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# **Neighbors Suspicious of Sunshine Children's Home Water Monitoring**

By Sydney Shulman

Neighbors of Sunshine Children's Home and Rehabilitation Center expressed serious concerns last week about the impacts the facility's expansion project will have on their wells and are skeptical about the monitoring process.

A May 22 informational meeting at New Castle Town Hall focused on answering residents' questions about the well monitoring system proposed by Sunshine Children's Home. Many of the residents who live in the area are dependent on well water and believe an expanded Sunshine Children's Home places their water volume at risk.

The expansion, which will increase the size of the facility at 15 Spring Valley Rd. from about 19,000 to 143,000 square feet and the number of beds from 54 to 122, was approved May 16 when the Zoning Board of Appeals granted Sunshine a

special use permit.

Sunshine's representatives, including their hydrogeologists, have proposed a well monitoring system where water levels of at least six wells within a 1,500-foot radius of Sunshine's wells will be tested daily with results submitted quarterly to the Town of New Castle and the Westchester Department of Health. Last week, Sunshine's senior supervising hydrogeologist, Thomas Cusack, said the expanded facility will have little to no impact despite residents' fears.

"The groundwater impacts from the new facility will actually be similar or less than the existing facility," Cusack said

A May 15 letter from Cusack to New Castle Director of Planning Sabrina Charney Hull stated that nine property owners had been contacted but only four had agreed to have their wells monitored.

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## Everybody in the Pool



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Anyone who loves going to their local pool couldn't have asked for a better day last Saturday to open the 2018 summer pool season. Warm temperatures that were more like July attracted plenty of local residents who took advantage of the opportunity. For more coverage, see page 3.

# Hillary Turns Tables, Interviews Author on How to 'Make Trouble'

By Martin Wilbur

Hillary Clinton has been speaking at numerous venues recently from commencement ceremonies to talk shows.

Last Tuesday, it was role reversal time for the former First Lady and secretary of state as she was back in her home community of Chappaqua to interview and moderate a discussion with former Planned Parenthood Federation of America president Cecile Richards about her new book "Make Trouble: Standing Up, Speaking Out, and Finding the Courage to Lead."

Richards, the daughter of the late firebrand Democratic Texas governor Ann Richards, recounted the influences and events in her life, most notably her continued on page 4



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Hillary Clinton interviews author and former Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards last week in Chappaqua. Richards, the daughter of the late former Texas governor Ann Richards, has recently written a new book.

## Proposed Westchester Paid Sick Time Law Gains Momentum

By Anna Young

Westchester residents, union members and county employees gathered in White Plains last week urging county officials to pass a law that would grant employees earned paid sick time.

With about 36 percent of workers in Westchester lacking paid sick days, the bill proposes that most employees receive a minimum one hour of earned paid sick time for every 30 hours worked. Eligible employees would get up to five days a year.

Jasmine Dillard, a home health aide, was faced with health issues last year that drained her savings because she wasn't granted paid sick time. She said she will be undergoing surgery this week



Supporters of Westchester's earned paid sick time legislation rally last week outside the county building in White Plains.

due to further health complications that will require her to miss more work.

"Having these health conditions has made it difficult for me to work every continued on page 2



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## **Proposed Westchester Paid Sick Time Law Gains Momentum**

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day. Paid sick time is not only a need but should be a basic right as humans," Dillard said during the May 21 rally. "I have a son who depends on me to meet his needs and it's not right that I and thousands of Westchester parents have to risk getting behind on our bills in

order to take care of our and our loved one's health conditions."

Fast food employee John Newmark said he has gone to work while suffering from fever, colds and other ailments. He said employees don't have a choice but to report to work when they're sick because they otherwise can't afford to

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"It's a danger to customers, themselves and everyone else," Newmark said. Workers like me cannot afford to both care about our health and the public health."

The proposed law requires that businesses with at least five employees have their workers accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked that would yield up to 40 hours of paid sick time a year. The bill also calls for employers with less than five employees to allow their workers to accrue unpaid, job-protected sick time.

Additionally, the proposed law can be used for both physical and mental illness and would also provide sick leave to employees who need to take care of an ill family member. If unused, the paid sick hours amassed over the year may be transferred to the following year.

Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) said officials are working with County Attorney John Nonna to ensure business owners understand what the legislation would require. While she believes most businesses will comply with the law, she said officials are discussing solutions in case they don't.

"We want to make sure there's education, that workers in Westchester County feel empowered and that we

work together to get this done," Borgia said. "We know that this is the way the future of Westchester County is going to arrive at."

If passed, Westchester would join New York City as the second jurisdiction in the state to have a paid sick time law. Similar legislation was approved and is in effect in Washington, D.C., Seattle and San Francisco. Eight states, including New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts, also have a sick time law.

A broad array of unions and other organizations support the proposal, including the Transport Workers Union Local 100 (TWU), the Westchester-Putnam Central Labor Body AFL-CIO and the New York State Nurses Association.

Borgia, who introduced the bill last year, resubmitted the measure for discussion in February because of support from the Board of Legislators' Democratic supermajority. She had received bipartisan support last year, but halted discussions after former county executive Rob Astorino intended to veto the legislation.

She anticipates the measure will be voted on this year.

"It's beyond time to see this get passed," Borgia said.

## Golden Grads



## **Is Your Biological Clock Ticking?** The Trend toward Later Motherhood...



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## Q: What's behind the trend toward later parenthood?

A: Women in the U.S. are waiting longer than ever to have children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In fact, the average age of firsttime mothers is now 26, up almost two years since 2014. In the last 10 to 15 years, we've seen the average age of first-time mothers increase greatly, mainly because women are pursuing careers and education first.

#### Q: I'm turning thirty. Should I be worried about my "biological clock" ticking?

A: The best time for a woman to get pregnant is between the ages of 20 and 35. In this age range, you are most fertile and least likely to experience complications. Though there is a slight risk of declining fertility by the age of 35, it's only about 5 percent. Egg quality and quantity decline after age 35, and good ovulation cycles become less frequent. Eggs of poorer quality are released, making it more difficult to get pregnant.

#### Q: Will older moms-to-be face risks?

A: A mere twenty to thirty years ago, the maternal age of 35 was considered advanced for childbearing; it was also considered the age at which a woman became – virtually overnight and automatically – a high-risk pregnancy. Today we know that if you're a healthy 35-year-old woman who is pregnant, you may often have the same degree of risk in pregnancy as that of a younger mom-to-be.

If you're over 35 and considering pregnancy, you may have to visit your physician more frequently to ensure that the pregnancy is proceeding smoothly. I recommend scheduling an appointment for both preconception counseling and genetic counseling. This will help your physician identify and minimize any risk factors so you can improve your chances of a healthy pregnancy. Women over 35 can deliver healthy children and have a safe pregnancy. It's all about taking care of yourself, knowing your risks and coming up with a plan that is right for you and your family.

#### Q: I'm worried that when I do decide to have children, I won't be able to. What are my options if I can't get pregnant?

A: Advances in technology help many women over 35 get pregnant and give birth to healthy babies. In vitro fertilization is a process by which a woman's eggs are extracted and combined with a sperm sample, creating an embryo that is transferred to the woman's uterus. In vitro fertilization now includes a procedure called pre-implantation genetic diagnosis that helps identify chromosomal and genetic abnormalities, ensuring physicians are implanting healthy embryos.

## **Crowds Welcome Unofficial Start of Summer With Perfect Pool Day**

#### By Martin Wilbur

The calendar may still say spring, but Mother Nature certainly cooperated last Saturday for the unofficial start of summer and opening day for the local pool season.

With temperatures soaring into the upper 80s, local residents flocked to the municipal swimming pools, happy to put the rough late winter and spring weather behind them and thoughts of good times

"That's all you need for a pool opening - a pool that works, lifeguards and some great weather. That's all you need," said Matt Trainor, North Castle's superintendent of Recreation and Parks, who was busy on Saturday morning at the town pool on Greenway Road in Armonk.

It also gave the local towns the chance to entice their residents to sign up for 2018 memberships. During the holiday weekend all Mount Pleasant residents were admitted free to the pool complex on Lozza Drive, said Pool Director Jon Battista.

Battista estimated as many as 800 people made their way to the facility on Saturday. There were so many cars in the lot that the auxiliary parking had to be opened and 53 of the approximately 60 lifeguards on the town's roster reported to work.

He said having at least one day during the Memorial Day weekend that's suitable for swimming helps to get the new season of to a strong start.



Hundreds of people flocked to the Mount Pleasant Town Pool on Saturday, a day that was more reminiscent of late July than late May. Inset: Customers ordering at the new concession stand at the Pleasantville Village Pool last

"They get to try it out this weekend to see if they like it, so having a nice day like today to kick it off is pretty important to

Over at the Pleasantville Village Pool on Lake Street, it was a little less hectic, but there were plenty of swimmers venturing into the water. There were also guests on line at the new and improved concession stand, the latest in a series of upgrades to the facility over the past few years, said

Recreation Department Superintendent

membership," Battista said.

Linda Bellofatto.

Previously, the village renovated the bathrooms and added family changing rooms and outdoor showers, she said.

Kevin Henriquez, director of operations for T-N-T Dining, the new concessionaire at the pool this year, said his company was excited about coming to Pleasantville and is looking forward to a successful summer.

Not only does the facility offer the expected pool snack bar fare but healthy items as well, he said.

"What sets us apart is we're a little more upscale," Henriquez said. "We have highend salads and everything is customized as well. So that's what our clients are looking for, not just with pool concessions but everywhere. Everyone wants to customize their food."

Regardless of the town, going to the pool affords residents a respite from the routine, maybe getting in a few laps, soaking up some sun or spending time with their children or friends and neighbors.

Armonk resident Fanda Lumaj, who has three children, a 10-year-old and two teenagers, said her family enjoys the North Castle Twon Pool because everyone is friendly, it's safe and has great atmosphere. This is the fourth summer the town took over operation of the former Anita Louise Ehrman Pool.

'They enjoy it very much and it's mostly everyone from the neighborhood, the school district," she said. "I am thrilled the town took (it) over and they're doing a wonderful job."

