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Harckham to Run for State Senate, Force Democratic Primary

Jumps into 40th Senate District Race Upon Cuomo's Request

By Martin Wilbur

Former county legislator Peter Harckham will run for the 40th state Senate District seat after he was apparently asked by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to contemplate entering the race.

Harckham said he has been approached by former constituents, various Democrats and others to weigh a candidacy for the party's nomination to oppose two-term Republican incumbent Terrence Murphy.

Harckham did not answer questions on his pending candidacy but announced late last week on his Facebook page that he intends to formally declare his candidacy sometime this week.

"These unsettling times of uncertainty
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Former county legislator Peter Harckham is about to enter this year's race for the 40th state Senate District.

Step in the Right Direction



DON POLLARD PHOTO

Two advanced art students at Byram Hills High School were crowned winners in a footwear-design competition sponsored by renowned shoe designer Stuart Weitzman and the New York Historical Society. Pictured, from left, are Byram Hills art students Samantha Efobi and Danielle Fliegel, Weitzman and High School of Art and Design student Alivia Matthews, who also won the socially conscious fashion category.

Two Former No. Castle Officials Settle With Town in Benefits Suit

By Martin Wilbur

The Town of North Castle recently reached a settlement with two former longtime elected officials who were among those who sued the municipality after a former Town Board significantly reduced their health benefits in 2012.

As a result of the settlement, former supervisor William Weaver and ex-councilman Gerald Geist each will pay no more than 50 percent of their premium. In addition, Weaver was paid a flat sum of \$45,000 and Geist \$15,000.

The new subsidized rates for Weaver, whose settlement was finalized on May 2, were effective with the premium payments due on Apr. 1, according to the settlement. There was no mention of an effective date in Geist's settlement, which

was dated Apr. 27.

Last week Town Attorney Roland Baroni explained that any municipality that is enrolled in the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) cannot charge an official more than 50 percent of the premium for an individual plan. The maximum liability for former officials diminishes to 35 percent for a family plan, according to Weaver's settlement.

That responsibility is no longer in effect if the town decides to discontinue its enrollment in NYSHIP.

"If the Town no longer enrolls in NYSHIP, the Town agrees to make alternative coverage available to Weaver at his sole cost," the agreement reads.

Both plaintiffs agreed to no longer
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Mt. Pleasant Appoints Valhalla School Trustee Interim Councilman

By Neal Rentz

A 24-year-old Valhalla Board of Education member was appointed last week by to fill the seat on the Mount Pleasant Town Board that will be soon be vacated by Councilman Mark Rubeo.

The board unanimously voted for Anthony Amiano, one of five residents considered to fill the interim post that he will take over on June 1. That is the same day Rubeo will replace Town Justice Nicholas Maselli, who recently announced his resignation from the bench.

Shortly after his appointment, Amiano, a Republican, said he planned to run in the special election for the final year of Rubeo's four-year term in November and a full term in 2019.

"I am honored by the opportunity to
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Valhalla resident Anthony Amiano was selected as interim councilman by a unanimous vote of the Mount Pleasant Town Board on May 8.



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call for people of good conscience, rational minds, and a proven record of experience," Harckham stated. "I cannot sit on the sidelines while Donald Trump and Terrence Murphy, the man who nominated him at the Republican National Convention, attack our State and our very values."

Harckham, who now lives in Lewisboro, resigned from his Board of Legislators seat in June 2015 after seven and a half years in office to join Cuomo's administration as the assistant director of the Office of Community Renewal at the Office of Homes and Community Renewal. He served as majority leader for some of his time on the Board of Legislators.

Although two other Democrats in the district had seriously weighed a run earlier this year, Robert Kesten, another Lewisboro resident, had remained the only official candidate since he announced his bid late last summer. With Harckham entering the race, he and Kesten are likely to face off in a September primary.

Kesten, who has been friends with Harckham for 20 years, said he called the former county lawmaker within the past two weeks and learned that Cuomo requested he jump in the race. Kesten declined to speculate what motivated the governor and that he has had no contact with Cuomo or anyone from his office or

staff.

"It's hard for me to judge what the governor is thinking other than like many politicians if you can have your own person in a seat or in a race it makes it better for you when you're also in a primary or a general election," Kesten said.

"I didn't need to be asked by the governor or anybody else to get into the race," he added. "I got in because there was nothing left for me to do because I couldn't ask other people to do what I wouldn't do myself."

It has been speculated that Cuomo may be attempting to entice the best possible candidates to run in an attempt to wrest control of the Senate from the Republicans. Currently, Republicans hold a one-seat advantage in the Senate. Seven of the eight members of the Independent Democratic Conference (IDC) have said they are rejoining the Democratic caucus but they could remain a wild card.

Cuomo, a New Castle resident, also lives in the 40th Senate District.

The relatively late request could potentially jumble the race or trigger political tremors throughout the district. To date, Democratic committees from 12 municipalities throughout the district have endorsed Kesten.

Jerry Curran, head of the New Castle Democratic Committee which endorsed Kesten on Apr. 10, said last week that the scuttlebutt in the political circles had

Harckham throwing his hat into the ring.

Curran mentioned there are advantages and drawbacks to a Harckham candidacy. While Kesten, a first-time candidate, has been embraced by the progressives and the party's Indivisible movement, Harckham is a known quantity who has been elected multiple times to public office, he said.

However, it could also alienate progressives should Harckham eventually gain the nomination, resulting in many Democrats staying home on Election Day, Curran said. Social media sites last week have district Republicans encouraged by the potential for a Democratic primary because it could deplete the party's resources for the general election.

The New Castle Democratic Committee was scheduled to meet Monday night and discuss the endorsement, Curran said.

A statement from Murphy's campaign manager Martha Ruiz Jimenez went after the Democrats for having one flawed candidate in Kesten and another in Harckham.

"The Governor must feel that the so-called Indivisible movement is a joke," Jiménez said. "He clearly doesn't trust local Democrats to make the right call, but while knifing them in the back, he is recycling a stale candidate who once sought to join Shelley Silver and saddled northern Westchester with the HUD settlement. Voters have already rejected Peter Harckham and they will do so again

if given the chance."

Harckham and Kesten pledged Democratic unity despite the contested matchup for nomination.

"As Democrats our values are aligned," Harckham stated. "Our united goal is to defeat Terrence Murphy and to turn the (New York) State Senate Blue. I am excited to enter this race and hit the ground running with my campaign team to assemble the coalition of supporters and voters necessary for success in November."

Harckham commended Kesten for his campaign efforts and has "learned to admire and respect him."

Kesten said he's hopeful that the committees that have endorsed him will not jump ship. There is the possibility that the challenge could make the party stronger.

"I would think that for both Peter and me our goal and objective is to see a blue Democratic state Senate, not in IDC hands, not in the governor's hands, but an independent voice of the people of New York, and if we both stick to that and run on that than hopefully it will be two voices against Mr. Murphy and the Trump Republicans in the Senate versus just one voice," Kesten said.

In his only bid for statewide office, Harckham was defeated in a 2010 special election for the state Assembly by Republican Robert Castelli.

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Mt. Kisco's Heller's Shoes to Close After 57 Years in Business

By Susie Dummit

Loyal customers of Heller's Shoes will have to find another place to buy their footwear as the popular Mount Kisco shop will soon be going out of business.

Following closure of Heller's Pleasantville location about five years ago, the Mount Kisco store located at 92 South Moger Ave. is set to shut down within the next month, said owner Larry Heller.

Heller, 77, said he founded the business with the intention of providing good service and high-quality footwear, standing by that guarantee until the end. Like many retail merchants, he cites declining business as the result of growing online competition from Amazon and other massive corporations.

Heller said while other areas of downtown have struggled, he doesn't believe there is any connection to shrinking sales at his store.

"I want to say it had an impact," Heller stated. "But we did a fortune of business long before those stores even were here."

Though many treasured local stores can't seem to keep themselves afloat, there are those who think that Mount Kisco and its downtown have turned a corner. Cathy Deutsch, owner of Tiger Lily boutique, said after 17 years in the area she believes there is a renaissance.

"The new leadership in the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trustees

are extremely invested in the arts and beautification of the area," Deutsch said. "They're inspiring the right type of new stores to come in."

Those statements seem to align with Mayor Gina Picinich's view of the downtown. Plenty of new businesses have opened or have plans to come in bringing a fresh energy back into Mount Kisco, she said. Shoppers could soon be seeing companies such as HomeGoods, Raymond James, Jaguar and a new Party City location on their travels through the downtown.

"This is the natural evolution of many retail businesses across our country and not at all unique to our village," Picinich said. "All of this is evidence that changes made to our Planning Board and in our Building Department are having a positive impact."

In place of Heller's there will soon be



SUSIE DUMMIT PHOTO

Heller's Shoes on South Moger Avenue in Mount Kisco, a fixture in the village for more than a half-century, will be closing shop next month.

Mast Brothers Chocolate, a Brooklyn-based, family-run business that is well-known for its extravagant yet simple treats. The chocolatiers look forward to their new

home in Westchester.

For Heller, it was a great run in Mount Kisco but his business has run its course.

"It's bittersweet, but it's time," Heller said.

Northwell Health Walk at Westchester This Sunday

Northwell Health's second annual Health Walk at Westchester takes place this Sunday, May 20 at FDR State Park in Yorktown. Funds raised by the walk will benefit the Bruce and Andrea Yablon Cancer Health and Wellness Program at Northern Westchester Hospital, which provides thousands

of patients with free access to health coaches, registered dietitians, exercise programs, individual and group counseling.

Activities include health and wellness exhibits; sponsor row; the kids' zone; music; food and beverages; a photo booth; and giveaways.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.; the walk kicks off at 10 a.m. To register, visit www.northwellhealthwalk.com/event/westchester. For more information, contact Whitney Wasserman at 914-242-8382 or wwasserman2@northwell.edu.



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serve the residents of the Town of Mount Pleasant," Amiano said. "I'm really excited about what's going on in town right now. One particular area is the Master Plan (update)."

The document's update will help determine the town's direction for many years, he said.

"I think this is a great opportunity to get involved," Amiano said.

Amiano will resign from the Valhalla Board of Education where he has served since 2014. He worked as an aide to former county legislator Michael Smith and was a

supporter of former county executive Rob Astorino, who similarly was elected to a school board seat at a young age followed by service on the Mount Pleasant Town Board.

Amiano also has served on the town's Architectural Review Board and the Westchester County Parks Board for two years each and has been active with Holy Name of Jesus Church in Valhalla.

He works in the Berkeley College president's office as a communications and planning specialist.

"I'll use my experience from the school board to make sure that the town is

living within its means, making sure it's affordable for residents currently and also for residents like myself who want to be here for 10, 20, 30 more years," Amiano said.

He said he will focus on smart economic development and growing the tax base while balancing the effect on the schools, the environment, infrastructure and traffic.

Amiano was praised by Town Board members at the May 8 meeting. Ruben said there were other qualified candidates for the interim appointment and it was a difficult decision for the board to make.

"At the end of the day what stood out for us is Mr. Amiano's experience," Ruben said.

"Anthony has proven himself to be very accessible to the public, in fact, perhaps at times a little bit too accessible," said

Councilwoman Laurie Smalley. "However, that is a strength that he has, the ability to engage the public in discussion. I've seen it over the years."

Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said Amiano is reliable, honest and positive.

"I know that he will be a really good part of this Town Board moving forward," Fulgenzi said. "And having somebody a little bit younger on the board I think gives us some better ideas moving forward for our future."

"I think and I hope this is the beginning of long service to the public," Councilman Nicholas DiPaolo added. "I think Anthony has some great ideas and he's certainly one of the hardest working people I've seen around so I'm excited to have him."

Town Board members receive an annual \$20,000 stipend.

Two Former No. Castle Officials Settle With Town in Benefits Suit

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sue the town and that they have not and will not launch any other actions or proceedings against the town regarding the matter.

Weaver and Geist were two of 19 former officials and department heads who sued the town following the June 2012 split vote that saw non-union officials lose their vision and dental benefits while being forced to contribute to their health care premiums.

The plaintiffs lost their case in state

Supreme Court in 2015 but last August the Appellate Division ruled that the town "was not permitted to reduce its health insurance premium contribution rates below the legally mandated minimums" as outlined in civil service law.

In 2012, former supervisor Howard Arden, who helped spearhead the effort to cut back on the town's unfunded medical liabilities, had argued that it would eventually save the town about \$17 million.

All-Way Stop Public Hearing Slated for May 22 in Mount Pleasant

The Mount Pleasant Town Board is requesting that residents participate in a public hearing on an all-way stop requested by Westchester County at Commerce and Frankford streets. The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May

22 at 8 p.m. at Town Hall, located at 1 Town Hall Plaza in Valhalla. Town Hall is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the phone number is 914-742-2300.

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Police: Chappaqua Teen Threatened Shooting at Armonk School

By Martin Wilbur

A 16-year-old Chappaqua boy was arrested last Saturday for threatening a shooting at his school and for transmitting menacing texts to another student, law enforcement authorities said.

State police in Somers said they arrested Luke W. Visser on May 12 at his home in Chappaqua and charged him with the felony of making a terroristic threat. Police said he warned that he would initiate a shooting at the Westfield Day School on North Greenwich Road in Armonk where he is a student.

He was also charged with second-degree harassment, a Class A misdemeanor, for making threats against a student.

