Inc. is located at 8 Country Club Road in Hopewell Junction. They can be reached at 845-377-0477 or by visiting www.bluepathservicedogs.org. For the latest news and updates, follow @BluePathServiceDogs on Facebook and @BluePathDogs on Instagram.

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THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz By Edward Goralski

May I Quote You? On May Day some may quote Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin. However, this quiz will test you on the quotes of Groucho Marx and John Lennon taken from the book "Marx & Lennon: The Parallel Sayings" by Joey Green. Irving Berlin may have it correct when he wrote, "The world would not be in such a snarl, if Marx had been Groucho instead of Karl." Select either Marx or Lennon as the source for the quotes below.

1. "Who knows what heights this man might have gone to if it had not been for his vertigo."
A) Groucho Marx
B) John Lennon

2. "A black cat crossing your path signifies that the animal is going somewhere."
A) Groucho Marx
B) John Lennon

3. "We will be just in time to be fashionably late."
A) Groucho Marx
B) John Lennon

4. "Those in the cheaper seats clap. The rest of you rattle your jewelry."
A) Groucho Marx
B) John Lennon

5. "My favorite poem is the one that starts 'Thirty days hath September' because it actually tells you something."
A) Groucho Marx
B) John Lennon

6. "It isn't politics that makes strange bedfellows. It's matrimony."
A) Groucho Marx
B) John Lennon

7. "He who laughs last is usually the dumbest kid on the block."
A) Groucho Marx
B) John Lennon

8. "I leave you as I found you-only some time later."
A) Groucho Marx
B) John Lennon

15, 1963
5. A. Marx (Attributed, authenticated by Groucho's son Arthur)
6. A. Marx (Bed's son Arthur)
7. B. Lennon (Skywriting By Word of Mouth)
8. B. Lennon (Skywriting By Word of Mouth)

2. A. Marx (Attributed, authenticated by Groucho's son Arthur)
3. A. Marx (Love Happy)
4. B. Lennon (Royal Variety Performance, Nov.

ANSWERS:

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This month, explore miniature landscapes, a fascinating art form, and create a gift your mom is sure to treasure. 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 July. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

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

Open Art Studio. All supplies are provided to create your own artwork. For children four years old and up; with parent or caregiver. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. First Saturday of every month. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Adult Salsa Class. Addie-Tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. \$12. Every Saturday. Info: 917-215-1720 or visit www.addie-tude.com. Call or visit website because classes are subject to change.

Nature Scavenger Hunt. A nature scavenger hunt in search of natural items found at the preserve, followed by a Cinco de Mayo celebration with fun refreshments. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

Origami. Join Westchester Origami Workers, a regional group of Origami, USA to share models and techniques. Open to all adults. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. First Saturday of every month. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge Comedy Night. Andrew Bayroff and Bill Cannon present a good old-fashioned comedy show featuring Erin Maguire, Kristin Manna, Pranav Behari, Rhonda Hansome and Johnny Figaro. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. In advance: \$15. At the door: \$20. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs.com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

Manhattanville College Community Jazz and Winds Ensembles Concert. The Manhattanville College Music Department will present a concert featuring the Manhattanville College Community Jazz and Wind Ensembles under the direction of Terry Reynolds. The ensemble will

be playing the music of Horace Silver, Antonio Carlos Jobim, Earth Wind and Fire and Randy Brecker. The group will also present band classics by Frank Erickson and Gordon Jacob, as well as the Overture of Mozart's "The Abduction from the Seraglio," transcribed for the band by Merle Isaac. Manhattanville College's Berman Student Center, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 7:30 p.m. Free.

Jessica Lang Dance. Former Twyla Tharp dancer and choreographer Jessica Lang and her company aim to make their performances full sensory experiences into which onlookers, whether they be balletomanes or dance novices, can completely submerge themselves. Her work blends the fluidity and ground quality of contemporary dance and the beautiful lines of traditional ballet to great modern effect. For this performance, Lang will present the world premiere of a brand new work, developed at SUNY Purchase and set to music by Tony Bennett to mark the occasion of Bennett's birthday and Purchase's Performing Arts Center's 40th anniversary. Purchase College Concert Hall, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$32.50, \$57.50, \$70 and \$87.50. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit www.artscenter.org.