Back in Mount Pleasant, Scott Gray had gotten off from work and came with his six-year-old daughter Kayla. He said the water was a little chilly but it felt good to

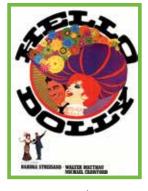
"I worked this morning, so I got out and I'm hot, so I jumped in," Gray said.



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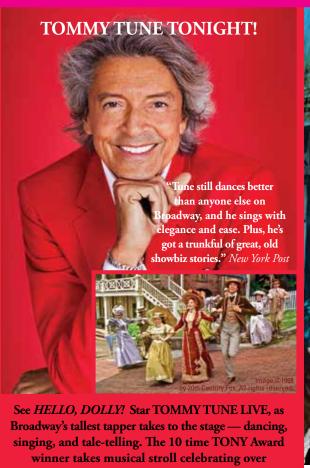
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mother. She said today is a crucial time to address the issues she raises in the book that have been close to her heart. The reaction has been inspiring, she said.

"I've been an organizer my whole life, I have never seen the outpouring of just grassroots organizing," Richards said at the event held before a near capacity crowd at the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center. "People are not waiting for instructions, not waiting to be asked to do something, and they're showing up at these book events to talk about the book but also to just talk about the themes of the book, which is what do we do in this time."

Richards, who led Planned Parenthood for 12 years until leaving recently, spoke frankly of her own self-doubts, something that many successful women grapple with much more than their male counterparts. When Richards was approached by Planned Parenthood to lead the organization shortly before her mother's death, she said she conveyed her doubts to her mom.

The confidence boost she received was "the last gift my mother gave me," Richards

"She just said, 'Cecile, get it together, this is the most important opportunity of your lifetime. You'll never forgive yourself if you don't take that chance," said Richards, who grew up in a politically active household in Waco, Texas.

Clinton said that she has seen in her own career how when most men are presented with a career opportunity, they rarely hesitate, but even some of the most talented women question themselves and their abilities.

Richards, 60, responded that it is important for women to not wait their turn.

"If there was ever a time for women to not wait to be asked, this is it," she added.

Developing personal fortitude not only started at home but continued when she arrived at Brown University in the mid-1970s. Richards took up labor causes, backing the school's janitors in their contract battles and working with others to force the university to end its dealings with South Africa to protest apartheid.

"I realize how lucky I have been every day, how privileged I was to be a troublemaker," Richards said. "That's been my career, if you will. But a lot of folks don't get to choose what they do for a living. A lot of folks in this country don't get to choose and we get to choose, the folks in this room, for the

"I think it's critical to recognize that privilege and also recognize the obligations

When her mother ran for governor of Texas in 1990, Richards returned home with her siblings to work on the campaign and watch as she become the first woman elected governor of Texas.

Her controversial veto of a carry and conceal handgun law led to her defeat four years later against George W. Bush.

"Now the state of Texas allows carrying concealed handguns, they're just carrying guns everywhere," Richards said. "This is so devastating to see what's happened in a relatively short period of time and what the gun lobby has done."

Although she stepped down from Planned Parenthood earlier this year, the fight to protect women's rights for safe, legal abortions is more important than ever, Richards said. Planned Parenthood, she said, mainly provides health care to about 2.5 million women a year nationwide, many of whom don't have health insurance or afordable access to doctors. It's something Republicans are willing to jeopardize, she

Clinton said the United States currently has the lowest abortion rate since the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, but the threats to defund Planned Parenthood would reverse those gains.

Last week, President Trump released a nationwide gag rule that will prevent health care professionals that participate in Title X to refer patients for legal abortions and impose new restrictions on patients to receive birth control from healthcare providers.

"It's really bad, but the good thing is physicians' groups, they're all opposing this, so it's going to be important not only in the health community but the medical community to rise up and say we're not going to go to a place where doctors can't take care of their patients," Richards said.

Clinton, who has known Richards since before her time as First Lady, said her experience are moving.

"It is an inspirational story but it's also a motivational story because there is something everybody can do, and I think after we stand up, speak out, march and take action and try to prevent the really negative viewpoints that Congress is getting in legislation until we can vote in November,"

Last week's event was presented by the Chappaqua Public Library.



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## **Neighbors Suspicious of Sunshine Children's Home Water Monitoring**

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The monitoring, which is one of a series of conditions Sunshine must comply with in their special use permit, will begin six months before construction and continue for at least two years after the project's completion. If the results prove inconclusive, the town can direct Sunshine to extend the monitoring period, Hull said.

Should monitoring show that residents' wells yield less water than current levels, Sunshine is required to find a remedy, she said.

Residents who attended last week's meeting said they were worried about how the expansion might affect water supplies in the area.

"My main concerns are potable water for the children as well as fire suppression," said Glendale Road resident Cynthia Manocherian. "If there is an emergency and no water on site, what are we supposed to do?"

The Sunshine Home is allotted 12,000 gallons of water per day or about 99 gallons per bed. Should Sunshine exceed their limit, they can be fined and/or have their Certificate of Occupancy be revoked.

But residents said they are distrustful of the monitoring because the water operators will be hired by Sunshine. Project opponent David Whitlinger, another area resident, said there is also no quantifiable standard to determine what would be acceptable results.

"This is designed to be as ambiguous as possible so they can skate away," he said. "They don't discuss what's a positive outcome or a negative outcome so nobody knows."

Andrew Stolorow, an attorney representing about eight area property owners who have opposed the expansion and had filed an Article 78 in state Supreme Court, said there are too many questions and few answers.

"A large issue with the applicant is the total lack of transparency regarding the monitoring process. They're not even

telling the public where the monitored wells will be located," Stolorow said. "This process has been started too late. They should have been monitoring the wells before they said there will be no impact."

Residents are concerned about the mitigation efforts that Sunshine has proposed if the project negatively impacts neighboring wells. Sunshine has promised to remedy any impact by paying for the costs of drilling a deeper well for any property owner who is affected.

However, there is the risk of elevated levels of radium the deeper a well is drilled, Manocherian said.

"They're looking for more water, there's no question, and they have presented to the Zoning Board and the Planning Board they have all the water they need," she said.

Residents were also upset at what they described as inadequate notice of last week's meeting. One resident stated she only learned of the meeting through Facebook.

A page on the town's website may be established in the near future with updates on the monitoring process.

Martin Wilbur contributed to this

## Town Board to Sunshine: Move Forward With Filtration Plans

The New Castle Town Board has asked the county Department of Health and the Sunshine Children's Home owner move forward with plans to install a radium filtration system to ensure safe drinking water for the facility.

A May 18 letter to the health department was followed by another correspondence to Sunshine owner Ari Freidman last Wednesday asking that the matter be expedited.

The letters, signed by all five board members, are in response to town

officials learning about a month ago that the Department of Health had not received any filtration system plans from Sunshine to reduce radium levels in Well 3, one of three wells on its 33-acre property on Spring Valley Road. The department reported that there had been an elevated radium reading during the fourth quarter of 2015.

Sunshine temporarily suspended use of Well 3 following the elevated reading. However, when it was brought back on line last November, Sunshine

representatives told the Zoning Board of Appeals it would blend the water from the property's three wells and install the system, the Town Board's letters stated.

"We're hoping that when they receive the letter and after the holiday they have the opportunity to review our recommendations that they move ahead with the filtration," Pool said.

She was unaware of any response to either letter before the Memorial Day weekend.

-Martin Wilbur

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## Goshen Educator Appointed New Mt. Pleasant Schools Super

#### By Neal Rentz

A veteran educator from the Goshen Central School District was unanimously approved as Mount Pleasant's new superintendent of schools last Wednesday by the Board of Education.

Kotes, 43, who has been serving as Goshen's assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction, personnel and technology the past three years, will earn a \$245,000 salary. He is replacing Dr. Susan Guiney who is retiring at the end of the current school year.

Kotes agreed to a three-year contract

and will take over the position on July 21. He will work in Mount Pleasant prior to his official start on dates to be mutually determined by him and the school board at a \$1,020 per diem rate.

"The board is confident that we have found the person that will bring a great deal of value to our district," Board President Thomas McCabe said.

Kotes said it is critical to build positive relationships as he had done in Goshen. He said Mount Pleasant has many great programs to offer its students and he hopes to improve upon that.

"This is a wonderful opportunity

to come to a community that is so well-established with its public school system and to have a chance to lead such a great system and take it into the next generation, continuing to grow upon what already is going well and look for opportunities to grow and continue to make it better," he said after the meeting.

Kotes said he was looking for a leadership role in a successful district and Mount Pleasant stood out.

"I look forward to having the opportunity to get to know the community more," Kotes said.

Kotes started his career as a high school social studies teacher in the Arlington Central School District in Dutchess County before becoming assistant principal at Cornwall High School, where he coordinated its Guidance Department. He then moved on to become principal at Goshen High School and three years ago was promoted to his current position.

McCabe said he and Vice President Colleen Scaglione Neglia spent the days prior to last week's meeting completing reference checks. On May 22, they met with 12 members of the Goshen school community.

"We came away from these conversations with the confidence that we have a great hire as our



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Dr. Kurtis Kotes was appointed the new Mount Pleasant superintendent of schools by a unanimous vote of the Board of Education on May 23.

superintendent," McCabe said. Kotes is "greatly respected and loved by his students, peers, staff, leadership, the board (of education) and the community," he added.

## County to Hold 'Living Longer, Staying Stronger' Conference June 6

A free conference focused on aging with vitality will be held on Wednesday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry.

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will also include workshops, resources and a fitness activity.

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided at no charge. Free parking will also be available and there will be giveaways for all attendees.

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## Chappaqua Names New Roaring Brook Principal, Central Administrator

#### By Anna Young

The Chappaqua Board of Education appointed two administrators last week.

Doreen O'Leary was hired to be the new principal at Roaring Brook Elementary School and Dr. Tony Sinanis will be the next assistant superintendent for human resources and leadership development. Both will begin their new positions in July.