Investigators at the New York State Intelligence Center received information via its hotline that Visser had made the threats against the school, according to the Westchester County District attorney's office.

Subsequently, the North Castle Police Department and state police learned that Visser had allegedly sent threatening texts that included photographs of him standing with what appeared to be a rifle, said state

police spokesman Aaron Hicks.

Hicks said Visser was located at his family's home in Chappaqua and admitted to making the threats. Police also found four rifles in the residence that were legally owned by other individuals living in the house. Those firearms were removed by state police.

Police did not have information readily available regarding a motive or when the threats were made.

Westchester County District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr. said in a statement police took no chances in taking action.



Luke W. Visser

New Castle Raises Age to Buy Tobacco Products, E-Cigarettes to 21

By Martin Wilbur

In an effort to combat tobacco use among teenagers, the New Castle Town Board approved a local law last week prohibiting the sale of all tobacco and electronic cigarette products to anyone under 21 years old.

The action by the board makes New Castle one of the first municipalities to pass such a law. New York City and 10 upstate counties had previously raised the age to buy tobacco products to 21, according to the state Department of Health. A customer in Nassau County needs to be 19 years old to buy those products.

The measure includes not only cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco and rolling papers but all electronic forms of consumption

including e-cigarettes, vapes, vaporizers and vape pens.

Establishments selling these products will be required to post signs indicating that anyone under the age of 21 cannot buy those items. The signs must be white with red letters at least three-quarters of an inch tall.

This is the latest effort by the town to watch out for the health of young residents. Last year, New Castle passed stringent zoning requirements for vape shops, prohibiting those stores from opening within 2,000 feet of a lot line of any school and within 500 feet of a park, playground, library or religious institution. Furthermore, vape shops cannot be located within 1,000 feet of each other.

Currently, New Castle does not have any vape shops operating within its borders but that law significantly reduces the chances that type of business can open.

It is expected that the New Castle Police Department will enforce the tougher tobacco law. Violators will be subject to fines of up to \$350 for the first offense, \$700 for a second offense and up to \$1,000 and/or up to six months in jail for each subsequent offense, the law states.

The Westchester County Board of Legislators recently began considering similar legislation.

New Castle's law will go into effect once it is filed in the office of the New York Secretary of State.

"We take school threats very seriously and will continue working closely with New York State Police and other law enforcement agencies to keep our children safe," Scarpino said. "In this case, we commend the New York State Police Intelligence Center and North Castle Police Department for their swift action."

Visser was arraigned in the Town of North Salem Town Court and remanded to the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla in lieu of \$15,000 cash bail or \$30,000 bond. He was scheduled for a court appearance Monday night in Somers Town Court.


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Mt. Kisco Officials, Residents Debate Diamond Zoning Proposals

By Neal Rentz

Residents continued to urge Mount Kisco officials last week to delay a decision on whether to allow more family recreation uses at Diamond Properties' North Bedford Road complex until a new ShopRite has opened.

Diamond Properties has signed a lease to move a 70,000-square-foot ShopRite supermarket from Bedford Hills to The Park at 333 N. Bedford Rd. For the proposal to advance developer Jim Diamond must obtain zoning text changes from the Village Board because a supermarket isn't permitted in the Light Manufacturing (ML) district.

He is also seeking zoning changes that would allow additional family recreation facilities to his property.

Judy Sage, one of the resident organizers of a May 10 meeting with the board and Diamond, said several of her neighbors in the northern end of Mount Kisco do not oppose the new ShopRite but were concerned that traffic would worsen should additional family recreational facilities be allowed. Existing high traffic volumes on the already congested road should signal to village trustees to hold off on making a decision on the recreational uses until after ShopRite has opened, she said.

"You may be listening to us," Sage said. "I don't believe you are hearing us."

Sage said if traffic increases residents in



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Judy Sage was one of several Mount Kisco residents who expressed her concerns about proposed zoning changes for Diamond Properties' 333 N. Bedford Rd. property at a May 10 meeting at Village Hall.

the northern part of the village will avoid driving into and shopping in downtown Mount Kisco.

Sage quoted comments made by Diamond to The Examiner last December about how Con Edison's gas line installation along North Bedford Road forced traffic to a near standstill on some days and was hurting businesses during the height of the holiday shopping season. She pointed to Diamond's remarks that people were choosing to patronize businesses in Katonah, Bedford or Chappaqua rather

than deal with the congestion.

The opening of new family recreation venues at the Diamond Properties complex could have a similar effect, Sage said.

Two possible uses under consideration for the property are an indoor curling facility and a Ninja obstacle course geared toward children, Diamond said.

"There's not going to be a water park," he said.

Diamond responded that Con Edison should have done more last December to manage the traffic on North Bedford Road.

Resident Michael Hardiman said based on recent discussions before the village and planning boards it seemed that the zoning text changes were "a done deal." Marion Halberg, another resident, said she and other residents had the same impression.

Mayor Gina Picinich responded that the Village Board had made no decision on the application and was waiting for the Planning Board's recommendations.

Although most speakers haven't objected to Shoprite moving to the site, Hardiman said he was concerned that the supermarket could generate additional traffic on North Bedford Road because there is no direct access from the Saw Mill River Parkway.

Hardiman added that additional family recreation facilities at The Park could lead to more outdoor lighting.

No additional outdoor lighting would be required because new recreational facilities

would be indoors, Diamond replied.

Diamond said there have been criticisms regarding the Grand Prix New York go-kart facility, which opened in March 2008. At the time, it was anticipated that Grand Prix would rely heavily on corporate events, even though the facility has been open to the general public that purchased memberships.

However, the 2008 financial upheaval and its aftermath saw companies significantly reduce the number of events held at facilities such as Grand Prix, Diamond said. It also forced the owner to pursue other uses at the venue.

"The world does change," he said.

Diamond is seeking approvals from the state Department of Transportation (DOT) to change his property's entrances and exits, among other changes, to improve traffic flow in the area.

Trustee Karen Schleimer said she supported zoning changes allowing ShopRite; however, she opposed additional family recreation until the Comprehensive Plan update is completed.

Picinich said the public hearing on the proposed zoning changes remains open. Once the hearing is closed there will be another 30 days in which written comments would still be accepted, she said.

A decision could be made by the board after the 30-day written comment period, Picinich said.

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Mt. Kisco Comp Plan Update Consultant Proposes Downtown Changes

By Neal Rentz

Mount Kisco's Comprehensive Plan consultant is recommending mixed-use development for the South Moger Avenue parking lot and zoning changes to allow for the construction of buildings up to four stories.

Proposals were unveiled to the public last Saturday during the second and final Comprehensive Plan Downtown Design Charrettes meeting at the Mount Kisco Public Library by representatives from BFJ Planning. The firm is working with an 11-member steering committee on the update.

BFJ Planning Senior Associate Jonathan Martin said preliminary provisions in a proposed updated plan would call for rezoning to allow buildings of up to four stories in certain downtown locations, up to three and a half stories on Main Street and up to three stories in the Neighborhood Preservation District.

Martin said BFJ Planning is also recommending development in the village-owned South Moger parking lot that would include residential and commercial development. A new parking structure could be considered as a way to compensate for lost parking spaces, he said.

Downtown traffic reduction is also a priority, Martin said. He suggested the village ask the state Department of Transportation (DOT) to change the



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

About 30 Mount Kisco residents took part in a Comprehensive Plan update meeting last Saturday at the Mount Kisco Public Library.

timing of traffic signals on state roads and allow pedestrians to cross streets by pushing a button that would change the signal. Frank Fish, a principal at BFJ Planning, said by allowing pedestrians to request a walk signal traffic could continue moving through busy intersections when there's no one looking to cross the street.

Fish said the firm is asking the village to consider creating a bike path that would connect the Metro-North train station, Northern Westchester Hospital and Leonard Park. Portions of the path would be in the roadway as well as off the street.

Last Saturday, residents divided themselves into groups for about 45 minutes of discussion where they shared their ideas. Suggestions included upgrading Kirby Plaza; creating a walkway to connect Main Street and the train station; installing crosswalks on Main Street; and adding benches and tables in village parks.

Fish said a survey is being conducted seeking input from village residents. Survey responses will be accepted through May 31.

The steering committee's next public

meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13 at 7 p.m. at the library. That meeting will serve as the committee's public hearing on the document, Fish said.

BFJ Planning will work on the final draft of the revised Comprehensive Plan during the summer. An updated plan will be submitted to the Village Board, which will hold a public hearing on the document in September.

The board could vote on a final version of the update by December or January.

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

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Legislature Seeks to Appoint New AG After Schneiderman Resignation

By David Propper

With the sudden resignation of former New York State attorney general Eric Schneiderman last week, state lawmakers are taking next steps to fill the vacancy as a plethora of candidates have come forward.

Schneiderman stepped down May 8 after revelations emerged in an article in the New Yorker last week that accused him of mistreating women who whom he had relationships, including verbal and physical abuse. With the shocking departure, the state legislature must appoint a new attorney general to fill the void until November's election.

Currently, Barbara Underwood is the acting attorney general after she was automatically elevated from solicitor general once Schneiderman stepped down.

Several public officials in other elected positions have come forward, expressing interest in the position.

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) said the Assembly will be interviewing potential candidates this week and will also be speaking with Underwood. Once that process is complete, Galef said she'll have a better idea of what she'd like to do.

The statewide Democratic convention

is schedule for later this month, where a candidate will be nominated to run for the full, four-year term. Galef said she's keeping her options open.

"This is quite unique, the timing is not easy," Galef said. "It's a very different scenario. With each time something happens, your responses are unique also."

Galef, who was shocked by the allegations, said it was appropriate for Schneiderman to step down. She said her and other Assembly members were at dinner when the news broke.

"Other people have disappointed me over time that I knew them in one setting, but I didn't know them in another," Galef said. "You always think of everybody as consistent and I guess we're surprised when they're not."

State Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) will be part of the vetting committee for prospective candidates. He declined comment, through a spokesman, at this time due to confidentiality concerns.

Earlier in the week, however, Murphy slammed Schneiderman.

"As a father of a beautiful daughter I am disgusted by the allegations regarding the treatment of women by Attorney General Eric Schneiderman," Murphy stated. "Let's be clear: there is no room in our society for this type of behavior. It is sickening to see the level of hypocrisy that has been revealed."



Local state legislators will be looking to temporarily fill the vacancy left by former attorney general Eric Schneiderman, above, who resigned in disgrace last week.

Assemblyman Kevin Byrne (R-Mahopac) said in an e-mail he supports the state legislature appointing an attorney general because it's part of their responsibility as a lawmaking body. But he said he believes lawmakers should "strongly consider" appointing Underwood to the remainder of the term until voters make their decision in November.

"If we do not do our job, it will send the wrong message and would still allow the governor and others to influence the nominating process for the upcoming election," Byrne stated.

Road Closures for Pleasantville Races This Saturday

This Saturday, May 19, beginning at 8 a.m., various roads will be closed throughout Pleasantville to accommodate the Community Scholarship Fund of Pleasantville's 1K and 5K races.

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and Virginia Place.

For the 5K (9 to 10:30 a.m.): Washington Avenue (Edgewood Avenue to Pierce Drive); Manville Road westbound (Washington Avenue to Bedford Road); Bedford Road (Manville Road to Pierce Drive); and Pierce Drive

All vehicles parked in Memorial Plaza, both on the street and in the railroad station lot and on Washington Avenue after 6 a.m. Saturday are subject to ticket and tow.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No.: 66928/2017 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.

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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.

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Legal Notice

North Castle Plans to Pave 10 Miles of Road This Summer

By Martin Wilbur

North Castle residents and motorists will soon begin to notice the town's highway crews repaving roads as officials look to continue improving and maintaining the quality of the town thoroughfares.

Highway General Foreman Jamie Norris recently informed the Town Board that he expects to pave 10.4 miles of road this season, which will cost \$2.5 million that has been set aside for 2018. Norris expects work to begin at the end of this month, although as of late last week there still wasn't a definitive start date for the effort to commence, said Town Administrator Joan Goldberg.

Several years ago, after a few tough winters and the town's road deteriorating, the board sought to invest money into a regular paving schedule to improve the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) on its roads. At that time the PCI had fallen to about 65 on a scale from 1 to 100. In the Northeast, a PCI of 80 is considered strong.

"I think 10 miles is a good number, it's an ambitious number but it's actually achievable," said Supervisor Michael Schiliro. "I think it will get us over 80."

In the past five years, the town has paved more than 50 miles out of North

Castle's 93 miles of roads.

Norris said of the 10.4 miles scheduled for work this year, 1.77 miles will be the least extensive surface treatment while another 1.14 miles will see reclamation and paving because those surfaces are in the worst condition. The remaining 7.49 miles will consist of milling and paving, he said.

Last spring, the town borrowed about \$4 million to accelerate its road paving, raising the PCI to about 80 before some damage was sustained following this past winter. The town was able to pave about 15 miles last year.

While Norris said his workers could possibly do more than the 10.4 miles this year, they have been delayed getting started. In late April the town was still doing work related to winter storm cleanup.

"I'd love to do more," Norris said. "If we didn't get hit with these storms we could."

The town budgeted \$1.4 million for road repairs for 2018. The balance of the money for this year's work comes from the \$1.1 million in last year's budget that wasn't spent because of the \$4 million officials borrowed in 2017, Goldberg said.