Sunday, May 6

Hoff-Barthelson Music School Master Class Series: Gary Smulyan. Smulyan is a four-time winner of the Down Beat Critic's and Reader's Polls and a multiple winner of numerous other official polls including the Jazz Journalists Award for Baritone Saxophonist of the Year. He is a six-time Grammy Award winner for his work with B.B. King, Lovano, Holland and the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra and is critically acclaimed across-the-board and recognized as the major voice on the baritone saxophone. Jazz Forum, 1 Dixon Lane, Tarrytown. Noon. Free. Info and tickets: 914-723-1169, visit www.hbms.org or e-mail hb@hbms.org.

"We've Forgotten More Than We Ever Knew." For many years, a man and woman have struggled to survive in a barren and lonely wilderness. In this haunting and mysterious new film from Thomas Woodrow, each night the man (Aaron Stanford) tells the story of their lost home, forever promising that it's over the next horizon. When the couple stumbles upon the ruins of a vanished society, they find food and shelter. The woman (Louisa Krause) wants to push on toward home, but the man reveals that "home" was just a story, a lie to keep them going. As tensions escalate, they encounter a silent and immobile stranger (Doug Jones) deep within the buildings, who has a compelling, sinister appeal for each of them. Followed by a Q&A with Woodrow and producer Tamara Fisch. Jacob Burns Film Center,

364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. Noon. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

A Celebration of Song. Mezzo-soprano Anna Tonna returns to Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation (CUUC) in a program of sultry Spanish and Latin-American favorites. The CUUC Choir, under the direction of Lisa N. Meyer and pianist Georgianna Pappas, will be performing the music of Harold Arlen, including "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "Get Happy," "Stormy Weather" and "Accentuate the Positive." Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 468 Rosedale Ave., White Plains. 12:30 p.m. Suggestion donation: Adults--\$20. Students and seniors--\$10. Children (13 and under)--\$5. Maximum family donation: \$45. Info: 914-946-1660 ext. 6 or e-mail concert@cucwp.org. Tickets: Visit www.cucwp.org.

For Shear Pleasure. At the end of a long winter, celebrate the arrival of spring. Bring the whole family down to the barnyard and have a wonderful wooly time. Share the experience from sheep to sweater. Touch the wool and have a go at carding, hand-spinning and "wooly" craft. Enjoy a short story, then hang around to help feed the barnyard animals. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Bridges of the Hudson River. Carl Oechsner and Marc Cheshire will present the last part of their series. For those that have seen either of the first two parts know how interesting and filled with local colorful history these presentations are. Presented by the Briarcliff Manor-Scarborough Historical Society. Briarcliff Public Library, 1 Library Rd., Briarcliff Manor. 2 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.briarcliffhistory.org.

Stories and Snacks. Join us for an afternoon of stories, songs and snacks at Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park overlooking the Hudson River, next to the Dobbs Ferry Metro-North station, presented by Greenburgh Hebrew Center. Welcome spring with child-friendly stories and fun singalongs with a special guest from Tkiya, the Jewish community music initiative. New faces are welcome. Ideal for children up to eight years old, but all ages are welcome. Bring a picnic blanket if you'd like. Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park, Dobbs Ferry. 2 to 3 p.m. Free. In case of rain, the event will be moved to Greenburgh Hebrew Center, 515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry. Info and RSVP: Contact Stacey at PJLibrary@g-h-c.org.

Manhattanville College Community Orchestra Spring Concert. The Manhattanville College Community Orchestra, under the direction of conductor Olivier Fluchaire, will present its spring concert. The program, with special guests The Manhattanville College Quintessentials, will include pictures at

an exhibition by Modest Mussorgsky, "Petite Suite" by Claude Debussy and Leonard Bernstein's "Candide Overture." Manhattanville College's Reid Castle, West Room, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 4 p.m. Free.

Ani Difranco in Concert. Difranco, a Music Hall favorite, returns in support of her latest album "Binary," her 20th studio album. The iconic singer-songwriter, activist, poet and DIY trendsetter returns to territory that brought her to the world's attention more than 25 years ago. One of the first artists to create her own label in 1990, she has been recognized among the feminist pantheon for her entrepreneurship, social activism and outspoken political lyrics. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 7 p.m. \$38, \$52 and \$65. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Monday, May 7

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

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.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Garden Visions: Inspirations and Definitions. As you begin to envision your garden for this season, it can be useful to reflect on what inspires you as a gardener and to consider how you define and plan a garden. Join the community discussion group led by Joanne Witmyer for a lively talk on these topics to learn from one another's experience with garden planning and the joy of having our hands in the soil. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Belly Dancing. Learn this captivating Middle Eastern dance and enrich your cultural knowledge. Whether you want to dance professionally or just have fun and get in shape, this is the place to start. Josie's International School of Dance, 42 Memorial Plaza, Level B, Pleasantville. 7 p.m. \$20. Every Monday. Info: 914-332-8670 or visit www.josiedance.com.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge Open Comedy Mic. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. Sign up at 7 p.m. Show at 7:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday. Info and tickets:

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Acupuncture and the Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis

In western medicine, rheumatoid arthritis is considered an autoimmune disease caused by unknown factors. The onset is usually gradual, affecting inflammation of several joints, mainly small joints in the feet, wrists, elbows and ankles. These joints will be tender to the touch and can also become stiff, painful and swollen.