O'Leary, who has been principal at Island Avenue Elementary School in Madison, Conn. for five years, was hired following a rigorous interview process that attracted more than 100 applicants.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Ackerman praised O'Leary's commitment to students. She said O'Leary is well-versed in implementing best practices, including professional learning, instructional coaching and balance assessments.

"Among her other attributes, it is Doreen's strong background in elementary education, deep understanding of child development and her reflective approach to educational leadership that makes her the ideal candidate to lead Roaring Brook," Ackerman said.





Doreen O'Leary, left, will become the next principal at Chappaqua's Roaring Brook Elementary School while Dr. Tony Sinanis has been hired to be the district's assistant superintendent for human resources and leadership development.

O'Leary began her career implementing a variety of instructional and assessment practices as an elementary school teacher before becoming the assistant principal for Weston, Conn. public schools.

Ackerman said Sinanis was highly regarded by colleagues.

"What stood out about Tony is his

proven track record as a leader and his ability to bring people together," Ackerman said. "We are looking forward to having Tony join our team to support our cohesive community of learners and leaders through positive and collaborative relationships."

Sinanis, the current superintendent at the Hastings-on-Hudson Union

Free School District, will fill the vacancy created by Dr. Kusum Sinha who is leaving Chappaqua to become superintendent of the Garden City School District.

He previously served as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the Plainedge Public School District and was an elementary school assistant principal and principal in Jericho and Valley Stream.

Sinanis is also the co-author of multiple books, a national speaker and a professional developer.



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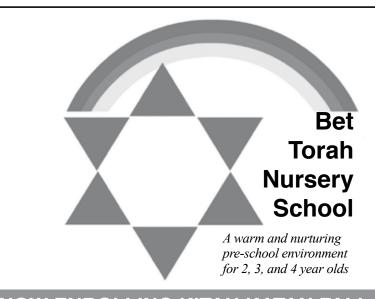
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# **Mount Kisco Moves Forward** Mt. Kisco Approves Chocolatier, With Solar Farm Project HomeGoods Applications

**Bv Neal Rentz** 

The Mount Kisco Village Board is moving forward with a plan to create a solar power farm on the site of a former landfill.

The trustees voted unanimously last Monday to approve a term sheet with BQ Energy, a Poughkeepsie company that specializes in renewable energy project on brownfield sites. The term sheet, which is an agreement on terms to be included in a contract, allows the village to enter into further negotiations with the firm.

The solar panel farm would be located on the hill behind the Department of Public Works facility at the end of Columbus Avenue, Village Manager Edward Brancati noted following last week's meeting.

Mayor Gina Picinich said BQ Energy is expected to pay the village about \$100,000 annually during the 25year lease. The company will also pay maintenance costs, she noted.

BQ Energy will need Con Edison approval for a connection into the utility's power grid, she said. Approvals are also required from the state Department of Environmental Conservation and New York City Department of Environmental Protection, Brancati said.

Residents could receive a 15 percent discount on their energy bills, Deputy Mayor Jean Farber said. It will take about 18 months for the project to be completed, she said.

Brancati said BQ Energy will pay the village \$10,000 because it agreed to enter into the term sheet.

It is expected that the solar array would generate .75 megawatts of power.

#### Teamsters contract approved

Last week, village trustees also approved a new contract with the 29 village DPW employees are affiliated with Local 456, the International Brotherhood Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America.

The four-year contract is retroactive to June 1, 2017. The agreement, which was ratified by the union May 16, will include 2 percent salary increases for the first two years of the contract and 2.25 percent pay hikes for the final two

The contract also changes the formula for financial incentives for any union members who opt for a health insurance buyout, Brancati said. It that will now be in line with the village's other unions, he said.

By Neal Rentz

Mount Kisco will be seeing two new businesses move into the village's downtown business district in the months ahead.

The Planning Board unanimously approved last Tuesday applications for Mast Brothers chocolate store and factory and a HomeGoods.

Mast Brothers, which received site plan and special use permit approvals, will be located at 92 S. Moger Ave., replacing Heller's Shoes, which is expected to vacate the premises next month.

The Brooklyn-based family-owned business was founded by brothers Rick and Michael Mast. The company specializes in producing dark, milk, sea salt, almond butter and goat milk chocolates. Mount Kisco would be its second location.

Previously, Rick Mast said the public will be able to take tours to watch chocolate

being produced. The merchandise is made with all-organic cocoa beans from around the world, he said.

There will be interior renovations made to the space, which will have an 8,657-squarefoot first floor and a 1,128-square-foot mezzanine.

The board also approved an amended site plan and special use permit approvals for the discount home furnishing chain HomeGoods that will be located at 3 Main St. HomeGoods is scheduled to move into the 25,000-square-foot space after Party City leaves by Feb. 1, 2019.

The storefront had also once housed Annie Sez, a women's clothing store. Annie Sez had been located in a 14,000-squarefoot space while Party City is currently housed in the storefront's remaining 11,000 square feet.



#### THERE'S A WORD FOR IT By Edward Goralski A vocabulary-building quiz

Lunar Exploration. Each full moon of the year has its own name. A full moon, the Flower Moon, occurs on May 29. This week the quiz will test your knowledge of the moon, full or otherwise. Perhaps your answers to the quiz questions will send you over the moon.

1. How often does a full moon occur?

A) Every 27.3 days

B) Every 29.5 days

C) Every 30.3 days

2. According to NASA, how long would it take to drive to the moon traveling at 70 MPH?

A) Milk Moon

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B) 121 days

C) 135 days

3. What is another name for May's full moon, the Flower Moon?

B) Strawberry Moon

C) Pink Moon

4. Selenography is the study of what?

A) The surface of the moon

B) The phases of the moon

C) Moon quakes

5. How many men have walked on the moon?

B) 14

C) 12

6. What is the name of a full moon occurring in the month of December?

A) Wolf Moon

B) Snow Moon

C) Cold Moon

7. In pounds, how much lunar materials was brought back to Earth by the Apollo moon missions? A) 686 pounds B) 842 pounds C) 2001 pounds

8. Perigee-syzygy is the technical name for what lunar related event?

A) A Supermoon

B) A new moon

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C) A lunar eclipse

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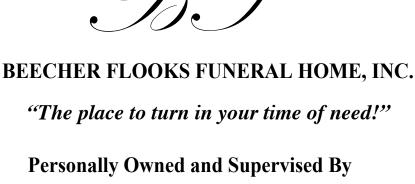
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2. C. It would take about 9 years to walk to the moon. 6. C. The Wolf Moon is in January, and the Snow 1. B. It takes the moon 27.3 days to orbit the Earth

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## **Bedford Road School Educator Honored as P'ville's Top Teacher**

#### By Anna Young

Pleasantville Superintendent Mary Fox-Alter was moved to tears as she presented a special award to a dedicated teacher during last week's Board of Education meeting.

The district's Teacher of the Year Award, an annual honor bestowed to an exceptional Pleasantville educator, was presented for 2017-18 to Eileen Prizeman.

"I am so honored," said Prizeman, a second-grade teacher at Bedford Road School, while accepting the award during the May 22 board meeting. "The community of Pleasantville itself, just finding myself here, has been the greatest blessing of my life because I just feel like

everything else kind of fell into place."

Fox-Alter described Prizeman as a fabulous educator, wonderful colleague and true supporter of her fellow teachers and administrators.

"This year's Teacher of the Year has had an outstanding impact on the formative lives of students," Fox-Alter said. "Her dedication to the profession is unparalleled and actually humbling. She is one of the hardest working individuals I've had the pleasure to know."

Principal Peggy Galotti read aloud the kind words teachers, parents and students have submitted to the administration over the years. She teared up as she described Prizeman as someone who puts her students social, emotional and academic needs first while exuding strength, wisdom, love, support and kindness each day.

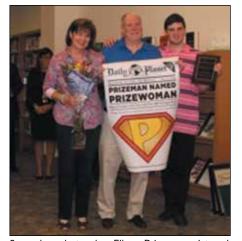
"Whether you are opening the doors in the morning, baking us Irish soda bread or mentoring a teacher, your steadfast smile always leads the way," Galotti said. "We are so blessed to have you and the privilege of calling you a colleague, a friend and family."

Prizeman, who has worked in the district for 28 years, said she had always wanted to be a teacher and was excited when she was hired by Pleasantville. She said the district, specifically the staff and faculty at Bedford Road School, is a family that works tirelessly to see their students succeed.

"They say it takes a village to raise a child," Prizeman said. "Pleasantville is that village and that's what I love about this place because we have the opportunity to do that and for me to be able to participate in that is just awesome."

In addition to the district's prestigious award, Prizeman was also presented with a proclamation from the village by Trustee Steven Lord declaring May 23 Eileen Prizeman Day in Pleasantville. County Legislator Margaret Cunzio also presented her with a proclamation marking May 23 as her day in Westchester County.

Prizeman received special recognition



Second-grade teacher Eileen Prizeman, pictured with her husband and son, was named last week as the Pleasantville School District's Teacher of the Year.

from County Executive George Latimer, Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville), state Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) and state Board of Regents member Judith Johnson.

"When you do something that's like a vocation it's not a job and that's why sometimes it's hard to separate yourself because you feel so involved with the kids and their success is your success," Prizeman said. "It has been my privilege to work in this district for the last 28 years."

## Senior Health and Fitness Day Programs Offered This Week

Senior Health and Fitness Day programs will be held this Wednesday, May 30 at 22 senior and community centers around Westchester.

Locally, events will take place at the Mount Kisco Senior Nutrition Program, featuring tai chi and blood pressure screening followed by a healthy lunch and raffle prizes, and at the Mount Pleasant Community Center. The Mount Pleasant event will include line dancing, a special lunch and raffle prizes. Classes on Qi Gong, Fit & Flex, Seniorcize and

Zumba Gold will also be offered during the week.

Call each venue for the schedule and start times. Mount Pleasant will also be offering programs today (Tuesday) and Thursday, May 31.

The Mount Kisco Senior Nutrition Program can be reached at 914-666-8931 while the Mount Pleasant Community Center can be reached at 914-592-6441. For more information, visit www. westchestergov.com/seniors.