New Castle Fire District to Demolish Animal Hospital Building This Week

Demolition of the old Chappaqua Animal Hospital on King Street next to the New Castle firehouse is scheduled to take place this week.

The work to take down the building is slated for Wednesday and is expected to take one day, said Ed Frank, a member of the Board of Commissioners for New Castle Fire District No. 1.

Frank said crews will be removing all debris from the site as well as taking out the contaminated earth near the rear of the building. Other tasks include grading the site, restoring the site with topsoil and seeding, he said.

Remediation of the asbestos in the structure's interior as well as on the outside was completed a few weeks ago.

The work is being paid for as part of a \$2.6 million referendum that was approved in February 2017 to buy the land that had been the site of the Chappaqua Animal Hospital and remediate the building before taking it down.

Acquisition of the parcel leaves open the possibility that the fire district will be able to expand its current firehouse at 495 King St. A \$12.6 million expansion proposition was soundly defeated in October 2016.

—Martin Wilbur



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Fox Spirit

School spirit radiated from the stands at Fox Lane High School May 4 as the Bedford Central School District kicked off spring homecoming weekend. Teachers and students sported red and white as they cheered on the spring athletes during the annual Fox Fest event. The community celebration recognizes the spring athletes and a successful winter sports season. Pictured, left to right, are freshman Katie Czernyk, fifth-grader John Czernyk and freshman Jordan Daglio.

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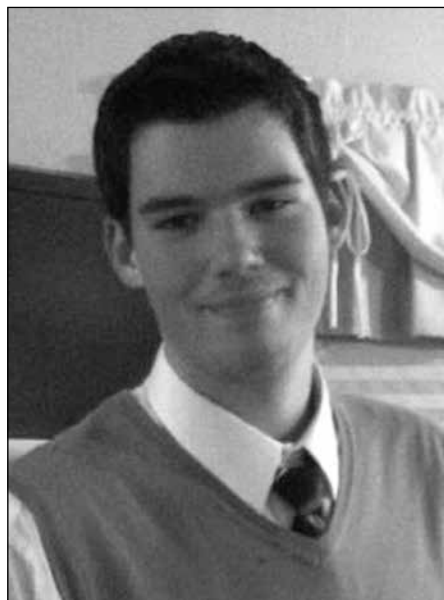
Peter Bartlett

Peter Christopher Bartlett of Thornwood passed away unexpectedly on May 8.

He was 25.

Bartlett was born in the Bronx on June 16, 1992, to proud and loving parents Keith G. and Suzanne M. Bartlett (nee Koren). He was predeceased by his father, Keith, and is survived by his beloved mother Suzanne and sister Christine.

Visitation by family and friends was at Pleasant Manor Funeral Home, Inc. in Thornwood on May 14. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Bartlett at Holy Innocent's Church in Pleasantville on Tuesday, May 15 at 10 a.m. Interment followed at Ferncliff Cemetery in Hartsdale.



Peter Christopher Bartlett

Jeanette Antonicelli

Jeanette Antonicelli (nee Megaro) of Pleasantville passed away on May 14.

She was 88.

Antonicelli was born in New York City to Emilio and Jean Megaro (nee Catalano) on Oct. 25, 1929.

Family and friends are invited to Pleasant Manor Funeral Home, Inc.,

located at 575 Columbus Ave. in Thornwood, on Thursday, May 17 from 4 to 8 p.m. for visitation. Family and friends are asked to gather at Pleasant Manor on Friday, May 18 at 10 a.m. for religious services before leaving for Woodlawn Cemetery for burial.

Janis D'Agostino

Janis R. D'Agostino of Thornwood passed away at Calvary Hospital on Tuesday, May 8.

She was 82.

D'Agostino was born in White Plains on June 30 to Bernard and Unis McEachren (nee Irving). She is survived by her loving children, Frank C. D'Agostino of Thornwood and Natale B. D'Agostino of Mount Kisco and "daughter" Precious Kelsh. She is predeceased by her beloved husband, Chester, and loving daughters Janis DeFalco and Catherine L. Wade. She

was the cherished grandmother of four and great-grandmother of two, Chester D'Agostino, Arthur D'Agostino, Garrett Wade, Griffin Wade, Janis D'Agostino Ramos and Giovanni D'Agostino Ramos. She was the loving mother-in-law of Garry G. Wade.

Family and friends were invited to Pleasant Manor Funeral Home, Inc. in Thornwood for visitation on May 11. Family and friends gathered at Pleasant Manor on May 12 for funeral services followed by interment at Mount Calvary Cemetery in White Plains.

Arthur Shanahan

Arthur E. Shanahan of White Plains passed away suddenly on May 11. He was 53.

Family and friends are invited to Pleasant Manor Funeral Home, Inc., located at 575 Columbus Ave. in Thornwood, on Tuesday, May 15 from

4 to 8 p.m. for visitation. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Shanahan at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Valhalla on Wednesday, May 16 at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

Caroline Flynn

Caroline E. Flynn of Hawthorne died on May 9.

She was 86.

Flynn was born on Oct. 7, 1931, to the late Benjamin and Caroline (nee Shorland) Hawks in Greenburgh. She was a retired cafeteria worker for the Valhalla schools.

Flynn was predeceased by her devoted husband, John (Jack) Flynn, in 2014 and by four sisters and two brothers. She is survived by her loving sister, Margaret

Daniels, of Hawthorne and her many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on May 14. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne on Tuesday, May 15 at 10 a.m. followed by interment at All Souls Cemetery in Pleasantville.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Calvary Hospital in the Bronx would be appreciated.

Police Blotter

North Castle Police Department

May 4: A complainant reported at 9:28 a.m. that the wood guard rail on Bedford Road is damaged. The caller also stated locating a Dodge Ram 2500 pickup in the library parking area off of Kent Place with heavy damage, possible involved with the damage to the guard rail. The responding officer confirmed the damage to the rail. Photos secured.

May 4: A caller reported at 3:39 p.m. a large turtle in the middle of Meadow Hill Place. An officer was dispatched and removed the turtle from the roadway.

May 5: At 8:20 a.m., a report of construction work was ongoing at 470 Main St. prior to 9 a.m. in violation of the town ordinance. A stop work order is also in effect regarding the listed location.

May 5: The county Department of Emergency Services reported at 6:54 p.m. that an intoxicated male party is at the top of Kensico Dam. The North White Plains Volunteer Fire

Department and Valhalla ambulance and paramedic were dispatched. An officer also responded to assist.

May 6: Report of a large tree limb that fell onto sidewalk on Old Route 22 at 5:52 p.m. The sidewalk is not passable at this time. The North Castle Highway Department was notified.

May 7: A complainant reported at 10:48 a.m. that wood debris has been dumped on Oregon Road and that it poses a hazard. Highway Department General Foreman Norris was notified.

May 7: Report of a brush fire on Oregon Hollow at 5:47 p.m. A caller reported a strong smell of smoke behind her residence which backs up to the nature preserve. Armonk Fire Department was dispatched by 60 Control. The source of smoke was determined to be a brush fire in Meyer Preserve. The fire was eventually brought under control by personnel from the Armonk, Banksville, North White Plains and other area fire departments. No injuries or property damage were reported.

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W'chester Officials Convene to Brainstorm on Shared Services Plan

By Anna Young

County officials from almost every municipality in Westchester gathered last Wednesday for the first in a series of forums with County Executive George Latimer to craft a shared services plan to reduce taxes.

The meeting at the County Center was the first step toward submitting a revised countywide shared services plan to comply with Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Shared Services Initiative. The effort, now in its second year, forces counties across the state to submit a plan by Oct. 15. Each county's plan must be approved by the state.

"My administration welcomes any opportunity to work with our municipal partners in government to find ways to collaborate and reduce the cost of providing services to the residents of Westchester," Latimer said at the May 9 meeting. "This is an important process for our county and all local governments to undertake."

To ensure an approach that includes varied types of shared services, consolidation and technological innovations, the county enlisted a team from SUNY's Rockefeller Institute of Government and the Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz to assist with developing a plan.

"We're very fortunate to have their expertise here," Latimer said. "My hope is that together we will accomplish this task."

Dr. James Malatras, director of the Rockefeller Institute, and Benjamin Center



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Officials from across Westchester met last week in White Plains to begin work on a 2018 shared services plan. Last Wednesday's meeting is the first step in complying with Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Shared Services Initiative for municipalities and school districts to cut expenses and taxes.

Director and Associate Vice President for Regional Engagement Gerald Benjamin led the hour-long meeting.

Malatras cited the significant property tax burden on residents as a major impetus to addressing shared services. While experts plan to examine areas of need, Malatras said the new federal tax law that caps state and local property tax deductions is significant.

"We will try to help analyze different proposals as a way to offset what's going to happen," Malatras said. "It is a real legitimate

concern especially for many communities down state, Westchester probably being the number one county to have to worry about the negative effects of the federal tax law."

Under the state's timetable, each county in the state must develop a countywide shared services plan to submit to its county legislators by Aug. 1, Malatras said. A minimum of three public hearings must be held and the Board of Legislators must approve a final plan by Sept. 15.

The three hearings will be held during

the planning process. The first two hearings are scheduled for June 14 at the Yonkers Riverfront Library from 3 to 5 p.m. and the Mount Kisco Public Library from 7 to 9 p.m.

Some representatives from Westchester's municipalities and school officials suggested consolidating sewer districts, increasing sanitation resources, creating a municipal storm discharge and a recycling program and encouraging school districts to become more involved in the process.

Most of the officials who attended last week's session declined to discuss the challenges their communities are facing. North Salem Supervisor Warren Lucas said having a meeting with more than 100 officials isn't an effective way to devise a concise plan. He said the county would benefit more if they met in smaller groups to discuss various ideas.

"There's just a lot of issues that while we're all in one county, we're all substantially different," Lucas said. "This many people in a room doesn't work very well."

Malatras said he hopes to create smaller groups in the future dedicated toward specific issues.

Board of Legislators chairman Ben Boykin (D-White Plains) criticized Westchester's report last year saying that it lacked effort. He said he was looking forward to reading a new and detailed report in August.

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Column

Gov. Cuomo: Single-Use Bag Ban Measure Without Fees Will Fail

We, the undersigned, strongly support New York State enacting a comprehensive policy to curb the use of single-use bags this legislative session.

As you are aware, our organizations have worked with municipalities throughout New York to successfully enact policies that reduce disposable bag use and encourage consumers to switch to reusable alternatives. We applaud your commitment to address plastic bag pollution on a state-wide level and we want to work with your office to enact an effective, comprehensive program this year.

In February 2017, you met with several environmental groups to discuss the state preempting New York City's carryout bag reduction law. We discussed the importance of reducing plastic pollution that ultimately should be accomplished on a state-wide level. We were heartened to hear you assert your commitment to take a leadership role over this issue.

However, we cannot support your legislation as it is currently written. Given our experience with Bring Your Own Bag (BYOB) policies, a plastic bag ban only will have unintended adverse consequences and therefore, needs to be accompanied by a fee on other disposable bags. Additionally, we urge that any new law retain effective local laws unless the new law is equal to or stronger than

existing local laws.

Taking into account lessons learned from residents, businesses and municipalities around the state and country who have enacted Bring Your Own Bag policies, we are writing to urge you to advance a policy that bans single-use plastic bags and places a fee on all other bags (both paper and reusable bags).

An effective state policy should be modeled after municipalities that have successfully addressed this issue. A ban-fee hybrid is the most successful model of BYOB policy in the United States. Los Angeles County achieved a 94 percent reduction in single-use bags, including a 30 percent reduction in paper bag use, after implementing a ban on single-use plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on other bags, including paper. San Jose has similar legislation to Los Angeles and documented an 89 percent decrease of bags in storm drains, 60 percent fewer in creeks and 59 percent fewer in streets.

Based on these successful policies, the Town of New Castle became the first municipality in New York to enact a ban/fee hybrid, with a ban on single-use plastic bags and a 10-cent fee on paper, which went into effect in January 2017.

In contrast to these successful ordinances, Chicago simply banned plastic bags and did not place a fee on paper. As a consequence of this

incomplete policy, many stores switched to slightly thicker plastic bags and labeled them as "reusable" resulting in an increase of waste and undermining efforts to curb single-use bag consumption.

In 2016, Chicago chose to switch from a ban to a seven-cent fee on disposable bags. In New York, the City of Long Beach and Suffolk County placed a fee on all bags instead of implementing a plastic bag ban and both are experiencing a dramatic reduction in disposable bag use. Meanwhile, municipalities in Westchester and Long Island chose to ban plastic bags with no fee component on other disposable bags and these communities have failed to see lasting consumer behavior change.

It is critical that New York moves forward with a policy that addresses both plastic and other disposable bags using the most successful policies as models. We urge you to ban single-use plastic bags and place a fee on paper and reusable bags and we recommend that a portion of the fee collected is dedicated to state parks, environmental improvement projects and reducing potential impacts to low- and moderate-income communities.

This op-ed piece was signed by members from more than 100 environmental groups across New York State. It was submitted by Environmental Advocates of New York.

Letter to the Editor

Business Owners Should Stay Away From Mixing Politics With Business

When every year is an election year, it's hard to avoid talking politics – but business leaders need to try.

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Our political positions may be quite polarizing, so it makes good business sense to never discuss politics at work.

People derive important aspects of our identity from the groups we belong to: our sports teams, our business associations and our local clubs. But bringing in your politics may create powerful dividing lines. Some people may actually vote for the leader of a group because of their politics and not their abilities.

