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County Legislators Approve \$8M for Columbus Avenue Rehab Project

By Neal Rentz and Martin Wilbur

The county Board of Legislators has approved construction funds for a major rehabilitation of a 2.2-mile stretch of Columbus Avenue in Mount Pleasant.

The \$8.2 million funding package, which was passed on June 18, will pay for a complete repaving, milling, joint and crack remediation, resurfacing and concrete curb replacement from Lakeview Avenue in Valhalla to Nannyhagen Road in Thornwood, said County Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant). The money includes a previously-approved \$870,000 bond act for design expenses.

Installation of sidewalk ramps that are compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act, new traffic loops, pavement markings and related work are also part of the project.

Work for the 12- to 15-month project

is expected to begin after it goes out to bid and the contract has been awarded, probably in a couple of months, Cunzio said.

"This section of Columbus Avenue is a critical artery for Mount Pleasant residents, students and businesses," she said. "This project will leave the roadway itself in excellent condition for decades to come. Equally important, this project makes the Columbus Avenue corridor safer and more inviting for pedestrians, students and people using the BeeLine Bus system."

Columbus Avenue is a four-lane thoroughfare that has an average daily traffic count of 20,000 vehicles. The road received an overall Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating of 71 in 2016, the last time there was a rating issued for the road. However, there are portions of the

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Chicken Eatery Approved in P'ville; Opening Set for September

By Anna Young

Another restaurant will open its doors to hungry diners this fall in Pleasantville after the village's Planning Commission approved the application last week.

The three-story building located at 465 Bedford Rd. will soon house a new chicken joint in the corner storefront that was vacated by Photo Works in March. The location, which was partially located in an A-1 Central Business zoning district, received approval on June 27 to transform the retail space into an eatery.

Applicant Albert Silverman, who has not yet settled on a name for the restaurant, said he plans to open a fast-casual service establishment in September that will serve ready-to-order chicken sandwiches, salads, falafel and vegetarian meals. He



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

The corner storefront at 465 Bedford Rd. where a new fast-casual restaurant specializing in chicken received approval last week and is expected to open in September.

said his target clientele are students from the Pleasantville School District and Pace University along with customers who

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Rallying Cry



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Hundreds of Westchester residents packed the plaza in front of the federal courthouse in White Plains last Saturday to protest the policies of separating children from their migrant parents at the U.S-Mexico border and other immigration policies. It was one of more than 600 rallies of its kind across the United States. For more coverage, see page 3.

Residents Detail Safety, Quality-of-Life Concerns at Ralph's Ices

By Martin Wilbur

Neighbors of a North White Plains ices and ice cream shop have urged North Castle officials to reject selling an adjacent town-owned parcel to the proprietor because the business has degraded their quality of life.

Residents primarily from Nethermont Avenue appealed to the Town Board last week to reconsider the potential sale of a nearly half-acre property to Ralph's Famous Italian Ices & Ice Cream at 850 N. Broadway. The residents argued that business owner Scott Rosenberg has failed to follow through on multiple requests from the town to install a mesh to prevent debris from falling off the cliff behind the establishment. They also charged he cleared an excessive number of trees.



Neighboring residents last week opposed the North Castle Town Board selling a .47-acre property to the owner of Ralph's Ices because of ongoing problems at the site.

The neighbors also voiced displeasure with the noise, strong odor of grease coming from the property and the dangerous safety conditions created

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road that have a PCI in the 50s, she said. The PCI is based on a top score of 100, although roads in the Northeast rarely are rated above 80.

Other items included in the project

are the installation of a new eight-foot sidewalk from Columbus Elementary School to the Rose Hill Shopping Center and a lit bus shelter on Columbus Avenue for the stop near the shopping center. Cunzio said while it will be the county's

responsibility to build the sidewalks, the Town of Mount Pleasant has agreed to maintain them.