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## **Police Blotter**

#### County Police/Mt. Kisco

May 24: Police responded to the Mount Kisco train station at 6:04 p.m. on a report that a man was sitting on the end of the platform and telling people he would be better off dead. Officers were able to calm the man and he agreed to be taken to Northern Westchester Hospital for evaluation. He was transported by the Mount Kisco Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

May 24: Police responded to West Main Street at 10:14 a.m. after a large load of lumber fell from a Chevrolet pickup truck, blocking a lane of traffic. Officers directed traffic until the debris was cleared. A summons was issued to the driver for having an unsecured load.

May 23: A motorist reported at 6:01 p.m. that her vehicle was damaged by a shopping cart while she was parked near Petco on North Bedford Road. The woman said when she came out of the store, the cart was up against the rear of her vehicle, shattering one of the tail lights.

May 23: A motorist reported at 5:52 p.m. that he was accosted by another driver in the CVS parking lot on South Bedford Road. He reported that he had to wait for a long period to make a left turn into the lot due to heavy traffic and was then followed into the lot by a navy blue Jaguar. The Jaguar driver screamed at him for taking too long and then left the property.

May 23: A 49-year-old Bronx man was arrested at 5:03 p.m. after staff at People's United Bank on South Moger Avenue alerted officers to a possible fraud attempt. Responding officers located a man who had given bank staff a New Hampshire driver's license and a credit card in the name of another person in an effort to withdraw cash from that person's account. Howard Walker, of E. 194 St. in the Bronx, was charged with first-degree identity theft, two counts of seconddegree criminal possession of a forged instrument, fourth-degree attempted grand larceny and two counts of unlawful possession of personal identification. He was arraigned in Mount Kisco Justice Court and remanded to the county jail in lieu of bail.

#### **North Castle Police Department**

May 19: A complainant reported that a customer drove off without paying his bill of \$69.90 in gas at the station at 905 N. Broadway at 1:12 p.m. The responding officer reported that the vehicle operator returned and paid the bill. Matter adjusted.

May 19: A caller reported at 2:29 p.m. that a utility pole on Tallwoods Road is on fire. The call was transferred to the Westchester County Department of Emergency Services for dispatch of the

Armonk Fire Department.

May 20: Report of a male party on the floor yelling incoherently inside the store at the Exxon station on North Broadway at 5:23 a.m. Two officers were dispatched. The party was transported to Westchester Medical Center.

May 20: Report from a caller at 11:18 p.m. who is trying to close the laundromat on North Broadway and that a customer is refusing to leave.

May 21: A Carolyn Place resident reported at 11:41 a.m. that his wife was involved in a motor vehicle accident at their residence. The caller stated that his wife drove her vehicle into the garage/house and is now injured. The Westchester County Department of Emergency Services was notified for dispatch of Armonk Fire Department and Armonk Ambulance and Paramedic. The responding officers reported that that party will be transported to Northern Westchester Hospital.

May 21: Report of an empty boat floating in the reservoir near the Rye Lake Bridge at 8:30 p.m. The dispatching officer contacted Department of Environmental Protection police, which had already received a complaint regarding this incident and had units en route

**May 22:** A shoplifter was in custody at 10:16 a.m. at Stop & Shop on North Broadway.

May 22: Report of graffiti discovered on the rear of a building on Lafayette Avenue at 1:39 p.m. The caller is concerned that the incident may be gang related. A report will follow.

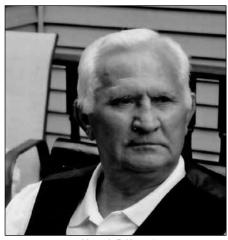
May 23: An E-911 caller reported at 4:24 a.m. that he gave a taxi ride to a white male party to Clove Road. Upon arrival, the party got out of the vehicle without paying and fled toward the baseball field. The responding officers canvassed the surrounding area with negative results. Complainant did not wish to pursue any charges; the report was taken as a matter of record.

## **Obituaries**

## Marash Karaqi

Marash P. Karaqi of Thornwood passed away on May 24 in New York City. He was 76.

Family and friends were invited for visitation at Pleasant Manor Funeral Home, Inc. in Thornwood on May 28. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Shkodra Albanian Church on Tuesday, May 29 at 11 a.m. Interment in his family's plot will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.



Marash P. Karaqi

## Ann Greco

Ann Greco of Chappaqua passed away peacefully on May 22 at the age of 93.

Greco was born in Hliviste, Slovakia. She emigrated to this country along with her family in 1930. During World War II, she worked for Eastern Aircraft as a wing supervisor in support of the war effort. Greco was a homemaker before working for Westchester County and the Town of New Castle.

She is predeceased by her parents, Frank and Julia, and six of her eight

siblings. She is survived by her brother, Joseph; her sister, Lily; sons Michael and Greg; daughter Julie; grandsons Darren and Jared; and great-grandson Avery.

The family received friends on May 24 at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Innocents Roman Catholic Church on May 25 followed by burial at All Souls Cemetery in Pleasantville.

## Theresa Woolard

Theresa M. (Andriola) Woolard passed away on May 21.

She was 83.

Born on Dec. 6, 1934, in Pleasantville to the late Salvatore and Pauline (Scarpone) Andriola, Woolard is survived by her true love, her husband Arthur Woolard; loving son David (Christina); daughter Cheryl Romano (Micky); sisters Pam Andriola and Ro Anderson; her brother, Ralph Andriola; and beloved godson Patrick Anderson. She is predeceased by her brother, Steve Disador, and sister Doris Capalbo. She was the rock of her family, never too busy to do anything for anybody. Theresa will be terribly missed by all who knew and loved her.

The family received friends at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville on May 23. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Innocents Roman Catholic Church on May 24.

## Four Arrested in Mt. Kisco Drug Store Robbery

Westchester County police arrested four people on robbery and larceny charges on May 22 after they attempted to steal items from the Mount Kisco Rite Aid and fought with store staff that confronted them.

The four suspects fled the store at 55-59 S. Moger Ave. at about 2:55 p.m. in a black BWM but were quickly stopped by Officers Kyle McCarrick and Daniel Dumser near Kirby Plaza. Other officers responded and the four suspects were

taken into custody.

All of the suspects were charged with second-degree robbery, a felony, and the misdemeanor count of fifth-degree criminal possession of stolen property. The suspects were identified as Ashintile Clinton, 46, of Manhattan; Damon Ellis, 45, of Staten Island; and Fatima Mohammed, 34, and Jasmine Luz Ramos, 23, both of the Bronx.

Two female employees were injured when they were struck and shoved by

the suspects as they fled the store.

The BMW was impounded and several cartons of Rogaine that had been taken were recovered. In addition, 11 cell phones, three tablet computers and foil-lined shopping bags commonly used in shoplifting incidents were also seized.

An investigation is continuing into the origins of the cell phones and tablet computers.

—Martin Wilbur

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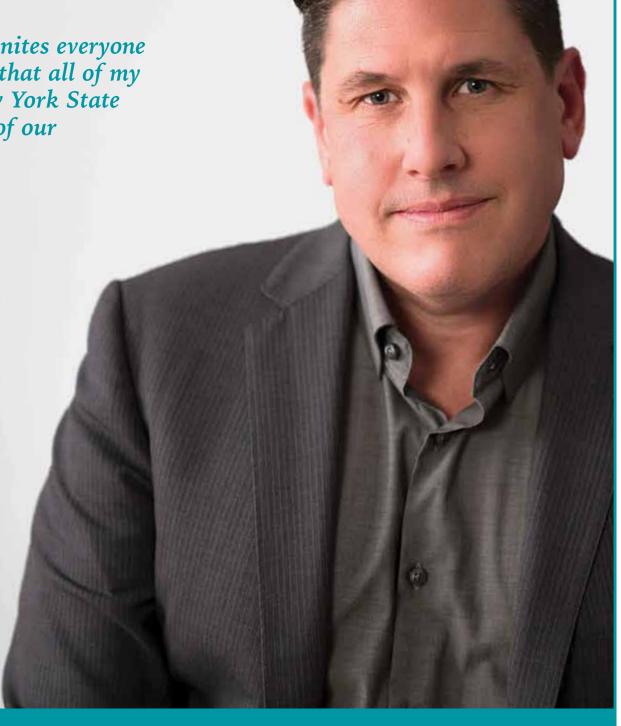
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## **Letters to the Editor**

## A Driver's License Shouldn't Require a Social Security Number

Here in northern Westchester, a car is practically a necessity. Bus service can be infrequent and the stops are limited. Most of us have licenses to drive; some of our neighbors do not. This is not because they are unqualified or don't know the rules of the road, but because they do not have social security numbers.

This was not always the case. Until 2002, when then-governor George Pataki imposed a new regulation, people in New York State needed only to show proof of residence and pass the written and driving tests. Former governor Spitzer, during his brief time in office, rescinded the

social security requirement. However, the resistance to this move was considerable and the change was withdrawn.

Now, there is an opportunity to make this needed change once and for all through legislative action. Assembly Bill A10273, sponsored by 16 members, is presently in the Transportation Committee. The bill's purpose is to open driver's licenses to all qualified applicants without respect to their immigration status. In addition, in the absence of a valid judicial warrant, the data pertaining to all drivers will be protected very carefully. These licenses will not constitute a "real ID" for federal

purposes but will be limited to permission to drive a motor vehicle.

If the bill does not find a sponsor in the state Senate or is not released from committee, it will be submitted in the subsequent session.

In November, all seats in the state legislature will be up for election. Ask the candidates where they stand on this vital issue

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## State Must Come Up With a Viable Plan to Replace Indian Point's Power

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Safety Tips to Keep in Mind for a Fun and Enjoyable Summer

The long Memorial Day holiday weekend is behind us but that means the summer is approaching and many folks will be taking a road trip, having picnics or soon enjoying that first dip in the ocean or pool.

Here are some reminders for a happy and safe summer on the road, in the water and behind the barbecue.