It's even more difficult to maintain purely business relationships when you're

personally vested in a political party. Then it's your natural tendency to win over voters which will directly influence your relationships. And once your positions are learned they can never be unlearned.

Some politicians may disagree with this suggestion as they are the ones that benefit from the free advertising and they are the ones likely applying pressure on the business community.

Mark A. Lieberman
Former business owner

County Health Department Offers Free Minnows to Residents

To help residents keep their backyards free of mosquito breeding sites, the Westchester County Department of Health is giving away free minnows for residential ponds and water features, along with mosquito dunks, advice and strategies to prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile Virus.

The minnows will be available at Westchester County Airport, 2 Loop Rd. in West Harrison this Friday,

May 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Residents with ornamental ponds can add fathead minnows to the water. The minnows eat mosquito larvae, preventing them from maturing into biters. Dunks serve the same purpose in birdbaths, rain barrels and unused pools.

Residents who plan to pick up minnows should bring a bucket or pail. Minnows will be distributed in

watertight plastic bags. To keep the minnows viable, residents should plan to bring them straight home and release them immediately into ponds with at least eight inches of water.

Large areas of standing water on public property that cannot easily be removed should be reported to the department at 914-813-5000.

For more information, download the "Keep Healthy and Bug Off" brochure at www.health.westchestergov.com.

New Law Provides Bathroom Privileges for Gastro Sufferers

By Anna Young

County Executive George Latimer is bringing awareness to a new measure that will require businesses to allow public access to employee-only restrooms for those who are diagnosed with a gastrointestinal medical condition.

The Crohn's and Colitis Fairness Act, which was recently signed into law by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, will allow those suffering from an eligible gastrointestinal issue to access employee restrooms due to emergencies caused by their disorder.

"For those who have these conditions it often requires immediate access to a restroom wherever you may be," Latimer said at a May 11 press conference. "You're accommodating an emergency and it's beyond the control of the individual. It's difficult to predict when it might happen and could be very embarrassing if there aren't reasonable options."

Citizens can use an employee-only facility where at least two employees are present. The law will not have additional costs and doesn't require business owners to make any modifications to their existing restrooms or policies if they have a public facility.

"It's not about convenience," Latimer said. "There's nothing that's convenient about having Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis. This is a question of compassion."

Linda Winston, executive director of



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County Executive George Latimer said last week that people suffering from Crohn's disease, colitis and other gastrointestinal disorders will soon be able to access employee restrooms at businesses.

the Upstate New York Chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, said the regulation would greatly benefit those who feel they can finally leave their home and maintain a normal routine.

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale), who penned the new law, said an e-mail from a New Rochelle resident outlining the struggles with their condition prompted the legislation.

"It's a terrible hardship and a problem

that we wanted to see addressed," Paulin said. "We expect that store owners and other places that have employee bathrooms are going to be happy about the compassion they are now showing and be expected to show that compassion."

Robert Pierce, owner of Hastings Tea & Coffee in White Plains, said he has been committed to showing compassion to customers who need assistance for several years.

"We are delighted the law will require businesses to treat everyone with the same respect and dignity that we at Hastings Tea & Coffee have shown to those who have walked through our doors for the past five years," Pierce said.

It is not known how business owners will be able to confirm whether a person is suffering from a gastrointestinal problem. Paulin said she struggled with that issue but has embarked on a public education

campaign in hopes that people and business owners can devise a workable solution.

Paulin said she encourages the state's other 61 counties to make similar efforts. Fourteen states have enacted similar measures, she said.

The Westchester County Department of Consumer Protection has taken a lead role in implementing the law and is raising awareness before it goes into effect in August. In addition to Crohn's disease and colitis, other conditions covered under the measure are inflammatory bowel disease, irritable bowel syndrome and any other medical condition that requires immediate access to a restroom.

Former county legislator and current Director of Consumer Protection James Maisano said his department would be meeting with business owners and hosting educational sessions with community members to ensure they understand the importance of the law and comply.

"There's no question that every single person can relate to this bill," Maisano said. "I don't know anyone who has ever not been in public and had an emergency and had to go to the bathroom. Imagine having a medical condition where this happens all time. That's the wisdom of this bill."

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Murphy to Propose Delaying Closure of Indian Point

By Rick Pezzullo

State Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) is planning to propose a delay in closing the Indian Point nuclear power plants in Buchanan until at least 2030.

During a recent interview with The Examiner in his district office in Jefferson Valley, Murphy revealed that at the next New York State Indian Point Closure Task Force meeting he would make that suggestion since no concrete plan has been established on how to replace the lost energy or how entities affected by the loss of revenue from the plants will survive.

"I don't believe they have a plan," said Murphy, who also kicked off his re-election campaign on May 3. "There should have been a plan, so the area isn't going to be mothballed. If this involves getting the federal government involved, so be it."

It was announced in January 2017 that the Indian Point nuclear power plants, which have been a fixture in Buchanan for more than 50 years and help provide electricity to several million homes and businesses in Westchester and New

York City, will close in 2021.

The announcement stunned local officials since Entergy, which purchased the controversial plants about 15 years ago, invested \$1.3 billion in safety improvements and has been seeking a 20-year license renewal from the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) since 2007 to continue operating the facility.

An agreement to shut down the plants was worked out between Entergy, several New York State offices and agencies and Riverkeeper. Under the pact, Indian Point Unit 2 will cease operations as early as April 2020 and Unit 3 in April 2021. However, an emergency provision is included that could give Entergy an additional four years of service in the event of war, a sudden increase in electrical demand or a sudden shortage of electric energy.

"You just don't go in and decimate an entire school district and an entire village," Murphy said of Hendrick Hudson and Buchanan, both of which have relied heavily on income from the plants. "That's not right. This shouldn't be about politics. Gov. Cuomo



State Sen. Terrence Murphy plans to propose keeping Indian Point open for nearly an additional decade beyond its anticipated closing in 2021 because he argues the state has no plan to replace the energy or the revenue to the affected communities.

wanted to close it for years. It was very disappointing that there was no collaboration in the community."

Since the announcement, a local

task force has been meeting regularly, brainstorming for ways to replace the lost revenue and reuse the more than 200-acre property.

Last month, Murphy disclosed \$24 million had been added in the recently approved state budget in a specially designated fund that could be tapped into as early as 2022 if Indian Point shuts down as planned. However, collectively, \$32 million will disappear annually once the plants stop operating.

The Village of Buchanan stands to lose 46 percent – about \$4 million – of its operating budget, while the Hendrick Hudson School District will lose \$24 million annually, 33 percent of its budget. Other affected entities are the Town of Cortlandt (\$800,000), Westchester County (\$1 million), Hendrick Hudson Free Library (\$394,110) and the Verplanck Fire District (\$372,703).

Murphy said he would have voted against the budget if money wasn't set aside in the cessation fund as Cuomo has proposed in his spending plan.

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Armonk Gears Up for Return of Sidewalk Sales, Third Thursday Event

By Martin Wilbur

There will be a lot going on in downtown Armonk later this week – and that's exactly what the Armonk Chamber of Commerce and many of its members like to see.

The chamber is kicking off the first of four Third Thursday celebrations this week starting at 5 p.m. and lasting until about 8:30 p.m. Each month there will be music by two bands, a special activity, which this week is a high school chalk art contest at Armonk Square, fun kids' activities and a variety of specials offered by the many restaurants in the hamlet.

Coinciding with that recurring event is the return of the town-wide sidewalk sales days for the first time in more than five years. Sidewalk sales have proven to be a popular event in neighboring communities where business owners set up their wares outside and typically offer special sales.

"The town really wanted it," said Stacy Wilder, executive director of the Armonk Chamber of Commerce. "The stores were asking for it and we asked what else can we do for you, and one of the things that kept coming up was can you have a sidewalk sale. So we pulled it together and we got a lot of participation."

Chamber President Neal Schwartz said last week that more than 40 merchants plan to participate in the four-day sales



Live music is one of several key components of the popular Third Thursday celebrations that return this week to downtown Armonk.

event that lasts through Sunday. The sale will be primarily along Main Street from Bedford Road up to the Town Center.

Over the past several months, chamber members requested the return of the sidewalk sales days in hopes of attracting more shoppers downtown and to combat "the Amazonization" of a business hamlet, Schwartz said. It's also a reason for downtown visitors to explore stores that they may not have been familiar with and brings the routine of shopping to a

different level, he said.

"The towns that have sidewalk sales is something that people remember positively and associate shopping and being outside, so it's just perfect for it," Schwartz said.

The event will be held rain or shine, although part of the luster is lost in inclement weather. However, the stores' sales will be there regardless of what Mother Nature has in store, Schwartz said.

On Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. a live band will be playing outside the shops at the Town Center, Wilder said.

The fun will continue on the third Thursday of each month through August. Schwartz said it was by design for organizers to have two different types of live music – a youth band and an adult band. By doing that a wide cross section of town residents may be interested in exploring what the downtown has to offer.

Furthermore, there is a different main activity for each one of the Thursdays. After the high school chalk art contest, in June, there will once again be a chili cookoff featuring a friendly competition between different restaurants in town. In July, the classic car show returns for old-time car enthusiasts and in August Circus Arts comes back for an aerial show.

The event has proven to be popular because it's a reason to visit downtown on a spring or summer day in the late afternoon and early evening.

"It's a great way to bring people out and it just makes you feel good when you're walking on Main Street and you're hearing good music playing and the restaurants are offering specials," Wilder said.

For more information on the promotions for Third Thursday as well as the sidewalk sales, visit www.armonkchamberofcommerce.com.



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Special Spin Class Will Bike to Italy Without Leaving Armonk

By Anna Young

Take the night off and join Equinox in Armonk this Thursday as the gym hosts a special spinning class that will take riders on an adventure through the cultural beauty of Italy.

The event, La Dolce Vita Ride, includes a 45-minute class led by instructor Bridget Buckstine, will take cyclers on

an invigorating ride through Italy's Giro D'Italia with the help of Italian-inspired music and scenic images and videos of Italy while they pedal away the pounds. The Giro D'Italia is an annual multiple stage bicycle race held primarily in Italy as well as in neighboring countries.

Equinox member and Chappaqua resident Carla Gambescia's cycling adventures and wealth of knowledge of the Italian culture inspired Thursday's special event.

"The Giro D'Italia is one of the most exciting events in Italy," Gambescia said.

"It's going to be very cool night and will really transport people into this world."

The 90-minute event, which is open to both Equinox members and non-members, will be catered with Italian bites from Mediterraneo and feature wine, prosecco and drinks from Armonk Wines & Spirits.

Equinox will also hold a raffle for a chance to win two \$500 gift cards from Ciclismo Classico Immersive Bicycle Tours that can be used toward a cycling trip to Italy. Winners of an Italian inspired trivia match-up will

take home Gambescia's newly published book, "La Dolce Vita University: An Unconventional Guide to Italian Culture From A to Z."

Books will be on sale with Gambescia on hand to sign a copy.

La Dolce Vita Ride will be held at Equinox Armonk, located at 99 Business Park Drive, on May 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. To RSVP or for more information, call 914-219-1601 or e-mail Amy.jethmal@equinox.com.

Road Races Scheduled in Armonk, Chappaqua This Weekend

Local runners have their choice of road races to participate in this weekend.

On Saturday, Stayin' Alive, Inc., a nonprofit organization that raises money for equipment for northern Westchester first responders, will be holding its fifth annual Stayin' Alive 5K & Fun Run. The race will be held within the Windmill Farm community in Armonk, starting at 10 Maple Way.

The Stayin' Alive 5K begins at 8 a.m. immediately followed by the .6-mile Fun Run around the lake. Participants must complete the 5K by 9 a.m. (Strollers are not recommended.) An awards ceremony will be held with prizes in all race categories.

Registration for the 5K is \$30 in advance at www.stayinalive.org or \$40 the morning of the race. Same-day registration is from 7 to 7:30 a.m. The cost for the Fun Run is \$10.

On Sunday, New Castle's 5K and 10K will start and end outside New Castle Town Hall at 8:10 a.m. Check-in and bib pick up starts at 6:30 a.m. Prizes will be awarded in all age categories.

Registration is \$20 in advance and can be done online at the town's website at www.mynewcastle.org or at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Chappaqua/NewCastle5Kand10K2018>. Same-day registration costs \$25.

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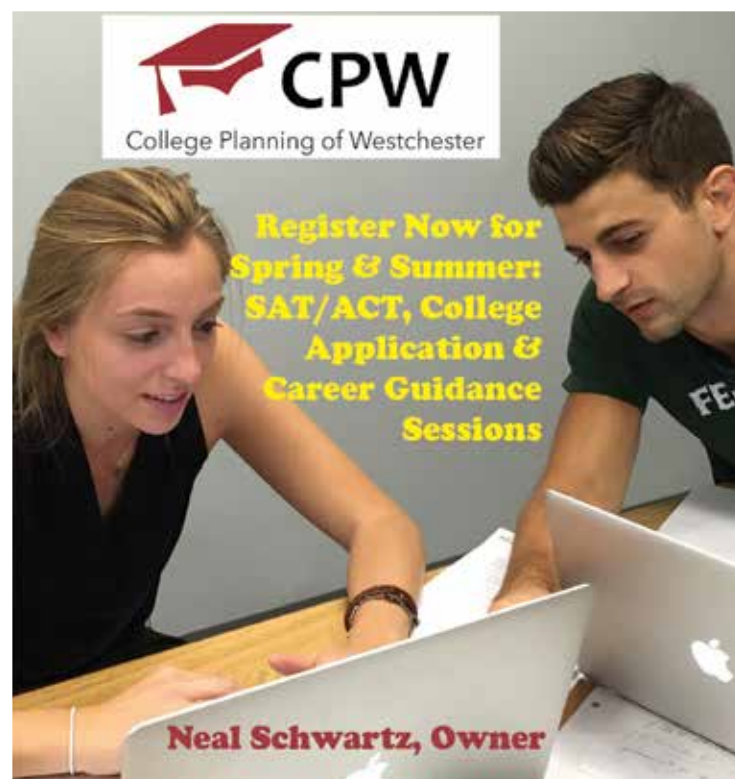


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Creating That Special Place at Home to 'Zone Out'

It has always been my firm belief that all of us require a refuge for quiet time, for meditation or prayer at home. While enjoying a wine tasting one evening with some realtor buddies, the subject came up and we were all quite open, even enthusiastic, about how and where we "go within."