Rheumatoid arthritis is diagnosed by an elevated rheumatoid factor through a blood test and X-ray, which will indicate a narrowing of the joint spaces and erosion. The usual treatment is nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medication, such as Ibuprofen, corticosteroids, exercise, physical therapy and rest.

Patients are often frustrated with the lack of relief provided solely by western medicine and seek alternative and complementary treatments, including acupuncture, to manage their symptoms. Traditional Chinese medicine classifies rheumatoid arthritis as "Bi Zheng," an impediment syndrome caused by the invasion of wind, cold, damp and heat. These external evils are diagnosed according to the characteristics of how the symptoms are presented in the joints of the body.

If the pain and swelling comes and goes and travels from one area to another, the cause is wind. If the affected area is red or

hot, with early morning stiffness, heat is to blame. If the joints are typically cold, pale and stiff with symptoms worse in the cold, then cold weather is to blame. And if you're experiencing swelling and heaviness, stiffness and restricted movements of the joints often worse in damp and hot and humid weather, dampness is the culprit.

These patterns will usually appear in a combination of the four evils and will present themselves in a variety of ways depending on the stage of rheumatoid arthritis. The condition may also affect proper functioning of the organs, including the liver, kidney and spleen as well as blood and overall energy levels.

By inserting thin needles around the inflamed joint areas, acupuncture can work at a deep level by promoting blood flow and movement, to unblock any energy blockages and stagnation that may be creating the uncomfortable, swollen feeling about which many patients complain. Acupuncture provides many therapeutic benefits such as alleviating joint pain, reducing inflammation and swelling, relaxation to the body and promoting a general anesthesia and lessened pain by stimulating the release of endorphins, the body's natural pain killers.

Additionally, acupuncture strengthens

the immune system to help prevent other associated illnesses and balance the nervous system to relax the body and mind. In so doing, it helps minimize the stress that often appears simultaneously to disease.

Lastly, acupuncture does not provide any harmful side effects that prescribed medications often present.

There have been many studies conducted on the efficacy of acupuncture on rheumatoid arthritis with mixed results. Many of these studies were inconclusive in finding significant benefits of acupuncture on pain or how to measure a reduction on swollen joints as compared to controlled treatments.

However, some studies showed two factors associated with chronic inflammation had decreased – Tumor Necrosis Factor- alpha and Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor. The mechanism of how this occurs is still unknown and needs further evaluation. Researchers and physicians believe acupuncture works deeply on both the peripheral and central nervous systems affecting the immunological, neurological, hormonal and psychological



By Jaime Marks

systems. The more studies that are employed showing the reduction in inflammatory markers will allow evidence-based medicine to support the use of acupuncture in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis.

Acupuncture and the relief of symptoms is often experiential and anecdotal. Patients report a great deal of relief from the associated inflammation, swelling and

pain attributed to rheumatoid arthritis. If you are experiencing any of these uncomfortable symptoms, acupuncture is a good adjunct therapy to help manage the discomfort. A treatment strategy will be designed according to your specific needs and symptoms, including the use of needles, electro acupuncture and herbs or supplements. Dietary changes will be recommended to help alleviate symptoms. The number of treatments vary on the severity and stage of the disease.

Jaime Marks is an acupuncturist at ProClinix Sports Physical Therapy & Chiropractic, practicing in Armonk at 5 N. Greenwich Rd. and the Ardsley location within House of Sports. She can be reached at 914-202-0700. For more information, visit www.ProClinix.com.

Happenings

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Telephone Support Group for Women With Metastatic Breast Cancer. This Support Connection group offers the opportunity to share information and experiences with women across the country who are living with breast cancer. Share information and experiences. Confidentially discuss concerns and gain support from others who understand from the comfort of home. Open to women nationwide living with recurrent, advanced stage or metastatic breast cancer. 8 p.m. Free. Typically, the first Monday of each month. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Contact Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Tuesday, May 8

Baby Time. A fun interactive lap-sit story time that includes songs, rhymes and a few very short stories. The experience gives babies an opportunity to socialize and parents a time to share. Recommended for newborns through 12 months old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Music & Movement. Shake, shimmy

and dance. For children two to five years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscopubliclibrary.org.