#### **Driving Safety**

- Be well-rested and alert, use your seat belts, observe speed limits and follow the rules of the road.
- If you plan on drinking alcohol, designate a driver who won't drink.
- Give your full attention to the road. Avoid distractions such as cell phones.
- Use caution in work zones. There are lots of construction projects underway on the highways.
- Don't follow other vehicles too closely.
- Make frequent stops.
- Clean your vehicle's lights and windows to help you see, especially at night. Turn your headlights on as dusk approaches or during inclement weather. Don't overdrive your headlights.
- Don't let your vehicle's gas tank get too low. If you have car trouble, pull as far off the highway as possible.
- Carry a disaster supplies kit in your

trunk.

• Let someone know where you are going, your route and when you expect to get there. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.

#### **Water Safety**

- Do your part and be water smart! Ensure that everyone in the family learns to swim well.
- Adults must actively supervise children; stay within arm's reach of young children and newer swimmers.
   And kids: follow the rules.
- Enclose your pool and spa with foursided, four-foot fencing and use selfclosing, self-latching gates.
- Don't just pack it. Always wear your U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when on a boat and if in a situation beyond your skill level. Inflatable children's toys and water wings can be fun, but they are no substitute for a life jacket and adult supervision.
- Swim as a pair near a lifeguard's chair. Everyone, including experienced swimmers, should swim with a buddy in areas protected by lifeguards.
- Reach or throw, don't go! Know what to do to help someone in trouble without endangering yourself, know how and when to call 911 and know CPR.

## **Grilling Safety**

- Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use.
- Never grill indoors not in your house, camper, tent or any enclosed area.
- Make sure everyone, including the pets, stays away from the grill.
- Keep the grill out in the open, away from the house, the deck, tree branches or anything that could catch fire.
- Use the long-handled tools especially made for cooking on the grill to keep the chef safe.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using grills.

People can download the all-inclusive Red Cross Emergency app, which combines more than 35 emergency alerts to help keep the user safe. And there is a special mobile app – Monster Guard – designed for kids, teaching them to prepare for emergencies at home by playing an engaging game. Users can find the apps in smartphone app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or visiting www.redcross.org/apps.

This information has been provided by the American Red Cross.

## **Compromise Effort Underway to Return Tappan Zee to Bridge's Name**

#### **By Conor Sweeney**

Republican state lawmakers are pushing to bring back Tappan Zee to the name of the span that was officially renamed the Mario M. Cuomo Bridge and a compromise could be in the works.

Simply called "The New New York Bridge" during its construction, replacement of the old and deteriorating Tappan Zee Bridge, which links Westchester and Rockland counties, was renamed for the former governor and father of current Gov. Andrew Cuomo through a law passed along with a series of other bills in his budget proposal.

Since then, Republican lawmakers, led by Assemblyman Kevin Byrne (R-Mahopac), have fought to restore Tappan Zee to the name, citing concerns for the preservation of the bridge's history and the method by which the name change was implemented.

Tappan Zee was originally assigned to the bridge when it opened in 1954 to honor historical residents of the area. Tappan was the name of a Native American tribe, and zee is derived from the Dutch word for sea. Therefore, the Tappan Zee was originally intended to honor both groups' contribution to the development of the Hudson Valley.

According to Byrne, this dedication "honors the culture and heritage of the

region" and must be reinstated.

Byrne and some other legislators were troubled at how the name change was pushed through. Byrne said the change was "sneaked into an omnibus bill in the middle of the night" and hidden among other proposals.

Dr. Monroe Mann of Port Chester created Save Our Tappan Zee, a non-profit advocacy organization with the goal of reinstating the name. Mann said he believes that even though a new bridge has been constructed, the original name should remain.

"England's London Bridge was destroyed four times and each time it was rebuilt anew, but the name never changed," Mann stated as part of his Change.Org petition. "Why? History. Place. Tradition."

The online petition attracted 27,000 signatures in the first week with more than 108,000 signatures now collected in hopes of placing pressure on legislators to consider the issue.

A bipartisan compromise has been proposed to make the official name of the bridge The Mario M. Cuomo Tappan Zee Bridge. Byrne and Mann have expressed support for the amended name along with Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville).

While that might seem to satisfy



Tappan Zee could be restored to the name of the new bridge that opened last year.

most legislators, some are still opposed. Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) is one of only two senators to oppose the compromise bill citing the Senate's previous commitment to naming the bridge after Purple Heart recipients.

"With all due respect to the governor and his father, our veterans have sacrificed more in defense of our state and our freedoms," Murphy said. "The bridge should have been dedicated to them."

With the legislative session soon

drawing to a close, the bridge's name could be decided within the next month. Mann said if the compromise bill doesn't pass before the legislature's summer break, it is unlikely that Tappan Zee will ever be returned to the bridge's name.

"The number one thing that the public can do if they support this measure, or heck, even if they don't, is to call their representative," Mann said.

The final day of the session is scheduled for June 20.







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## We Save and Save More Stuff But Where Does it Go?

Our homes are where we eat, sleep, play, sometimes work and store things we've finished using but somehow can't bear to throw away.

There are many reasons we may want to hold on to possessions we no longer need, but where do we put it

Granted, some homeowners live on the light side where nothing is hidden and what you see is what you get. Or they've gotten religion just before the sale of a home. The homes on the market that show best are those where all the traditional storage spaces

- the attic, basement, garage and large closets - are bare.

When I owned a single-family home, my attic and garage looked like storage rental facilities, but not as neat. When my wife and I prepared to sell our home a while back, we hired a crew to clean out our basement, which had been packed with belongings from cement floor to beams overhead. There was clear evidence there of many different careers and lifetimes, including those of our parents and grandparents, along with tools and leftover materials from

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By Bill Primavera

One of the workmen took

house renovations.

me aside and told me how dangerous it was to have saved enamel paint and paint thinner so close to the boiler. As the Home Guru, I was embarrassed. At first, it was a visceral experience to instruct the workers what to throw out for bulk pick up

My propensity to hang on to stuff started young. Maybe I had thought that someday I would be so famous that future generations would want some piece of who I was and what I did in life. But

since I turned out to be just an ordinary guy, I really had no excuse.

It all started when I was an adolescent and my mother gave me a white envelope on which was written, "My Son William's First Haircut, Aged 2." Inside were Titian red curls that bear little resemblance to my hair today.

That was the first item I tucked away in a sturdy cardboard box that originally housed Florida oranges we would receive each Christmas from my Aunt Helen. Through the years, that box accommodated all my other official

documents from my birth certificate to a special blessing from the Pope (my wife had connections) when my wife and I married. Since then, that one box has multiplied like fish.

By the time I was a teenager, I was collecting books and records before the time of downloading audio files, never thinning them out and always saving them. (Anybody want a rare collection of impressive 331/3 rpm records from the 1960s?) By the time I married, I went on to photography well before the days of digital images. I documented every move my family and I made, starting with our honeymoon.

Then my wife and I started collecting things together and when we got into the antiques business part-time, the floodgates opened. We never got to the point of hoarding, and our house was always tidy, but we never really organized our storage of the things we didn't have room to display.

Perhaps as homes get downsized, efficient storage will be even more important. Today, there are many resources for creative solutions to tucking things away.

The Internet and large-box retailers such as The Container Store are rich with the tools needed to store things properly. Home Depot boasts Martha Stewart's cubbies and closet kits as well as a full assortment of containers for the garage or outdoor shed.

For those who need industrial strength help with storage, there is always the great PODS concept (www. pods.com). Where the company will deliver a POD to a private home for "temporary" storage during house renovation, or preparing for a move, I have seen them stay on properties seemingly indefinitely, and there may be some local ordinances discouraging

If I were to dispense any advice about storage, it would be as simplistic as to suggest that we should all better manage what we collect.

As for my wife and me, we were forced three years ago when moving to a condo to downsize our stuff to fit into a reasonably sized storage cage. It was very liberating.

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## Films on Purpose to Host Screening, Discussion on Gun Violence This Week

Films on Purpose, in partnership with the Enough Coalition Pleasantville, will host a free screening of "Under the Gun," a documentary produced by Katie Couric, this Thursday, May 31 at Holy Innocents Church in Pleasantville at 6 p.m. An informal reception will precede the film and a panel discussion will follow. The panel will feature speakers from groups involved in political action on gun violence and individuals who have been personally affected by gun deaths.

Enough Pleasantville Coalition was formed by Pleasantville High School students who organized a school walkout in response to the tragedy in Parkland, Fla. and a subsequent bomb threat at their own school. The students will join Films on Purpose, a community group that hosts documentary film screenings,

## Auditions for Random Farms Theater's 'The New Kid' June 11-12

Random Farms Kids' Theater is seeking performers entering grades 5-9 in the fall of 2018 for its production of the antibullying musical "The New Kid." The show is a 55-minute musical about a group of students dealing with peer pressure, hazing, bullying and the importance of staying true to oneself.

Auditions will be held at Random Farms Kids' Theater, located at 77 Executive Blvd. in Elmsford on June 11 and 12 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The cast will travel to local elementary and middle schools next fall.

"The goal of this program is to create an awareness about the dangers of bullying in a way that's accessible to elementary and middle school students," said Anya Wallach, Random Farms' executive director and founder. "Having kids perform for kids is tremendously advantageous because the audience can connect to the performers."

The core themes of "The New Kid" are meant to help younger students identify and address issues of character development that will give them the strength later in life to deal with personal differences no matter what they are.

"The key is to start educating kids before they get to high school, so they arrive armed with the tools to deal with bullying in any form," Wallach explained.

"The New Kid" was written for audiences in grades 2-6 and has been performed at more than 100 area schools and has reached over 30,000 students. Each performance includes a post-show Q&A with students, teachers and the cast. Schools interested in booking the show can contact Managing Director Patrycja Warda at patrycja@randomfarms.com.

This a free program to all participants. Auditions can be scheduled at www. randomfarms.com/auditions.

in putting on this event.

"Under the Gun" (2016) looks at the history of the fights for gun control and for gun rights through the decades and examines the positions of politicians and legislators as they have tackled the problem of curbing gun violence in this country.

A discussion after the film will explore these issues on a more personal and local level with a panel of speakers. Mark Barden, founder and managing director of Sandy Hook Promise and his daughter, Natalie Barden, will participate in the panel discussion. They lost a son and a brother, respectively, at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012. Pat Colella, an attorney and co-director of Westchester Moms Demand Action will speak about her organization's activities in the battle for sensible gun control laws. Danielle Barry-Gass, a Films on Purpose board members will discuss her personal history of loss to gun violence. A Pleasantville High School student and member of Enough Coalition Pleasantville will moderate the discussion.