"I prefer doing it outside, observing nature," one realtor friend said, "and I do it with my eyes open."

That surprised me. While Buddha was able to meditate outside under a tree, I lack that capability, finding outdoor sounds and even the breeze distracting.

"I can focus anyplace and anywhere I happen to be in my home," another friend said. That talent also eludes me.

A third realtor said he meditates in his office, taking a few moments when the need arises. That is something I did years ago when I worked a 9-to-5 job in the most dysfunctional office environment imaginable. I would sometimes retreat to the men's room, perhaps two or three times a day, go into a stall and repeat "relax, relax, relax."



By Bill Primavera

This survival technique was abandoned after my boss asked me if I had a gastrointestinal problem.

At home, I suspect that many of us have our own special place dedicated to making contact with our inner selves and the universe. I was reminded of this a while back when I was told of a complaint from a seller who said that an agent left her business card on the homeowner's "altar," which would seem to be a violation of sacred space. The agent, in her own defense, said "Gee, it looked like a regular sideboard to me."

At the height of my spiritual quest some years ago, I explored an endless and seemingly discordant mix of meditative practices. These included listening to new age and gospel music, the sound of an indoor waterfall and a vibrating chime, all supported with the energies of crystal healing, a very heavy dose of Vipassana meditation and attendance at a then-popular men's group.

It would have been impossible to engage in such an elaborate other-

worldly plan either outdoors or in a public place. So I carved out a space, actually an entire room, as my personal meditation room. I figured that it could double as a second guest room. Then, I started collecting crystals (minerals I called then to the outside world) and I became so obsessive about it, not so much for their metaphysical qualities, but for their sheer physical beauty, that at one point my quiet place looked like an outpost of the American Museum of Natural History.

Our first house guest invited to sleep in that room refused. It seems that she had taken a different path to spirituality than I had, one that would classify any association with crystals as witchcraft. To each his or her own, I say.

Today my meditation room, pared of most of its crystals, has certain features that I would recommend for others who want to carve out their own quiet spaces. The formula can be quite simple. Whether an entire room or a corner of one, the space should be uncluttered and capable of being darkened even in the morning or middle of the day. There should be a system for producing sound, and I recommend that it be through earphones rather than ambient sound for better concentration. Also, depending on one's beliefs, there might

be religious or spiritual symbols or a touchstone of some sort to set the mood.

Some can meditate on a floor mat, although some of us are not that agile, so there should be a chair that is comfortable but not too comfortable or there is the risk of falling asleep while meditating. What serves as my launching pad as my mind jettisons into altered time is an old wingback chair that has seen better days. I know I should replace it, but what if the back of a new chair didn't conform just the right way to my back and what if the height of the seat was not perfect for me? This chair and I have spent a lot of altered time together to the point where it's become symbolic of my spiritual growth. So how could I let it go?

The one finishing touch might be some kind of signage for the entrance to the space that reads: "Altered state of consciousness within. Please do not enter." Then, just say "ommmmmmm."

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Jonathan Goldberg Attorney/Improv Performer, Pleasantville

By Martin Wilbur

When Jonathan Goldberg was a high school student, his love of theater had him dreaming of an acting career.

But Goldberg, along with some gentle persuasion from his parents, made the pragmatic choice of going to law school and pursue a much sturdier profession.

That didn't mean Goldberg entirely abandoned his dreams of performing in front of a crowd. Instead of doing it for his livelihood he volunteers his time for people who could use entertainment the most.

In 2007, the Pleasantville resident co-founded Cherub Improv, a troupe that has grown to about 50 volunteer performers that visits hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, veterans' centers, homeless shelters and any other venue or organization that reaches out for help.

The mission is to bring free interactive comedy and music shows, improv games and workshops to underserved communities throughout the New York metropolitan area. Among the organizations Cherub Improv visits on a regular basis in Westchester is Children's Village and the

YWCA in White Plains. Goldberg estimates Cherub Improv has done more than 2,000 free events since it was established.

"We felt it was very important to bring it to senior citizens, but not only senior citizens, we thought it was important to bring it to hospital patients but not only hospital patients," Goldberg said. "We are welcome to make any connection. If anyone came to us and said 'Would you do it for this group?' basically we would say yes. Basically, we are going anywhere."

Goldberg, 47, said the effort started with about nine improvisors, himself included, comprised mainly of people who he knew from an improv class he had taken as a fun and creative outlet. Others were brought in by members' friends. Today, there are periodic auditions to replenish and expand the ranks.

Some of the volunteers have comedy or acting experience, others are just intrigued and wanted to try improv. For those without experience, Goldberg and other team leaders will help train them through their workshops.

Anyone who works well with others, has

good energy, is a good listener and has a positive outlook are good candidates, he said.

"The beauty of our organization is we have seen that anybody can do improv, from senior citizens in their nineties to little children across socioeconomic lines," said Goldberg, who moved last year to Pleasantville with his wife and stepson from Manhattan. "We have done improv with anybody and everybody."

Goldberg, who was born in the city, spent most of his childhood in Union, N.J. He joined the drama club in high school and in his junior year he snagged the lead role in the school production of "Snoopy."

Instead of acting, he pursued internships with attorneys while earning his undergraduate degree at Swarthmore College. He would go to American University Washington College of Law.

Goldberg, who currently practices employment law for the Manhattan-based firm FisherBroyles, came up with the idea for a volunteer troupe during a time when he was working hellishly long hours for a large corporate law firm. He was already volunteering when his then-girlfriend, who was an actor, suggested he take an improv class.

Afterward, Goldberg said his father thought he was spreading himself too thin and suggested he combine his passion for helping others and his love of performing.



Along with friends, Goldberg founded Cherub Improv, derived from the Hebrew word for angel, cherubim.

He said the troupe's performances, which typically last 45 minutes to an hour, work best with a full team of about seven to nine people.

"I think as performers, the difference with performing with us than for any other improv troupe, you many not

feel like you're funny as you should be but believe me you're making a difference," Goldberg said. "You're going to be swamped after the show by people from the audience thanking you so much for coming here."

Now that Goldberg has moved to Pleasantville, he has become immersed in local life, joining an adult men's basketball program and the JCC in Tarrytown. He recently started teaching an improv class at Arc Stages and he and his wife have a baby on the way this summer.

Goldberg said improv has provided him with the benefits of added self-confidence and a fun way to relieve stress.

"You have to be so focused when you're doing it in order to do it right, be such a good listener and so present and so it really relieves stress, and for performers in Cherub Improv when you add on top of that, my God, what an amazing way to do community service," he said.

For more on Cherub Improv, visit www.cherubimprov.org.



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The French Riviera is More Than a Nice Vacation

By Richard Levy

If it were not for Bridget Bardot, I would never have fallen in love with the French Riviera. When I was 19, I went to see the movie "And God Created Women." It made Bardot famous and turned the Côte d'Azur into a mecca for the rich and famous.

I became obsessed by Bardot. So I went to the Côte d'Azur to try and meet a French sex kitten like her. I did not fare well. I couldn't compete with the handsome, bronzed French guys in their Speedo bathing suits.

I never found my Bridget Bardot but fell in love with the Côte d'Azur. No place compares to the "joie de vivre" you experience with every breath you take on the Côte d'Azur. Even the wind here is intoxicating as it embraces your face – fragrant, sweet and salty. There is a sense of tranquility, mystery and romance.

When sitting in an oceanfront café, you feel like you've escaped reality and could be an extra in an old French movie. Love is in the air; you can almost taste it. The perfect romantic

escape. You can let your hair down and allow your carefree side to come out.

The reason impressionists came here was to capture "the special light" of the sun which illuminated their paintings. Picasso would venture into a café, and with a twinkle in his eye, make a quick drawing on the tablecloth and sign it. The moment he'd leave café owners would pounce on these original Picasso drawings. He'd also buy picture postcards, make quick sketches and mail them to friends.

The beaches in Nice are covered with small stones which take time getting used to. The other thing you'll get have get accustomed to upon arriving are French women undoing their bathing suit tops. Not just beauties, moms and girls but even grandmas go topless. It's distracting, but by the end of your first day you won't even notice and will probably join them.

The street along the beachfront is Promenade des Anglais, adorned with towering palm trees. Stroll from

end to end. Nice is nestled between the sea and mountains with scenic foothills and picturesque villages.

In St. Paul de Vence is the La Colombe d'Or restaurant with impressionist paintings covering its walls. When famous French impressionists were starving artists, they traded paintings for room and board. Go to Grasse, famous for its perfumeries and fields of violets and roses used to make perfume. Have your own scent created for 50 Euros.

Two lovely, beachfront hotels are Le Perouse and Hotel Villa Rivoli. Or splurge and stay in the neo-gothic Hotel Negresco. For lavish French cuisine visit Le Chantecler in the Negresco Hotel.

Take Air France non-stop to Nice or fly to Paris and take the TGV EuroStar super-fast train. First time in Paris and only have a few days? Your first morning, take the Hop On Hop Off bus for an overview of



By Richard Levy

the city. Then go back and visit the Eiffel Tower and Cathedral de Notre Dame and take a scenic boat ride along the Seine.

Stop at Hemingway's favorite café, Les Deux Magots or go for dinner at La Table d'Eugene or art deco Brasserie Bofinger designed by Eifel. Head to the Louvre to see Mona Lisa and Venus de Milo or

catch a show at Moulin Rouge. Read Hemingway's "Moveable Feast" about 1920s Paris when he schmoozed with Gertrude Stein, got drunk with James Joyce and boxed with Ezra Pound.

Bon voyage.

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Director Schrader the Subject of Upcoming Burns Film Series

By Neal Rentz

The partnership between director Martin Scorsese and screenwriter Paul Schrader is considered one of the great collaborations in film history. The duo was responsible for such classics as “Taxi Driver,” “Raging Bull” and “The Last Temptation of Christ.”

Schrader has also collaborated with other acclaimed directors, including Brian De Palma, Peter Weir and Sydney Pollack.

But the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville starting this week is focusing on Schrader’s directing efforts for its series Don’t Look Away: The Films of Paul Schrader, which is scheduled to run May 18-24.

Senior Programmer Andrew Jupin said 2018 is a significant time to focus on Schrader’s directing efforts. This year has seen the release of his new film, “First Reformed,” and a re-release of his book “Transcendental Style,” which includes a new introduction. The book analyzes the works of directors Yasujiro Ozu, Robert Bresson and Carl Dreyer.

“First Reformed” will open at the Burns in the near future, Jupin said.

While Schrader is famous for his collaborations with Scorsese, his solo directing efforts deserve to be spotlighted, Jupin said.



JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER PHOTOS

“Blue Collar,” starring Richard Pryor and Harvey Keitel, will be screened on May 18 and 20 as part of the Don’t Look Away: The Films of Paul Schrader series, which is scheduled to begin this week at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

“I felt it would be really great to present some films Paul directed,” he said.

Though “American Gigolo,” one of Richard Gere’s first starring roles, is well-known by the public, many of the other films Schrader directed fly under the general public’s radar, Jupin said.

The series was entitled Don’t Look Away because Schrader’s films often bring viewers to worlds they might not ordinarily be exposed to in their lives. The series’ opening film, “Blue Collar,”

Schrader’s directing debut from 1978, focuses on employees fed up with poor working conditions in their Detroit auto factory and who rob their union’s headquarters.

The 2002 film “Auto Focus” is about the troubled life of television star Bob Crane and the unseemly world of sex, strip clubs and decadence that eventually led to his murder, Jupin said. “Hardcore,” the 1979 film starring George C. Scott, one of Jupin’s favorites, is about the



George C. Scott in “Hardcore” will be presented on May 19 and 22.

pornography industry.

Though many of the films directed by Schrader address uncomfortable subject matter, viewers should not divert their eyes from the screen.

Jupin said another common thread in Schrader’s films are troubled characters, such as the father in “Hardcore” searching to rescue his daughter from the world of pornography.

Religion and faith are also an important ingredient of Schrader’s films, Jupin said. “First Reformed,” for example, is about a priest who provides counseling to a radical environmentalist.

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

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Stars of Tomorrow on Display at Chappaqua Orchestra Season Finale

By Martin Wilbur

Classical music lovers can catch a glimpse of two future stars this Sunday when the winners of the Chappaqua Orchestra's annual International Concerto Competition are featured on stage with the orchestra.