Opera Ensembles. Led by opera buff and Taconic Opera Board Member Susan Grunthal, this lecture series begins with duets, trios and quartets and finishes with choruses. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 2 p.m. Free. Also May 15. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

A Conversation About Your Child's Health and Emotional Well-Being. Today, health services for children and teens and their families are at a crossroads. At this forum, police officers, educators, social workers, doctors, therapists, lawyers and others will help identify the resources needed to support families. This conversation aims to improve the overall understanding, promotion and support of good health and emotional well-being in parents and their children. Arc Stages, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Eileen Prizeman at whamus@aol.com.

Wednesday, May 9

League of Women Voters of New Castle Annual Meeting and Luncheon. The

meeting will be followed by lunch. The guest speaker will be County Executive George Latimer. Everyone welcome, including non-members. Crabtree's Kittle House, 11 Kittle Rd., Chappaqua. Meeting from 10:30 to noon. Lunch from 12 to 2 p.m. \$50. Registration required. Registration: Visit www.lwvnewcastle.org or send a check payable to LWVNC-EF and mail to P.O. Box 364, Chappaqua, N.Y. 10514. Info: E-mail lwvnewcastle@gmail.com.

Support Group for Alzheimer's Caregivers. Temple Shaaray Tefila and Westchester Jewish Community Services have scheduled this forum to provide a place for caregivers to discuss their feelings, share their experiences and support one another. A specialist from the Alzheimer's Association will lead the group and provide educational materials and information. All welcome. Temple Shaaray Tefila's Youth Lounge, 89 Baldwin Rd., Bedford. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900 or visit www.alz.org/hudsonvalley.

Lego Club. We provide the Legos, you bring your imagination. A fun-building club for students in grades 2-6. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount

Kisco. 4 to 6 p.m. Free. Meets the second Wednesday of each month. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-8041.

Art Series: Versailles. This evening's special double class, which includes a make-up from April, follows the heyday of Versailles before the French Revolution – from its inception and development as the new seat of political power outside of Paris to the constant procession of visitors taking in the marvelous sites of Versailles' gardens, architecture and art collections. Princes, prelates, ambassadors and even ordinary people made the trip from Paris to view the wonders of Versailles and get closer to the Sun King. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Social Security Educational Workshop. For those who are single, married, divorced or widowed between 60 and 70 years old. Led by Social Security, retirement income and tax specialist Paul Petrone. Mamaroneck Public Library, 136 Prospect Ave., Mamaroneck. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Paul Petrone at 914-944-3073 or e-mail petronefinancial@yahoo.com.

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On a Treasure Hunt in Northern California for its Bounty and Beauty



By Nick Antonaccio

Last year, and again this spring, my wife and I embarked on a treasure hunt in northern California. We had been on these excursions in previous years. In fact, this was our

13th immersion into the idyllic lifestyle and wondrous landscape of one of the most beautiful locales in the world.

Our treasure hunt was two-fold.

We came seeking out artisanal wines produced in the backwater farmlands dotting the California coastline and inland slopes of gentle mountains. The number of passionate winemakers has grown exponentially over the past 25 years, fueled by technological advances and evolving techniques that have made it possible for winemakers to pursue their dreams within their financial means.

However, finding these unheralded treasures requires a pilgrimage to the source. As my wife and I roamed the countryside, from the valley floors to the steep slopes of the mountains surrounding

'the vineyards radiate from the intense sunlight and heat.'

Napa Valley and the undulating terrain of Sonoma County, we visited a number of tasting rooms, sampling – and purchasing – a number of well-crafted and palate-pleasing wines.

And thus, my wife and I found ourselves immersed in the allure of the countryside, marveling at the natural beauty and bounty of the region.

On the valley floor, along the two main arteries running up and down the valley, it was easy to lose sight of the broader landscape and beauty of the Napa region. It was not until we climbed the hillsides that border the east and west of the valley that our perspective changed. Looking across the wide expanse of the valley we understood the unique terroir that has elevated

Napa Valley to the heights of enological prestige.

In the mornings the fog hovers like a warm blanket, coddling the vines and protecting them from cool nights. As the sun burns away this layer, the vineyards

radiate from the intense sunlight and heat. The waning afternoon sun casts a glow on the valley floor that bursts with shades of red and orange, rivaling any artist's canvas brushstrokes.