Films on Purpose is a grassroots organization screening documentary films on important contemporary issues that are hosted at venues throughout the community. The group seeks to foster community engagement by keeping the conversation going after the film and providing avenues for involvement and activism to interested audience members.

Holy Innocents Church is located at 431 Bedford Rd. For more information, visit www.filmsonpurpose.org.



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## **Springtime Investing: Review and Invest Sustainably**

#### **Bv Kevin Peters**

Spring is finally here – at least for a few weeks. All around the region people have begun the process of spring cleaning, clearing out the clutter and junk that accumulated since last year.

While you begin the process of decluttering, use this time to review your finances and consider decluttering them as well.

Consider reviewing and adjusting your financial goals, reinvesting dividends and working on long-term sustainable investing practices. Sustainable, long-term investment practices can provide gains that will be evergreen and fruitful year-round.

So, what can the average investor do to invest sustainably? There are many forms of sustainable investing and among these is energy generation from renewable sources such as solar, wind and



**By Kevin Peters** 

biomass energy - bioenergy.

Bioenergy refers to electricity and solid, liquid or gaseous fuels derived from plant- or animal-based materials such as plants, trees and natural wastes. These materials can be gathered from farms and forests but can also be found in industrial and municipal sources and often can be burned in combination with fossil fuels.

This should provide significant investment

opportunities in traditional fuel producers, as well as in environmentally conscious companies that produce scrubbing equipment to reduce the pollution effects of burning fossil fuels.

Even though domestic fossil fuel production has increased in recent years, there is an active and growing emphasis on renewable energy sources. Wind and solar projects continue to proliferate – and where there are projects, there are investment opportunities.

Lastly, there are also numerous established businesses that are offering new products or processes that fold sustainability concerns into their business plan. In addition, environmentally conscious investors should work with their financial adviser to explore a variety of investment programs that are composed of companies focusing on green business practices. And with

any form of investment, research is necessary. Continue to work with your financial adviser to ensure you are on the right track to meet your short-term and long-term goals.

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The Prudent Portfolio

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## Tuesday, May 29

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. Info: 914-273-3887 or www. northcastlelibrary.org.

Six Films That Changed America. Whether intentionally or not, some movies have brought social issues to light, changed laws forwarded ideologies, both good and bad, and altered the course of American history through their resounding impact on society. This lecture is led by Marc Lapadula, senior lecturer in the film studies program at Yale University. Lapadula is also a playwright, screenwriter and awardwinning film producer. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www. chappaqualibrary.org.

### Wednesday, May 30

**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.

Volunteer Stewardship Day. Each month, work with the Rockefeller Preserve Environmental Stewardship Team on different projects including digging up invasive vines and shrubs and planting and caring for native wildflowers and trees. Make a visible and long-term difference in your community and learn what you're doing every step of the way. No experience necessary. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-631-1470 ext. 107 or visit www.RockefellerStateParkPreserve. Eventbrite.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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-

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# Chappaqua Cleaners & Tailors Chappaqua

#### By Martin Wilbur

Lots of businesses come and go but in downtown Chappaqua there's a familyowned store that has been a fixture in the heart of the hamlet for decades.

Chappaqua Cleaners & Tailors is owned and operated by the Magnotta family, the same as it was in 1934 when Gaetano Magnotta, a custom tailor and immigrant from Naples, who had arrived in New York 15 years earlier, opened his high-end men's clothing shop at the corner of King Street and North Greeley

Today, his son, John, at 78 years old, still comes in most days to help out four of his six children who now run the day-to-day operations. The one key difference, said Toni Magnotta, John's oldest child, is that her father phased out the high-end men's clothing shop by the 1980s as competition stiffened from larger retailers and morphed the business into a dry cleaner.

But they still tailor and there's still the cowbell on the front door that rings every

time a customer walks in, the three-way mirror on the wall and other keepsakes from when Gaetano opened the store 84 years ago. Then there is the outside sign that reads George's Men's Shop, which was put up by her grandfather as a memorial to her uncle who died as a young man.

"The nice thing I think about our business is once people come here they get to know our family, (they) start feeling like one of the family members," Toni Magnotta said. "When they come in we either know people by their first name or we all know them by their last name. They're always greeted by their name."

While the personal side of the business is a nice touch, it's the service that Chappaqua Cleaners & Tailors provides that brings their customers returning year after year.

Magnotta, joined by siblings Maria, John and Joe, said in addition to accepting all kinds of garments for dry cleaning and laundry service, they



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Toni Magnotta, with her father and brother, both named John.

also clean comforters, tablecloths and napkins, bedspreads and virtually any type of household linen.

All the dry cleaning is done on the premises with the exception of the majority of the dress shirts since they have limited washer space, she said. Customers can choose to have their shirts on a hanger or folded.

No matter how long a store operates, times change and a business must evolve. Chappaqua Cleaners & Tailors is no different. Earlier this year, the store added pickup and delivery service for customers not only in Chappaqua but in the rest of New Castle, Pleasantville, Armonk, Mount Kisco, Thornwood and Bedford, Magnotta said. The only extra charge is 25 cents more for each shirt.

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In April, the store added a chute where people can drop their items off 24/7. Magnotta said she thought it would help people who work long hours in the city and can't always get to the store when it's open. The chute is accessed by a personal code each customer is given when they sign up to use it.

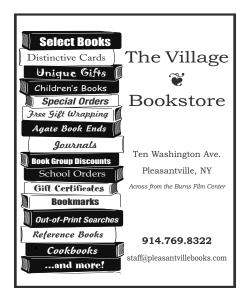
Both services help with convenience and flexibility and also make it easier for customers who currently find the downtown construction problematic, Magnotta said.

"A lot of people work past 5:30 (p.m.) now," she said. "Years ago it was 5:30 and you went home. That's not how it is (today)."

All garments are ready for pick up in two days. Next-day service is also available upon request.

The store also provides box storage of clothes that are out of season for customers short on storage space at home.

Chappaqua Cleaners & Tailors is located at 53 King St. It is open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, including on the new services, call 914-238-3414 or visit www. chappaquacleaners.com.

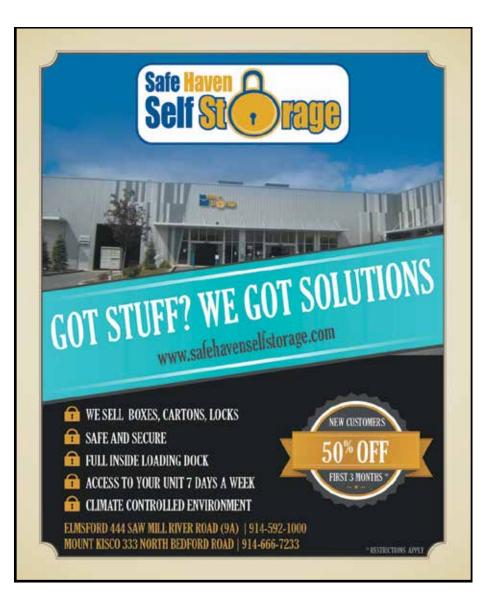






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Meditation Series: Midday Mind Break. Benefits of meditation include increasing focus and memory; increased health; reduced stress, anxiety and pain; and increased productivity and happiness. Led by Alka Kaminer. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Also June 6 and 13. 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 wellbeing. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Also June 6 and 13. Info: 914-273-3887

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.mountkiscolibrary.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.

Controlling the Pain of Arthritic Knees Without Surgery. A discussion about a nonsurgical therapy that often helps people with arthritic knees maintain active lifestyles while postponing – or eliminating – the need for surgery. Learn how injections and exercise can enable reconditioning and reduce inflammation

and pain. Discussion led by orthopedic surgeon Dr. Robert Seebacher. Phelps Hospital Auditorium, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. Light refreshments at 6 p.m. Discussion at 6:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3470 or visit www.arthriticknees. eventbrite.com.

Art Series: David Hockney. Born 1937, this English artist is truly a Renaissance man: painter, author, photographer, set designer and one of the main protagonists of the Pop Art movement. One of the most influential and important of the British artists of his time, he is equally wellversed in the scholarship of art history (the methods of creation of Vermeer's masterpieces) as he is on the beautiful hues and blues of Southern California's swimming pools. 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 31

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.

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**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.mountkiscolibrary.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.mountkiscolibrary.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.mountkiscolibrary.org.

Comics Club. Come for a comics discussion and graphic art lesson, plus snacks. Today's topic is drawing the Frank Miller Way. Led by Alex Conte, a graduate of the Kubert School. For young adults. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Registration requested. Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or www. mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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Oh, My Aching Knees! A seminar that provides advanced options for treating knee pain. Explore options that can get you back your life. Learn about non-operative and surgical treatment options and find out if robotic-assisted relief is right for you. Light refreshments served. Northern Westchester Hospital's first-floor conference room, 400 E. Main St., Mount

Kisco. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-666-1295 or visit www.2018Knee.eventbrite.

Australia's Thunder From Down Under Desert Dreams World Tour. The perfect girls' night outback! Australia's hottest export hits the stage showing off chiseled bodies, seductive dance routines, cheeky humor and boy-next-door charm that you won't be able to resist. Each performer embodies a different female fantasy and brings it to life, turning your wildest dreams into reality. This isn't the type of show you just sit and watch, it is a fully interactive experience. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$30, \$35 and \$45. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit www. paramounthudsonvalley.com.

#### Friday, June 1

Early Weekday Bird Walk. During spring migration get up extra early to catch the dawn chorus. Walk begins in main parking area. Teatown Lake Reservation, 1600 Spring Valley Rd., Ossining. 6 a.m. Free. Info: 914-666-6503 or visit www. Sawmillriveraudubon.org.