The season-ending concert at the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center will feature Junior Division winning cellist Sara Scanlon, 17, of Connecticut and 21-year-old Yulin Xu of Beijing, a pianist who captured the Senior Division. Despite their youth, Scanlon, enrolled at Juilliard's pre-college program, and Xu, who currently is a sophomore at the world famous performing arts conservatory, possess all the qualities found in elite musicians, said Chappaqua Orchestra Conductor and Musical Director Michael Shapiro.

Shapiro called them "unique" and "fresh," exuding the type of talent and confidence on stage that is striking as soon as you hear them perform.

"In their particular case, they have a kind of authority, which is very personable, (they're) great interpreters of the music," Shapiro said. "They've got all the tools to perform very difficult and famous works and you just know it when you hear them."

By winning their respective divisions,



Sara Scanlon, left, and Yulin Xu, winners of the Chappaqua Orchestra's International Concerto Competition will be the featured performers for this Sunday's season-ending concert for the orchestra.

Scanlon and Xu have earned the opportunity to play with a professional orchestra. Scanlon will be performing Dvorak's Cello Concerto in B minor while Xu will be taking up the challenge of Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3 in C major, an incredibly demanding piece with literally thousands of notes, Shapiro said.

This was the third year of the Chappaqua Orchestra's Concerto Competition, something that many orchestras have done over the years. In the brief time that Chappaqua has organized the competition, it has grown rapidly, with about 55 entrants having sought to make a name for themselves this year, Shapiro said.

He said the competition is open to students in conservatories and



top university music departments throughout the United States and abroad.

Scanlon and Xu will also be teaming up for a duet at a post-concert meet-the-artists reception.

Included in the concert will be a performance of Robert Paterson's "Dark Mountains" and Franz Liszt's "Les Preludes." Paterson is a New York-based composer who has often written music with themes of nature and has experimented with different forms, Shapiro said. "Dark Mountains," written in 2011, was inspired by the natural beauties of Vermont, he said.

After Sunday's concert, Shapiro will be heading to Norway to conduct the 30th performance of his score for the 1931 classic film "Frankenstein" at the Bergen International Festival on May

23. It is the European premiere of his score that debuted in 2002 at the Jacob Burns Film Center.

"I'm thrilled about this because I've never been to Norway, and to go there and conduct on the highest level at a festival that features the top artists in classical music...is extraordinary," Shapiro said.

In the past year, he has also conducted the piece leading the Royal Canadian Air Force Band in Canada and the United States Navy Band in Washington.

For Shapiro, being able to conduct at the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, in the community where he's lived since 1985, is also a thrill for him and for arts lovers in the area.

"It's exciting having that in the middle of what is going to be a very dynamic residential-commercial development," he said. "It's right there so people eager to go and hear great theater and dance and music, it's all good."

Sunday's concert is scheduled for 3 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each and \$20 for seniors and students and can be purchased on the Chappaqua Orchestra website at www.chappaquaorchestra.org or at the box office. The Chappaqua Performing Arts Center is located on the grounds of Chappaqua Crossing at 480 Bedford Rd. in Chappaqua.

Happenings

We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Martin Wilbur at mwilbur@theexaminernews.com.

Tuesday, May 15

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

Desert Highway: Tribute to The Eagles. Desert Highway channels the music of the legendary band, musically and visually. Their critically acclaimed performances are a nonstop journey through numerous radio hits, top 10 singles and favorite solo works of The Eagles. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. \$89 per person (plus tax). Show only: \$55 per person (plus tax). Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

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 24 and 29. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Chappaqua Library Board of Trustees Meeting. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave, Chappaqua. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779.

Wednesday, May 16

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.

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

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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.

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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 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 23 and 30. Info: 914-273-3887.

Stepping On Workshops: Fall Prevention to Reduce Risk From Falls. Maintaining one's health and independence are important parts of healthy aging. Falls and fall injuries are more common than strokes and can result in health problems that are just as serious. During the course of the seven-week program learn simple and fun balance and strength training; the role vision plays in helping you maintain

balance; how medications can contribute to falls; ways to stay safe when out in your community; what to look for in safe footwear; and how to check your home for safety. The James House at Phelps Hospital, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Ellen Woods at 914-366-3937 or e-mail ewoods3@northwell.edu.

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

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

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

Art Series: Brilliant International Forgery. Listen to an interview with guest speaker and author Laney Salisbury on her book "Provenance" and the brilliant, if unscrupulous, document and art forgers John Drew and John Myatt. These men outwitted some of Europe's most prestigious museums and art dealers with fake paperwork and canvases painted with ordinary house paint. 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.

Separation/Divorce Support Group. A new group for men and women separated, in the process of separating or post-divorce. Establishes a safe place where attendees can deal with the pain and loneliness brought about by the ending of a significant relationship. This nondenominational group will use the 12 Steps to focus on its members and

the choices made to cope and adjust. Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 15 S. Bedford Rd., Mount Kisco. \$10. Every Wednesday. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Contact Ilene Amiel at 914-980-0898 or e-mail 12stepdivorcegroup@gmail.com or visit www.meetup.com/Mount-Kisco-12-step-Separation-Divorce-Support-Meetup.

Thursday, May 17

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

Castles of New Castle Tour. Guests are invited to tour four private homes and gardens in New Castle. Each year, several town homeowners generously open their distinctive, marvelously decorated residences located in the most stunning locations. Many of the homes display distinct local and regional historical significance and artifacts. The House Tour is one of the largest fundraisers hosted by the New Castle Historical Society. This year, the historical society will host a raffle in conjunction with the tour. 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Members: \$50. Non-members: \$75. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 and are available for purchase online or at the Horace Greeley House, 100 King St., Chappaqua. Info and registration: Visit www.newcastlehs.org.

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

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

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

or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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

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

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

The Armonk Chamber of Commerce's Third Thursdays. Featuring events and promotions throughout downtown. Two live bands will perform and there will be a high school chalk art contest where budding artists will showcase their talent with a spring theme. Other fun kids' activities will also be on tap. Local restaurants will be offering specials throughout the evening and it will also be the first day of the four-day, town-wide sidewalk sale. Armonk Square, Main St., Armonk. 5 to 8:30 p.m. The third Thursday of each month through August. Info: Visit www.armonkchamberofcommerce.com.

Arts Birthday Bash. ArtsWestchester is celebrating 20 years in its historic White Plains building. Come for an unforgettable evening of cocktails and tastings from more than 20 top restaurants, open artist studios and an art exhibit in the gallery. ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 6 to 9 p.m. \$75. Info and tickets: Visit www.artswestchester.org.

The Ossining Documentary & Discussion Series: Hope on the Hudson. A series of short films focused on good news from the Hudson Valley. The films follow up on Jon Bowermaster's previous series, 'The Hudson, a River at Risk', with a distinct pivot toward optimism. The Hope on the Hudson series features "City on the Water," which explores New York City's 520 miles of coastline and the efforts across the city to make the waterways healthier and more accessible; "Restoring the Clearwater" looks at the nearly year-long restoration and the return of the ship

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How to Protect an Annuity Should Long-Term Care Be Needed

A good financial plan should include various buckets of investments and annuities should not be overlooked. In a world where pensions have become somewhat obsolete, annuities can replace the role of a pension for someone who requires income during retirement years.

One might ask why invest in an annuity product if you can invest that same amount of money in the stock market. The quick answer is that an annuity is guaranteed money. If you take that same principal and put it in the stock market, you run the risk of loss or fluctuating returns. If you purchase an annuity, there are certain guarantees.

Annuities can also be used to generate an income stream to fund another investment, such as long-term care insurance or life insurance. Used properly, annuities can be a very useful financial planning product.

While an annuity might serve a client well from a financial planning perspective, financial planners and clients must be aware of the treatment of annuities for Medicaid purposes. The cash value of an annuity is considered an available resource. This means that an annuity is treated like cash and if a client needs to apply for Medicaid, something needs to be done with the annuity to reduce the applicant's assets, which could include transferring the annuity to a spouse or in other cases

surrendering the annuity.

When surrendering or transferring an annuity, there could be penalties imposed by the insurance company, or worse, recognition of ordinary income for tax purposes. What is important to note here is that an annuity is an available asset for Medicaid eligibility purposes.

I regularly receive pushback from clients, who, after obtaining my advice, are informed by their financial adviser of the negative aspects of surrendering or transferring an annuity. You must determine whether you prefer to pay \$15,000 a month to a nursing home or penalties and/or income taxes resulting from the surrender of the annuity contract. Usually, the penalties and income taxes are far less than nursing home costs.

If you meet with an elder law attorney well in advance of requiring care, there are planning techniques that can preserve the value of an annuity and avoid grief for everyone. Clients can create the very popular Medicaid trust. In addition to transferring other assets to the trust such as your home, you can also transfer annuities to the trust. The trust provides that the client will receive the income from



By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo

the trust, thus if the annuity is turned into an income stream, the payments can come out of the trust to the client.

There are no tax consequences to transferring an annuity to a Medicaid trust. Financial planners should review their portfolios to identify their clients with annuities and educate them about this planning technique.

Unfortunately, without proper planning and correct advice, annuities can be a trap for the unwary. In 2006, the Medicaid laws were changed to require the state to be named as a beneficiary (up to the amount paid by Medicaid) in the first position of an annuity purchased after Feb. 8, 2006, unless there is a spouse and/or a minor or disabled child. If you fail to adhere to this rule, the purchase of an annuity within five years of requiring nursing home care will be treated as a transfer of assets and you will be penalized if you try to apply for Medicaid.

Even if you purchased an annuity prior to the new law, you may not be safe. A separate provision states that the law also applies to annuities purchased before Feb. 8, 2006, if certain transactions take place in connection with the annuity after

Feb. 6, 2008. These transactions include adding or withdrawing money from the annuity, elections to annuitize the annuity or similar transactions. It is unclear how broad of an interpretation will be given to "similar transactions." It is possible that a change of beneficiary can thrust you into this category.

When a client enters a nursing home, they are advised by financial planners to annuitize their annuities as a planning technique for nursing home eligibility. This is improper. If an annuity is annuitized and there is no spouse, the state must be named as a beneficiary. Moreover, the state will likely take the lifetime annuity payment due to the client.

Even if there is a spouse, the annuitization will be treated as a transfer of assets because the act of annuitizing means that you have made an irrevocable transfer of an asset to an insurance company.

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to the Hudson River to continue to fulfill Pete Seeger's mission to educate and roam America's First River; and "Seeds of Hope," which documents a unique effort last year to save several varieties of Native American seeds that have nearly gone extinct. Follow by a post-screening Q&A. Ossining Public Library's Budarz Theater, 53 Croton Ave., Ossining. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.ossiningdocumentaries.org.

Volunteer at Any Age. Whether you're fresh out of college, mid-career or ready to retire, the Peace Corps Service is the opportunity of a lifetime. This informational session will address volunteer experiences where questions are answered about service and tips are provided to guide you through the application process. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Info: Contact DuVale Riley at 619-254-1666 or driley@peacecorps.gov.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge Comedy Night: Westchester Classic. Bringing out comedians who have either developed in Westchester or have been featured for years in some of the old comedic stomping grounds, pulling from some of the first NoMa Comedy productions,

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Friday, May 18

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. Info: 914-666-6503 or visit www.Sawmillriveraudubon.org.

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

Senior Debate. A lively, interactive discussion. The topic will be "Whether Social Media and the Internet Bring More Harm than Good to Modern Society." The audience-centered debate method used by the moderator is informal and relaxed. Audience members are not required to give comments or speeches. Phelps Hospital Auditorium, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 10 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail ewoods3@northwell.edu.

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

Friday Night Cinema: "Amadeus"

Adapted from the hit Broadway play, this enthralling film tells the story of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart as seen through the eyes of his peer and evil rival Antonio Salieri. In a tale as old as time, before there was Nancy Kerrigan and All About Eve, there was jealousy and Amadeus. Starring F. Murray Abraham and Tom Hulce and directed by Milos Forman. 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.

Saturday, May 19

Chappaqua Farmers Market. Locally-raised and produced food to the community creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. Chappaqua train station, Chappaqua. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org.

Native Plants of the Rockefeller Preserve With the Native Plant Center. Missy Fabel and Dawn Orza will lead a one-hour nature walk around the lake to show what kinds of native and invasive plants are at the preserve and some key skills on how to identify them. They will

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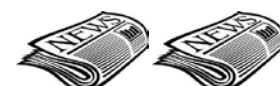
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Castles of New Castle House Tour Set for May 17

Guests are invited to tour four private homes and gardens throughout New Castle, in support of the New Castle Historical Society this Thursday, May 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. as part of the organization's Castles of New Castle House Tour.

Each year, several homeowners generously open their homes to the Historical Society for the tour. These private residences are always distinctive, marvelously decorated and situated in the most stunning locations. Many of the homes display distinct local and regional historical significance and artifacts as well.

The House Tour is one of the largest fundraisers hosted by the New Castle Historical Society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving, documenting and sharing the town's history. As an independent, donor-supported nonprofit, the organization relies entirely upon the generosity of private supporters to advance its mission and to maintain the Horace Greeley House Museum.

The tour is a perfect day excursion with friends or special day for yourself. Guests will experience a memorable, fun-filled day while contributing to the preservation

of local history. House Tour guests may choose to complete the day with lunch at one of New Castle's restaurants. Many of the local establishments will offer a 15 percent discount with a tour ticket.