As we drove west from Napa Valley, up and down the slopes and turns of the Mayacamas mountains, we headed toward the coast. Our destination: the isolated Sonoma Coast wine region and the Fort Ross Vineyards. In less than an hour we were cruising north along the Pacific Coast Highway. We have taken in the raw beauty of the scenic segment south of Monterey several times, but this was only our second time venturing along the stretch north of San Francisco.

Driving past the natural beauty of Point Reyes Station, with its dense population of soaring eagles, snowy egrets and 490 other species, we continued to our destination in Fort Ross. As we came upon Bodega Bay, the wide expanse of raw Pacific Ocean surf and wind, perfect for the multitude of hikers and surfers, was a radical change from the genteel greenery of Napa Valley.

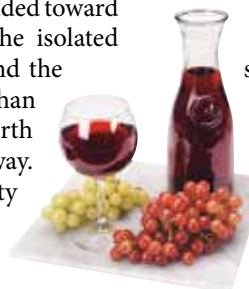
Finally, we came to the turn-off for the Fort Ross Vineyard. We were not prepared for this encounter with nature. From the turn onto the road winding up the mountainside to the winery, we felt

the temperature dropping and the wind picking up. We counted 17 switchbacks and hairpin turns along the harrowing, narrow two-lane road, rising 1,500 feet above the ocean below us.

The treacherous ride rewarded us all the way to the top. With each switchback we were treated to a unique view of the surrounding forests of tall, lush pines. With each hairpin turn we witnessed long vistas north and south along the coast. The views and thrills were as exhilarating as those we encountered on the Pacific Coast Highway expanse along Big Sur to the far south.

We arrived at the winery by driving deep into the woods along a dirt trail until we came upon the modern tasting room and a new, mesmerizing vista. More on these wines and scenery next week.

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



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'Sister Act' Reaches Heavenly Heights at Westchester Broadway Theatre

By Evelyn J. Mocbeichel

On the Westchester Broadway Theatre (WBT) stage for the next two months, "Sister Act" has music by Alan Menken and lyrics by Glenn Slater and is based on the book by Bill and Cheri Steinkellner.

Readers may recognize Menken because of his eight Academy Awards and his musical connection with numerous Disney productions, among other credits. He debuted on Broadway with "Beauty and the Beast" in 1994, created the stage version of "The Little Mermaid," stage adaptations of "Aladdin" and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

This production contains additional book material by Douglas Carter Beane, is directed and choreographed by Donna Drake, with musical direction by Bob Bray.

"Sister Act," based on the Touchstone Motion Picture, tells the hilarious story of Deloris Van Cartier, a disco diva, whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a murder. Under protective custody, she is hidden in the one place she won't be found – a convent. Disguised as a nun and under the suspicious watch of the Mother Superior, Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own.



The cast of "Sister Act," on the Westchester Broadway Theatre stage until July 1.

This is a sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship, sisterhood and music. Having seen the film version starring Whoopie Goldberg many years ago, there was some anticipation to a live stage production to enjoy this humorous musical story all over again.

As expected, WBT continued its habit of offering fantastic entertainment to its audience. The dazzling dance routines and songs inspired by Motown, soul and disco were perfectly entwined in the storyline that takes place in the 1970s.

Casting is perpetually on point when WBT presents its shows.

Audience members can quickly relate to the characters portrayed in their productions. It was easy to become attached to each of the characters and their plight and begin rooting for a positive outcome to the story.

This show features Zuri Washington (Deloris Van Cartier); Mary Jo McConnell (Mother Superior); Lani Corson (Sister Mary Robert); Ken Jennings (Monsignor O'Hara); Philip Michael Baskerville (Curtis Shank); Danny Wilford (Eddie Souther); Corben Williams (TJ); Jayson Elliott (Joey); Mike D'Amico (Pablo); Sandy Rosenberg (Sister Mary Lazarus); and Katelyn Lauria (Sister Mary Patrick).

Many of the cast members have dual roles and multiple costume changes so the equally talented ensemble of Melanie Burg, Joanna Caruso, Sincee Daniels, Hannah Eakin, Hector Flores Jr., Keyonna Knight, Jose Plaza, T. Shyvonne Stewart, Jessi St. George, Stephanie Sable and Karen Webb add to the strength of this inspiring production.

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Zuri Washington, center, as Deloris Van Cartier and the sisters in "Sister Act" at the Westchester Broadway Theatre in Elmsford.

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