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

Author/Recording Artist Program. Robert Hunter is a Nashville recording artist and is known for his unabashed contempt for the conventional and his unique brand of lyrical alt-country rock. His Relapse & Revival Tour is a mixture of the literary and lyrical promoting both a new record and a highly anticipated new novel. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary. org.

and Preakness behind us, we prep for the final leg of the Triple Crown with a look at Diane Lane's star turn in this 2010 drama about Secretariat's owner Penney Chenery Tweedy as her friends and colleagues guide her precocious stallion in 1973 to set records in winning the Triple Crown. 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.

**Country Line Dance.** Dancing followed by a complete dinner. All proceeds to go to the scholarship fund at Fox Lane High

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## **Teatown to Host Second Electric Car Show This Saturday**

**By Conor Sweeney** 

After the success of its inaugural Electric Car Show last year, Teatown Lake Reservation is returning to host the latest in an array of electric cars and helping community members learn whether it's right for them.

The event, scheduled for this Saturday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., offers visitors a chance to learn the pros and cons of electric vehicle ownership, view the cars and learn more about their operation without the pressure of a salesperson. It can also help them pick up valuable information to help consumers decide whether they should pursue buying an electric car.

"The Electric Car Show will certainly be an annual event for years to come," said Austin Schatz, marketing director at Teatown. "We see electric cars growing



JORDAN KIM PHOTO

Those interested in learning more about buying an electric car can attend this Saturday's Electric Car Show at Teatown Lake Reservation in Ossining.

in popularity, and their importance to our community's transition to becoming sustainable, and we want to be a part of accelerating that trend."

It will open with a presentation introducing electric vehicles, their costs, environmental impacts and driving ranges presented by Ron Kamen, the clean transportation program director at Sustainable Westchester, and Seth Weintraub, editorial director at Electrek.co, a news website that reports on the transition from fossil fuel transportation to electric vehicles.

Discussion will include how potential electric car buyers can take advantage of federal and state tax incentives followed by a question-and-answer session about how the public can integrate the vehicles into their lives. Last year New York State added a \$2,000 incentive to the federal \$7,500 tax credit for electric vehicles, reducing the price for the cars

to enable more consumers to consider purchasing one.

The public will then have a chance to explore some of the most popular electric vehicle models on the market. Last year's show included the Tesla Model S, Chevy Bolt and Prius, among others, Schatz said.

Attendance is free, but visitors must pre-register at www.teatown. org in order to attend. Teatown Lake Reservation is located at 1600 Spring Valley Rd. in Ossining.

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## Brooklyn Botanic Garden Grants 245 Acres to Teatown Reservation

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden officially transferred 245 acres to Teatown Lake Reservation on May 18, permanently protecting the land with a conservation easement.

The land had originally been donated by the Swope family in 1962, the year before Teatown Lake Reservation was formed. For much of its history, Teatown has leased the 245 acres from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Located near the center of the reservation, Teatown's offices, museums, education center and namesake lake are included in the acreage.

While the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Teatown staff collaborated years ago, Teatown has operated independently since 1980. Since then, the preserve has grown, expanding to roughly 1,000 protected acres, where Teatown provides educational opportunities through various programs, including its summer camp.

The conservation easement requires Teatown to never sell the land and to pledge protection of its conservation values, said Teatown Executive Director Kevin Carter.

The agreement was signed by Carter and Brooklyn Botanic President Scot Medbury.

—Conor Sweeney

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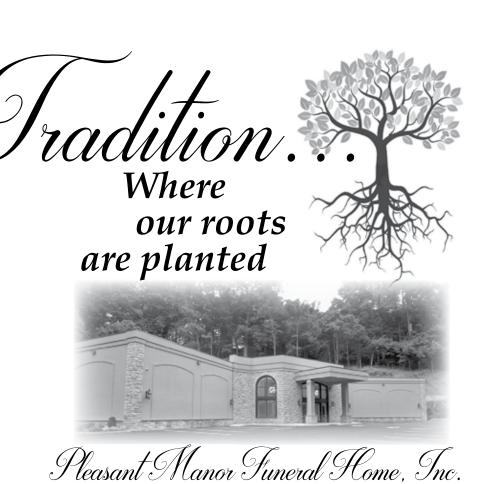


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## News From the Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department

April Alarms: April was a much quieter month than March with just 36 alarms, compared to 70 in March. But it was not without its share of excitement. Although there were no structure fires in the department's district, the Pleasantville Fire Department had plenty of carbon monoxide and gas odor calls.

The department also responded on a mutual aid basis to Thornwood for a structure fire, and along with several other local departments, responded to a large brush fire in Chappaqua where a helicopter dumped water on the blaze. The fire was extinguished with no damage to nearby structures.

Member Profile: Every month or so, a Pleasantville Fire Department member will be profiled. This month it is Greg Carty, a member of Daniel P. Hayes Hose Company, one of the two engine companies in the department.

Carty has been in the department for four years and has lived in Pleasantville for 10 years. He has been married to his sweetheart for 21 years and has two children in Pleasantville High School. Carty has worked for Verizon for 28 years, 21 in the field and seven in engineering. He earned a bachelor's



Firefighter Greg Carty

degree in history from Fordham University and served honorably in the U.S. Navy for about eight years.

His pastimes include reading history, especially military history. He is a Yankees and Giants fan and spends time watching both teams on television. He also enjoys biking on the North County

News: On May 12, the department held its annual inspection. This entails



Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department members take a breather after helping to fight a brush fire in Chappaqua last month.

a complete clean up and detail of the

apparatus. All four companies, Pioneer Engine Co. #1, Pioneer Hook and Ladder, Daniel P. Hayes Hose and The Rescue Company, competed for the annual inspection trophy and bragging rights. It is attended by local politicians and chiefs from neighboring departments and apparatus are judged by a team

of outside inspectors. This year's winner was the Daniel P. Hayes Hose Company. All of the apparatus looked great and the level of care and maintenance assures it serves the department well for many years.

Pleasantville Volunteer Department Parade: This year's parade is on Friday, June 1 at 7 p.m. The parade starts in front of the Mount Pleasant Public Library, heads down Bedford Road, makes a right to the gazebo, which also serves as the reviewing stand, and then makes another right at Manville Road before heading up to Grove Street and on to headquarters on Washington Avenue. Although plans have not been finalized, typically 20 to 25 other departments participate in the parade.

Anyone interested in joining the

Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department, can stop by headquarters at 75 Washington Ave. most Monday nights when there are drills, meetings and equipment maintenance. Or give a call at 914-769-2336. (There will be a recording, but someone will get back to you.) The department always needs

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## The Continuing Pursuit of Artisanal Wines in Northern California



By Nick Antonaccio

Over the course of the past few weeks, I've engaged you on exploratory trips to California wine country that my wife and I have enjoyed. The genesis of these trips over the past

year was our desire to discover those fine Northern California wines rarely found on the East Coast.

There, a growing legion of winemakers is at the forefront of the movement toward small producers whose wines are sold to ardent followers exclusively via tasting room purchases and subscription mailing lists.

This week I continue revisiting our journey.

The passionate winemakers who produce these small quantities of highly acclaimed wines may be stakeholders in small parcels of land or may have access to highly sought after grapes. Regardless of the source of the raw ingredients, the end product is crafted in a meticulous and passionate fashion.

Our trips have focused on the means by which we found these artisanal 'pursuing their passion for wine, living the dream'

winemakers and visits to their wineries. In every instance they were pursuing their passion for wine, living the dream of having their name on the label of a bottle of wine, thus expressing their passion to the world and inviting fellow wine lovers to share their intimacy with the grapes and locales in which they pursue their dream.

I've also gushed of the natural beauty and bounty of Northern California in comparison to the appeal and allure of Western Europe wine regions.

Over the course of these recent columns, I've regaled you with our adventures in Napa Valley and Sonoma County. This week the focus once again is Sonoma

Ensconced in the Carriage
House accommodation at
the Belle de Jour Bed and Breakfast
just outside of Healdsburg in northern
Sonoma County, my wife and I were
sampling a local winemaker's bottle of
Cabernet Sauvignon, generously offered
to us by inn owners Tom and Brenda
Hearn. This astounding wine exemplified
the underlying basis for our trip. We
never heard of the winery, the wine is not
shipped to the New York retail market

and only the locals have access to the bottlings.

This provided an auspicious basis for mapping our winery visits for the next day. Having come in from the 1,500-foot elevation and crashing waves along the Sonoma Coast the previous day, our next pursuit of artisanal wines would take us deep into the Dry Creek Valley floor, just outside Healdsburg. This sub region is noted for a variety of wines, notably Zinfandel.

We arrived at Unti Winery and Vineyard just as the gentle fog was lifting off the valley floor and a gentle breeze was wafting through the vineyards. We

met with Mick Unti, who owns and operates this small winery with his dad, George. Since its inception in 1997, Unti has garnered a reputation as an outlier.

The Untis are a living legacy to the early Italian settlers who labored in

the local vineyards, seeking the grape varieties most compatible with their land. Their Italian heritage and inherent preference for European grapes – and the ubiquitous Zinfandel – has led them down a path of constant experimentation.

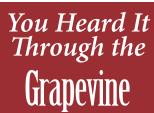
George began as a home winemaker in 1990, living his dream of owning a vineyard and producing his own wine. He ambled along until 1997 when Mick, fresh off a stint as a winery sales manager, joined him. From the beginning, their approach to wine making was simple: "which grapes and wines do we love that can viably be grown in our local terroir?"

In all, 11 grape varieties are under management, including five Italian, five French and the Zinfandel. Seventeen wines are produced, including six blends. The Unti mission? Mick is effusive in his response: "To synthesize my enthusiasm for European wines."

**Next week:** We walk the land and sample the wines.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine

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Hospital Northwell Health will present a farm-to-table recipe demo from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The visiting organization is the Pleasantville Music Festival. Rain or shine. The market is a dog-free environment. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 17. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

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.

Children's Art Workshop. The Mamaroneck Artists Guild is hosting a new monthly series of children's art workshops. This month, explore shadow boxes. Recommended for children 5 to 12 years old; younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 9:30 a.m. \$15 donation. The first Saturday of each month through July. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www. mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

Teatown's Second Annual Electric Car Show. Teatown is hosting an all-Electric Car Show at the nature preserve to share with the public the pros and cons of electric vehicle (EV) ownership. Local owners of a variety of popular EVs will participate in a presentation and panel discussion, to be followed by an opportunity to inspect the EVs and chat with their owners. Teatown Lake Reservation, 1600 Spring Valley Rd., Ossining. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.teatown.org/events/electriccar-show-2.