This year, the New Castle Historical Society will also host a raffle in conjunction with the House Tour. Raffle tickets, which cost \$5 each or five for \$20, are available for purchase online or at the Horace Greeley House, located at 100 King St. in Chappaqua.

Raffle items include a tuition voucher

for Breezemont Day Camp for 2018 or 2019 (a \$2,625 value); a customizable Burberry scarf (you pick the colors and monogram); Korth & Shannahan Painting and Carpentry: Painter for a Day; make-up lesson and beauty basket by Kat's Fab Find (a \$300 value); two designer pillows created by TapeMeasure Design; a two-hour interior design consultation by Susan Marocco Interiors; a Family Britches gift certificate (a \$300 value); "It's a...Yummy" Child's Hat; a four bezel set amethyst gold bracelet by Desires

by Mikolay; an ICD Contemporary Jewelry gift certificate (a \$100 value); a Chappaqua Station gift certificate (a \$100 value); and a Pleasantville Bakery special cake general tour

Ticketing information can be found at www.newcastlehs.org. This year's "Castles of New Castle" House Tour is sponsored by Douglas Elliman Real Estate and Houlihan Lawrence - Chappaqua Real Estate.

For more information, call the New Castle Historical Society at 914-238-4666.

Jacob Burns Receives \$20G NEA Grant for Residency Program

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) awarded \$20,000 in grants to the Jacob Burns Film Center last week to fund their ongoing educational fellowship program.

The Pleasantville nonprofit cultural arts center was the recipient of the Art Works grant to continue the Creative Culture program. Creative Culture is a fellowship and residency program that provides space, equipment, resources, mentorship and a supportive community to film and media artists.

Several local filmmakers have graduated

from the program and gone on to screen their films at national and international festivals.

"We are deeply grateful for the NEA's recognition and support of Creative Culture. And we are proud to have the NEA as a partner in our effort to nurture the next generation of filmmakers," Jacob Burns Executive Director Edie Demas said. "Together we are building community and changing lives through visual storytelling."

The Art Works category is the largest funding resource that supports projects

focused on creating art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts and the strengthening of community through art.

"The variety and quality of these projects speaks to the wealth of creativity and diversity in our country," NEA chairman Jane Chu said. "Through the work of organizations such as the Jacob Burns Film Center, NEA funding invests in local communities, helping people celebrate the arts wherever they are."

—Anna Young

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also discuss what's going on at the preserve to protect native plants and why. Meet in the Welcome Center courtyard. Suggested for ages 10 and up. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.RockefellerStateParkPreserve.Eventbrite.com.

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

Celebrate Pinkster. A lively celebration of the oldest African American holiday. Inspired by the grand cross-cultural springtime celebrations jointly created by Dutch settlers and enslaved Africans during colonial times, this historic holiday was a joyous, festive occasion that celebrated the arrival of spring. For the African community riven by enslavement, it was an opportunity for family members and friends, many of whom were split off and spread out from each other, to come together. Includes African drumming and musical demonstrations directed by Master

Drummer Neil Clarke; performances by Ghanaian native Maxwell Kofi Donkor (drums), Muhamadou Salieu Suso (kora) and Henrique Prince (fiddle); storytelling by April Armstrong; African colonial dance by Judith Samuel and the Children of Dahomey; and an ongoing "Runaway Art" exhibit in the manor house. Also crafts, family activities, open-hearth cooking and food demonstrations. Philipsburg Manor, 381 N. Broadway (Route 9), Sleepy Hollow. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults: \$14. Seniors: \$12. Children (3-17): \$8. Children (under 3): Free. Tickets \$2 more at the door. Info: 914-366-6900. Tickets: Visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

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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.addietude.com. Call or visit website because classes are subject to change.

Solving the Retirement Income Puzzle. For people who are approaching or entering retirement or who are recently retire. Led by Paul Petrone, Social Security, retirement income and tax specialist. Purchase Free Library, 3093 Purchase St., Purchase. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Registration required: Info and registration: Contact the reference desk at 914-948-0550 or e-mail www.pfl@wlsmail.org.

Pond Exploration. A hands-on look to learn about the creatures that inhabit South Pond. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 1 p.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

Noah's Beasts: Sculpted Animals From Ancient Mesopotamia. Lecturer Sidney Babcock, curator and head of the Department of Ancient Near Eastern Seals and Tablets at the Morgan Library and Museum, discusses beautiful and durable artworks that provide insights into the sacred, profane, sacrificial and practical realities of the early Sumerian society, considered the cradle of Western civilization. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

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Art Reception and Japanese Calligraphy Demonstration. Masters Tsuyoshi Takemori and Yoshiko Katsumi will conduct a demonstration of Japanese Calligraphy. All welcome. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Shavout Celebration. The Westchester Community for Humanistic Judaism will celebrate this ancient pilgrimage holiday with a modern humanist interpretation led by Rabbi Frank Tamburello. Shavout was associated with the offering of the new wheat and the first ripe fruits. Today, many communities decorate with plants and flowers, eat dairy products and mark graduations from religious schools. The Westchester group will follow another new tradition which honors a Jewish Humanist of the Year. This year the noted comedian, actor, writer and director Gene Wilder was selected. Diane Steinfink, an activist volunteer of New Rochelle, will present a report on the man who devoted himself to making a better world. Includes a mini art show and light refreshments. Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 468 Rosedale Ave., White Plains. 2:30 p.m.

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

LIVE WELL FINANCIAL INC., Plaintiff,
-against- MARJORIE ADVOCATE AS
HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF
GERTRUDE FEDERICI; GUY FEDERICI
AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN
OF GERTRUDE FEDERICI; HELEN FED-
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KIN OF GERTRUDE FEDERICI; JOAN
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AH FEDERICI AS HEIR AT LAW AND
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AND NEXT OF KIN OF GERTRUDE
FEDERICI; KRISTIN MITCHELL AS
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VISEES, GRANTEEES, TRUSTEES, LIEN-
ORS, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF
THE ESTATE OF GERTRUDE FEDERICI
WHO WAS BORN IN 1923 AND DIED
ON JULY 6, 2016, A RESIDENT OF THE
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, WHOSE
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 416
BARWAY DR., YORKTOWN HEIGHTS,
NY 10598, THEIR SUCCESSORS IN IN-
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DEFENDANTS BE DECEASED, THEIR

RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF
KIN, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST
OF THE AFORESAID CLASSES OF PER-
SON, IF THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE
DEAD, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUS-
BANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY,
ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES
AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UN-
KNOWN TO THE PLAINTIFF; UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA OBO SECRETARY
OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVEL-
OPMENT; JOHN DOES" AND "JANE
DOES", said names being fictitious, parties
intended being possible tenants or occu-
pants of premises, and corporations, other
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a lien against the premises, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFEN-
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action and to serve a copy of your answer,
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and filing the answer with the court, a de-
fault judgment may be entered and you can
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on how to answer the summons and protect
your property.

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Honorable Helen M. Blackwood of the Su-
preme Court of the State of New York, signed
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papers in the Office of the Clerk of the Coun-
ty of Westchester, State of New York.

The object of this action is to foreclose a
mortgage upon the premises described be-
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to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGIS-
TRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE
FOR NATIONWIDE EQUITIES CORP.,
ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS bearing
the date October 19, 2013 and recorded in
the County of Westchester on November 22,

2013 in CONTROL NUMBER: 533053289.
Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to
LIVE WELL FINANCIAL INC., by assign-
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corded in the County of Westchester on Au-
gust 5, 2016 in Control Number: 562153302.
Said premises being known as and by **416
Barway Dr, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598.**
Date: March 26, 2018, Batavia, New York
Megan Suttell, Esq.

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Reading Aloud Helps Young Children Become Better Readers

By Stacy Rohan and Vera Correa

We recently read that today 25 million children in the U.S. can't read proficiently. The literacy crisis is real and the need to address this problem is imminent.

On Mar. 7 we celebrated "World Read Aloud Day." Reading aloud to children is an excellent way to encourage language development. In the landmark 1986 review "Becoming A Nation of Readers," the Commission on Reading called reading aloud to children "the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for success in reading."

Introducing children to literature in preschool supports kindergarten readiness, promotes early literacy and supports a love of language and reading. Reading books to preschool children helps them learn to pay attention and to focus in a large group. Group reading activities also help children learn to share and take turns with their classmates.

A very strong predictor of success in reading is a child's familiarity with the letters of the alphabet such as knowing a letter's name, shape and sound. Children who hear more words spoken at home enter school with better vocabularies. Reading aloud is one of the most important things parents and teachers can do for children.

Children's book editor Janet Schulman described the educational and emotional benefits of reading to children with her metaphor that "books help give children

a leg up on the ladder of life." Nurturing parents and teachers should continue to read to their children after they start school and even throughout the elementary school years.

The article, "The Value of Children's Literature" by N.A. Anderson, states that there are some additional benefits children get from reading and listening to books being read. Reading aloud strengthens the bond between the child and reader, expands imagination, stimulates cognitive development, helps children gain important vocabulary skills and explore art forms used in illustrations.

The main goal at Bright Beginnings Preschool in Yorktown Heights is to help young students develop a lifelong love of reading. Bright Beginnings combines a Montessori Approach with a traditional preschool program. Staff works well cooperatively and functions well as a team. For its literacy program, Bright Beginnings carefully chooses books the children can relate to. The books typically have one to two sentences per page with appealing illustrations.

The preschool also focuses on an author of the month and/or theme-related books. There is story time every morning and every afternoon and the children look forward to these special times. They enjoy making predictions, relating prior knowledge to the stories and engaging in lively book

talks. Children are taught how to make predictions.

Predicting gets young students interested in books and gets the brain working and helps form questions. Children talk about what they believe will happen next or what the book may be about. There is also BEAR (Be Excited About Reading) time every day. This is similar to Quiet Library and is offered when the children are transitioning from rest time. The selection of books is changed every two weeks so that the children are exposed to a wide variety.

Bright Beginnings is excited and enthusiastic about its preschool literacy program. Different voices are used for different characters, staff reads slowly and are creative with their voices. It is important to read slowly so that children have time to absorb the story and appreciate the pictures. An interactive approach to reading is used, encouraging the children to ask questions and comment on the characters, illustrations and words.

Bright Beginnings also likes to echo read, meaning that a phrase is spoken and the children repeat it back. When reading a predictable book, the reader will often stop at a key word or phrase and encourage the children to fill it in the blank.

When children sense how much fun it is to read aloud, they engage more with the story and their classmates.

Bright Beginnings' commitment to

reading books helps its young students develop a lifelong love of reading and books. Reading aloud is one of the most important things teachers and parents can do with children.

Vera Correa is the owner and director of Bright Beginnings Preschool in Yorktown Heights. Stacy Rohan is head preschool teacher at Bright Beginnings.

Happy Trails



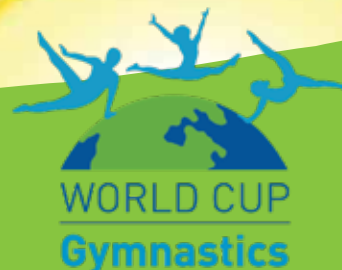
Summer Trails Day Camp and Baseball Camp in Granite Springs recently hosted a "visiting day" where families received a tour of the camp and participated in a variety of fun activities, including face painting, mini golf, gaga, playground, sports and games. For more information on Summer Trails Day Camp, call 914-245-1776.

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Now Playing: Summer Movie Nights in Your Own Backyard

Looking for a way to get the most out of your summer evenings? Make it a night at the drive-in at home. With the right equipment and planning, you can easily enjoy your favorite movies under the stars, right in your own backyard.

Here are a few simple steps for bringing your new favorite tradition to life.

The Setup

Designing your outdoor screening space is a simple process. To begin, determine where your screen should be placed. You will want your screen positioned where there is minimal light once the house lights are off and the sun has set. There should be ample space for guest seating and room for the projector's image throw distance. For optimal image quality, your projector should be elevated.

For seating, an assortment of lawn chairs, floor chairs, outdoor ottomans and outdoor rugs will accommodate preferences for guests of all ages.

Since you will be limiting ambient light as much as possible, keeping pathways lit for safety purposes is a sensible exception. Solar LED pathway lights are a tasteful accent that will keep guests safe around tripping hazards.

The Basics

Select the right projector. Since outdoor settings include a number of light sources that are not always within



A night at the drive-in movie theater can be done from the comfort of your own property.

your control, such as street lights and moonlight, choosing a projector with the right lumen level for your space is critical for clear image projection. As a rule, the more ambient light in your backyard,

the higher you will want your projector's lumen level to be.

The second component to consider is sound. No home theater system is complete without quality sound, and

your outdoor screening experience is no exception. Your guests will appreciate an audio source with enough output to cut through ambient noise.

For simplicity and convenience, consider an all-in-one outdoor movie theater kit, such as the one offered by Improvements, which is Wi-Fi enabled and features everything your backyard home theater needs, including a 1,200-lumen projector with 800 x 480 DPI, Bluetooth speaker and a 90-inch screen.

The Extra Details

Since you'll most likely be waiting for the sun to set before starting the movie, get creative with activities for both kids and adults to pass the time. It's a smart step to spray the area for bugs before guests arrive and keep additional pest control solutions on hand.

Hosting an outdoor movie party is a fun opportunity to put a twist on movie theater snacks, especially ideas that can be prepared in advance. However, fresh popcorn is an absolute must.

Creating a drive-in theater in your backyard is easier than you think. With the right equipment and some planning, the most difficult step will be picking out the movie.

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THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz

By Edward Goralski

Wish I May, Wish I Might. It is mid-May and the days are getting longer, warmer and brighter. The quiz this week is made up of words that may brighten your vocabulary. You may wish to add a few to your vocabulary, while others might want to add them all.

1. rumbustious (adj.)

A) involving prolonged thought

B) unruly

C) odd

2. obtundity (n.)

A) deliberate interference

B) stubbornness

C) dulled consciousness

3. maledicted (v.)

A) to pretend incapacity

B) pronounce a curse against

C) treat roughly

4. noisome (adj.)

A) having an offensive smell

B) deeply annoying

C) not fancy

5. rive (v.)

A) to tear violently

B) bring back to life

C) complete quickly

6. repletion (n.)

A) an exact reproduction

B) the state of being full

C) a retaliatory act

7. lagitious (adj.)

A) atrociously wicked

B) dwindling

C) fiery hot

8. peregrination (n.)

A) a daily activity

B) eternal sorrow

C) a long journey

ANSWERS:

1. B. Boisterous or unruly

2. C. State of dulled, reduced, or blunted consciousness

3. B. To pronounce a curse against

4. A. Having an offensive smell

NEW AERIAL ACROBATICS AND SUMMER CAMP IN WESTCHESTER

Most of us spend our lives with our bodies planted firmly on the ground, Not Hilary Sweeney. In fact, Sweeney feels more at home upside down than walking on her feet.

Such is the life of a woman whose passion for the aerial arts has driven her to create and build Westchester Circus Arts.

People of all ages are finding the thrill and empowerment of learning aerial acrobatics with the help of Sweeney and her associates, including co-founder Carlo Pellegrini, a veteran circus performer. Adults and children work on exciting skills including aerial arts (trapeze, aerial silks, aerial hoop, aerial hammock, aerial rope and more); acrobatics (handstands, tumbling and partner acrobatics); balancing (tightwire, Rola Bola, Rolling Globe and stilt walking); juggling and prop manipulation; and acting/clowning.

It's a great way to get you or your child off the X-Box or the cell phone for a few hours – and the benefits are significant. Not only does instruction from Westchester Circus Arts get you in terrific shape but also helps to build confidence, strength, flexibility and trust by tackling new and exciting disciplines with this fascinating art.

New for this summer in Katonah, Westchester Circus Arts will be offering



a summer camp for children ages 6 to 18 years old to experience these aerobatics for themselves. Westchester Circus Arts will be raising its Big Top Circus Tent on the beautiful grounds of the Harvey School in Katonah. Campers of all skill levels will learn amazing and fun circus arts skills. Two-week sessions begin June 25, July 9 and July 23. Classes are held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sweeney and her team of circus professionals inspire campers in this highly individualized program. During the session, circus trainers guide campers through a range of skill workshops designed to build confidence, strength, flexibility, balance and creative expression. The result is a program that kids and parents will love.

Best of all, every two-week session ends in an exciting Big Top Camper Showcase for families and friends to attend. Westchester Circus Arts pulls out all the stops to make their campers feel special; they fire up the popcorn and cotton candy machines, bring out the sequence, lights and music and put on a show that brings out the very best in every child.

Sweeney specializes in aerial arts while Pellegrini offers instruction in juggling, clowning, vaudeville and human pyramid-making.

"In our screen-obsessed culture, this generation needs more opportunities to connect with live performers," Sweeney said. "We cannot rely on our youth to seek out those opportunities on



their own. I was motivated to create a summer camp model in which the kids will be inspired circus performers flying through the air right before their very eyes. And when these same performers touch the ground they will be passing on the art, arming kids with the skills and confidence to go after their own dreams."

As an aerialist for more than 15 years, Sweeney is an example of how transformational and empowering the circus arts can be. People of all ages should not have to run away with the circus or be born into a circus family in order to benefit from the artform. She created Westchester Circus Arts as a place where people can experience circus in the most direct way and discover what it can do for their lives.

Sweeney has performed in Cirque le Masque's "Carnivale," "Above the Belt" Off Broadway, Bindlestiff Family

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Cirkus, ImaginAerial, Grounded Aerial and numerous special events for clients including Mercedes Benz, MTV, the New York International Auto Show, Bloomberg, Pepsico and more. Prior to her circus career she trained since she was five years old in ballet. She also was a Westchester Business Council's 40-under-40 Rising Stars Award recipient for her work with Westchester Circus Arts.

Pellegrini is a veteran circus performer who traveled the world with the Lichtenstein Circus, the Big Apple Circus



and the Nikolais Dance Theater. He is a social circus educator and founder of Amazing Grace Circus, a community circus with a social purpose.

"The circus tent is the perfect setting for bringing imaginations alive," he said.

"The circus is the something different that shakes up our senses, comes to town and leaves the hamlet of our imaginations more fully than when it entered. The circus mirrors our lives. Circus works."

Pellegrini's 40-plus years of professional circus experience is the guide for Westchester Circus Arts' curriculum and program development. His social circus background puts all our members in a frame of mind that anything is possible and empowers



them to achieve success.

For more information, visit www.westchestercircusarts.com. To register for the summer camp, call 914-275-5711.

Happenings

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Free; donations welcome. Info: Contact Charlotte Klein at 914-218-8535 or visit www.wchj.org.

Opening Reception for Deborah Loeb Bohren's "Painting With Light." Ranging from realistic to abstract and double exposures, Bohren's images are intimate environmental portraits of the man-made world around the globe. For this exhibit, she has selected images from Copenhagen, Paris, Oaxaca, Lunenburg (Nova Scotia), New York City and Marrakesh. She hopes that the images draw the viewer in and makes them ask "is this a photograph?" Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 3 to 5 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through June 2. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m. Info: 914-834-1117, visit www.mamaroneckartistsguild.com. or e-mail galler@mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

Hoff-Barthelson Music School's 29th Annual Festival of Contemporary Music: HB Compose Yourself! Project. A rare opportunity for Hoff-Barthelson Music School students to receive feedback on works that they have written at a master class with renowned, award-winning composers. This year's guest composers are Martin Hennessy and Mark Roos. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 6 p.m. Free. Suggested donation: \$20. Students: Free. Info: 914-723-1169, visit www.hbms.org or e-mail hb@hbms.org.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge Comedy Night. The incredible Joe Matarese is headlining this special event. Matarese has been on the "Late Show With David Letterman,"

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Exploring a California Wine Region Producing Fine Pinot Noir



By Nick Antonaccio

For several weeks I have been reporting on my travels with my wife to northern California wine country. I've been focusing on artisanal winemakers plying their trade through their vision and passion for producing the finest expressions of the land. Many of them have the added benefit of living in the most beautiful landscape in the United States, if not the world. These dual dimensions of the bounty of man and nature have enthralled us and inspired us to seek out little known wineries and vineyards.

Our travels in Napa Valley and Sonoma County have focused on Cabernet Sauvignon for the past few weeks. This week my focus shifts to a different grape.

One of my favorite wines is Pinot Noir. The French region of Burgundy has long been accorded the fame as the best expression of this grape. However, I have been pleasantly surprised by the Pinot Noir wines of the United States.

*You Heard It
Through the
Grapevine*

From northern New York to California and Oregon, this wine has been growing in quality and prestige. I'm especially impressed with the progress made in this century in the California regions of Sonoma Coast, Russian River Valley, Anderson Valley, Carneros, Santa Rita Hills and Santa Lucia Highlands.

Within the highly regarded bastions of California Pinot Noir, one subregion stands out in my mind. It is the West Sonoma Coast area, located along the northern stretch of the Pacific Ocean coastline. Here, the conditions are ideal for world-class Pinot Noir. The cool climate, with day-long fog and constant sea breezes, allows the ripening fruit to build sugars during the heat of the day and to store and develop them during the cool evenings. This difference, which may range between 55 and 85 degrees, provides ideal growing conditions for Pinot Noir. The long growing season contributes to the production of robust grapes with vibrant juice and a long finish.

As I reported in an earlier column, my wife and I decided to explore this area, driving along the windswept coastline of Highway 1, then up a treacherous winding mountain, heading for the Fort

Ross Vineyard and Winery.

We arrived at the winery by driving deep into the woods until we came upon the modern tasting room. Sitting on the veranda, taking in the vistas from the 1,700-foot elevation, we began to understand the unique characteristics of this region. The view of the redwood tree-adorned mountains below was shrouded in fog, yet we were immersed in the warmth of the sun radiating above the fog line. Views of the rocky shoreline of the Pacific Ocean stretched for miles to the north and south.

The winery's vineyard manager greeted us with an invitation to tour the vineyards in the estate's pickup truck. We eagerly accepted, perhaps a bit too much so. The rusted truck traversed the mountainous estate with aplomb, climbing up and down the steep terrain. My wife and I clung to the door handles as we precariously ascended the steep slopes of multiple narrow ridges. The next minute we were gripping the dashboard as we descended to the next ridge at severe angles, both vertical and slightly horizontal.

We stopped to catch our breath at a plateau that seemed at the top of the world. Standing under a lone oak tree at 1,500 feet above sea level, we drank

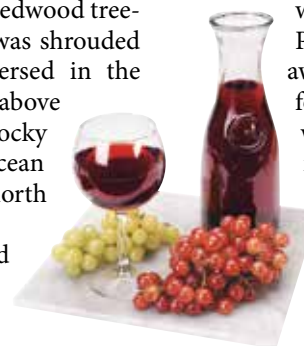
in the vistas of the individual vineyard blocks stretching above and below us, undulating along the natural ridges and valleys of the property.

The daily fog floated imperceptibly through the individual grapevines, seemingly caressing the grapes with delicate moisture. The Pacific Ocean, less than a mile away, acted as a backdrop to the fog and mountain terrain, its waves majestically crashing into the rocky beaches below.

We felt as if we had found the epitome of man's symbiotic relationship with nature.

I've reached a hard stop in my allotted writing space for this week's column. Next week our virtual tour continues back at the tasting room.

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Happenings

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"America's Got Talent," "Chelsea Lately" and "The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson" and has a Comedy Central half-hour special. With Jorja Metz, Frankie Becerra, Katie Finn and Denise Simon. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 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.

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

Sunday, May 20

Northwell Health Walk at Westchester. A day to come together with family, friends and colleagues to celebrate and support the health and wellness of the entire community. Activities include health and wellness exhibits, sponsor row, a kids' zone, musical entertainment, food and beverages, a photo booth, giveaways and pre-walk warm-ups. To benefit the Bruce

and Andrea Yablon Cancer Health and Wellness Program. Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park, Yorktown Heights. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. Walk at 10 a.m. Info: Visit www.northwellhealthwalk.com/event/westchester.

Answer to Cancer. As a leader in diagnosing and treating cancer in Westchester for more than 20 years, White Plains Hospital (WPH) will rally the community and local businesses at this event to support cancer care. An inspiring, high-energy day that kicks off with a 5K road race, followed by a 2K Sunday Stroll. Includes awards and tributes to cancer survivors. Court Street between Main Street and Martine Avenue, White Plains. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults: \$35. Children (5 to 15 years old): \$15. Info: 914-681-1040. Tickets and sponsorships: Visit www.501auctions.com/answertocancer.

Volunteer Field Day. Join the Rockefeller State Park Preserve environmental stewardship team for this event. The preserve's lands are valued for their beauty and recognized for their diverse native plants and animals, which will soon encompass more than 2,000 acres of woodlands, wetlands, forests and fields. Today, our ecosystems face many threats that are drastically changing the forests' landscapes. Volunteering for this

is more important now than ever before. We will be removing invasive plants, cutting vines from trees and spreading native seed to promote habitat restoration. Please bring work gloves if you have them. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Registration recommended. Info: 914-631-1470 ext. 107. Registration: Visit www.RockefellerStateParkPreserve.Eventbrite.com.

Briarcliff Manor-Scarborough Historical Society Annual Meeting. The 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the right to vote, is approaching. Putnam County Historian Sarah Johnson is well versed on the subject. Three local people who were deeply involved in the effort will be featured: Narcissa Vanderlip of "Beechwood," Carrie Chapman Catt of "Juniper Ledge" and Max Eastman. Refreshments will be served. Vanderlip Estate, Beechwood Ballroom, Route 9 and Scarborough Station Road, Scarborough. 2 p.m. Free. Transportation will be provided starting at 1:15 p.m. from the Scarborough train station parking lot. Reservations required. Info and reservations: Contact Karen Smith at 914-941-4393 or mail@BriarcliffHistory.org.

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

Third Sunday Walk. A family friendly walk for adults and children five years old and up. Rain or shine. Pruyne Sanctuary, 275 Saw Mill River Rd., Chappaqua. (Meet at Woodmill Road trails entrance). 3 p.m. Free. Rain or shine. Meets the third Sunday of every month. Info: 914-666-6503 or visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org.

Hoff-Barthelson Music School's 29th Annual Festival of Contemporary Music Closing Concert. The world premiere of Lansing McLoskey's "MÜHLFELDTÄNZE" for Clarinet Quintet and Jacob Morris Friedman's "Inner Voice" for viola choir will be performed at this year's festival's culminating concert. Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 468 Rosedale Ave., White Plains. 7 p.m. Suggested donation: \$20. Students: Free. Info: 914-723-1169, visit www.hbms.org or e-mail hb@hbms.org.



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