Pleasantville Community Tag Sale. Tag sale fans rejoice. Save money, get rid of stuff you no longer need, fine treasures, purchase items with no excess packaging and keep things out of the trash. Multiple sale locations. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For sales locations, visit www.pleasasntvillerecycles. org on June 1.

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

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

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

**21st Annual Asian American Heritage Festival.** Come for an afternoon of entertainment featuring traditional Asian dance and song and masters of the martial arts, including lion dancers. Professional artists share the stage with children's dance troupes in beautiful traditional costumes. There will be plenty of activities for children, including face painting, calligraphy, Chinese paper cutting, Origami and games. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla. 12 to 6 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www. oca-whv.org or e-mail info@oca-whv.org.

Fourth Annual Riverarts Music Tour. Featuring more than 280 musicians in 120 performances at 36 different venues throughout Hastings-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Irvington and Tarrytown. Genres include folk, rock, classical, blues, jazz, bluegrass and world music performed by seasoned professionals, budding musicians and everyone in between in 40-minute sets on the hour. Noon to midnight. Free; donations welcome. Info: Visit www. musictour.riverarts.org.

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

United Methodist Church of Mount Kisco 150th Anniversary Celebration. The United Methodist Church of Mount Kisco is celebrating the sesquicentennial of its present church building. In celebration of this milestone, there is an outdoor festival on the church's front lawn with various events, including pony rides, games, food, a bouncy castle, a historical tour and more. Methodists in the area date back to the late 1700s with a rich history. All welcome. United Methodist Church of Mount Kisco, 300 E. Main St. Mount Kisco. 1 to 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-5014 or visit www.mountkiscochurch.org.

Klezmer Music, Song and Dance and Candle Making Workshop. We are getting closer to summer and we celebrate with The Westchester Klezmer Program under the direction of Kenny Green. They will perform entertaining, lively and uplifting classic Klezmer music consisting of freylekhs, horas, bulgars and sing-alongs. After the musical performance there will be a workshop on creating hand-rolled beeswax candles by fine artist and certified art teacher Iris Schechter. The candles will be decorated to create that special artistic and personal touch. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Avenue, Pelham. 1:30 to 3:30

p.m. Free. Info: 914-738-2525 or visit www.pelhamartcenter.org.

Tell Me a Story of Pound Ridge: 50 Objects 50 Stories." The Pound Ridge Historical Society has created an exhibition and accompanying book to provide the public with an eclectic look at the town. Highlights of area history, each story in some way gives a glimpse of our distant and not-so-distant past in the hope of awakening an interest in town history in newcomers and our young folk. The 50 objects displayed will have their story told in the accompanying book available for purchase or loan. On display, antique tools, dolls and artifacts will sit alongside trains and a diorama of a Revolutionary War battle. Pound Ridge Historical Society, 255 Westchester Ave., Pound Ridge. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Saturdays and Sundays through November. Info: 914-764-4333 or visit www.poundridgehistorical.org.

Opening Reception for New Tappan Zee Bridge Photo Exhibit. Local photographer David Rocco has followed the construction of the new bridge since July 2013. He has gone to great lengths to take photos from many different vantage points. Whether following the assembled girder sections down the Hudson River from Port of Coeymans, locations on land in Rockland and Westchester, moving trains, boat excursions and a dozen helicopter flights over the construction site, Rocco's goal was to capture every angle of this once-ina-lifetime project. John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E. Main St., Shrub Oak. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through June 30. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 4 p.m. Info: 914-245-5262 or visit www. yorktownlibrary.org.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge Comedy Night. Patrick Scully is bringing all of his comedy friends out for a hell of a night, and you're invited. Headlining is Johnny Watson with Daniel Perafan, Samantha Bednarz, Darrin Patterson, Bill Cannon and, of course, Patrick Scully. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 6 and 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.

The Westchester Chordsmen: "Our Special Relationship." The chorus is proud to perform with the Kingsmen Chorus from Kingsbury, England. This show is a reunion since the Kingsmen were here more than 30 years ago, performing with the Chordsmen. This upbeat, fast-paced show will feature a wide variety of songs, sung by each chorus individually and then together for the finale. There will also be comic skits and humorous dialogue. White Plains Middle School, 128 Grandview Ave., White Plains. 7 p.m. Adults: \$30. Seniors

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## June an Exciting Time for Star Gazers to Look Toward the Heavens

Here's a fun sky-watching project we can all do over the next couple of weeks. If you've been keeping an eye on the western sky lately, you've probably noticed the planet Venus calling to you just after sunset.

Venus is hard to miss. It reflects a lot of sunlight and is only about 120 million miles away at the moment, just across the room on the galaxy's scale. That makes it the third brightest object in the sky, after the sun and moon. If you have a keen eye and know exactly where to look, you can even see it in broad daylight.

In the middle part of the sky, somewhat higher than Venus, look for

a pair of bright stars close to each other along an imaginary line that runs about parallel to the

horizon. Those are Castor and Pollux. They represent the faces of Gemini, the twin demigods of Roman mythology. Gemini is the Latin word for twins,

which inspired NASA's name for its series of two-person spaceflights in the 1960s.

Pollux, on the left, is an old, giant star only about 34 light years away and about twice the size of the sun. Meanwhile, Castor, on the right, is a pair of stars whose light blends into just one point from more than 50 light years away. The two are among the brightest stars we can see and are a pleasure to gaze at any night they're in the sky.

Through the first two weeks of June, let's keep an eye on them and Venus. Night after night, as the late spring darkness falls later and later, we'll see them inch closer together. Venus

moving higher and the twins sinking lower. By the night of June 10, our perspective on the

three will have changed enough so that we'll see them in a stunning line with Castor on the right, Venus on the left and Pollux between. Watching these arrangements happen always inspires me to look a little closer and watch a little longer. We get to watch the sky change. We can see the story develop and play out. It always reminds me of how connected we are to everything around us, even if they sometimes seem like nothing more than dots projected on a screen.

The Full Flower Moon is tonight, Tuesday, May 29. Not far from it in the sky, about 500,000,000 miles away is Jupiter. The king of the planets is quite a sight these days – high, bright and a gorgeous, faintly orange color. While it's stunning with the naked eye, if you have a telescope, you may be able to see its famous, colorful cloud bands. If you have even just a small pair of binoculars, you can see its four planet-sized moons, Io, Europa, Gaymede and Callisto lined up along its midsection.



**By Scott Levine** 

Saturn and Mars will join the fun later in the night.

On June 21 at 6:07 a.m., we'll reach the solstice, the moment when spring becomes summer; it's the longest day of year. From then, as you contemplate cannonballs and hot dogs, the days will be getting shorter again clear out until December.

It's an exciting month in the sky. I hope you'll

take a few minutes to have a look. Clear

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and students: \$25. Info and tickets: 914-298-7464 or visit www.chordsmen.org.

Damn the Torpedoes: A Tribute to Tom Petty. Over the years Damn the Torpedoes, the most accurate Tom Petty tribute group, has evolved with a deeper understanding of the Petty catalog and more committed members. The group consists of founder and Tom Petty impersonator Rich Kubicz, lead guitarist Jimi Alan, pianist/keyboards and backing vocals Gary Castelluccio, bassist Jon Provan and drummer/percussionist Ross Kantor. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. \$32, \$37 and \$42. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

Celebrating American Composers: Gershwin, Bernstein and a World Premiere. The Hudson Chorale, rapidly becoming the area's most acclaimed chorus, will present this concert featuring four exemplary American composers and their works: Vincent Persichetti's "Celebrations," based on the poetry of Walt Whitman; the world premiere of two original commissioned works by composer Robert Convery, also based in part on American poetry; a choral arrangement by Leonard Bernstein of a popular Hebrew folk song; and, "Highlights" from the first truly American opera, George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess." The audience will experience texts, sounds and rhythms as unique and fascinating as American culture itself. Followed by a meet-and-greet with the performers and refreshments. Pleasantville

Presbyterian Church, 400 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. Advance sales: \$25. At the door: \$30. Students: \$10. Also June 3 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: 1-800-838-3006 or visit www.HudsonChorale.org.

## Sunday, June 3

Author Talk. "And, For My Next Act: From Bebop to the United Nations and Beyond" by Dede Emerson will be discussed. Emerson retired from a 30-year-career as economic development officer with the U.N. She went in over 60 missions as well as serving in their offices overseas. Prior to that, Emerson, also the author of "A Different Kind of Streetwalker," was a modern jazz pianist. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www. chappaqualibrary.org.

New American Cottage Garden Dedication. The new garden, located behind the Native Plant Center, uses native plants in familiar elements of a home setting. The design was created by landscape architect Ken Uhle and includes more than 800 plants representing 60 species and cultivars. followed by a light reception. All welcome. Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-606-7870.

**"All That Jazz."** Students from Hoff-Barthelson Music School's Jazz Studies Program presents a program of jazz standards features several of the School's superb ensembles performing the music

of Horace Silver, Charlie Parker, Charles Mingus, Art Blakey, Dexter Gordon and Miles Davis. Chase Park, 32 Chase Rd., Scarsdale. 5 p.m. Free. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held at Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. Info: 914-723-1169, visit www.hbms.org or e-mail hb@hbms.org.

Ballroom Extravaganza: Dancing Through the Decades. Back by popular demand for a third consecutive year, this show delight audiences with style, sweetness and sass as performers bring Fred Astaire's legacy to life. Exploring the evolution of ballroom dance, performers bring their unique passions and perspectives to the stage. Showcasing a collaboration among professional dancers and trained amateurs from Fred Astaire Dance Studio Mamaroneck. Emelin Theatre, 153 Library Lane, Mamaroneck. 7 p.m. \$30. Info and tickets: Visit www.emelin.org or www. fredastaire.com/mamaroneck

#### Monday, June 4

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

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

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

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

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



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