"We really need that," Cunzio said of the sidewalks. "There's been a lot more pedestrian traffic on that stretch of road and right now without sidewalks, especially in winter when the snow is piled up on the side, it's really a pedestrian safety issue."

The county Department of Public Works will also consider minor alterations to traffic light patterns at the intersection of Lakeview and Columbus to more safely accommodate vehicles making a turn at that intersection, Cunzio said.

Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said last week he was thankful for the grant.

"I am grateful for our County Legislator Margaret Cunzio's persistence on this topic and am looking forward to seeing this project move forward as soon as possible," he said.

There are no details yet regarding any detours or road closures but that information will be shared once the project's schedule has been created, Fulgenzi said.

Commerce Street Intersection Redesign

Cunzio said the other significant county road project in Mount Pleasant, the redesign of the Y-shaped intersection



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

A more than two-mile stretch of Columbus Avenue from Valhalla to Thornwood will be rehabilitated by next year after the Board of Legislators recently approved the remainder of the \$8.2 million in funding for the work. The project also includes construction of a sidewalk from Columbus Elementary School to Rose Hill Shopping Center.

on Commerce Street near Gordo's Restaurant, is still in the design phase.

While the county last year appropriated \$375,000 for the design work, Cunzio said the project is complicated because it calls for a complete redesign of the intersection, forcing delays in having the project progress.

"I don't want people to think that we forgot about it," she said. "We're on top of that."

The area is the site of a pedestrian fatality a few years ago, Cunzio said.

Walls With Knowledge



Empty stretches of cold, bare cinder block wall at Byram Hills High School have become an oversized canvas for colorful paintings celebrating literature, history and chemistry. The murals, created every other spring, are the brainchild of visual arts teacher John Anthony Lopez, who devised a concept that transforms the curriculum from classroom ideas to carefully crafted artwork. The above mural traces the evolution of physics and includes 3D elements, including golden spheres going downhill that represent acceleration.



Do You Have Back Pain?

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Q: If I have chronic back pain, will I need surgery?

A: Not necessarily. There are plenty of effective non-surgical solutions for back pain, and over 80 percent of people with back pain respond to non-invasive treatment. When you first see a medical provider – whether it's your primary care provider, a chiropractor, a physiatrist, or an orthopedist – you'll undergo a thorough examination. For most patients, a care provider will recommend over-the-counter anti-inflammatory medicines (naproxen, ibuprofen), a program of stretching and exercise, and perhaps modalities such as heat massage, muscle stimulation, and physical therapy.

Q: What if my back still feels lousy after a week or two?

A: For the one in five patients who don't respond to non-invasive treatments, a medical care provider may recommend an MRI or a CAT scan to determine whether a disc – the rubbery cushioning between the vertebral bones of the spine – is pressing on a nerve in the spinal cord. If the imaging doesn't reveal any problems, you may get a prescription for stronger anti-inflammatory drugs or pain killers. For some patients, an epidural injection of steroids may help calm inflammation that's triggering pain.

Q: What if I have disc problems and my pain won't go away?

A: When there is a lot of arthritis in the spine, a patient's mobility is already limited and fusing the vertebrae is often the best choice. However, if the spine is relatively healthy, an artificial disc will help preserve natural motion and prevent deterioration of adjacent discs, compared to fusion. The artificial disc is made of a soft plastic center placed between metal alloy plates.

Q: What is recovery like for this procedure?

A: New, minimally invasive techniques, limit damage to surrounding muscles and nerves, and as a result, patients recover much faster. The surgery can be done on an outpatient basis and risks are minimal. After a week or two of soreness, patients begin physical therapy and many are back to normal activities in less than six weeks. I remember a disc replacement patient who came in for her follow up 10 days after surgery. Her sciatica was completely gone and she was able to stop taking pain medications. Every patient is different, of course, but the vast majority of patients experience significant improvements post-surgery.

Hundreds Rally in White Plains to Blast Trump Immigration Policies

By Martin Wilbur

Hundreds of activists converged in White Plains last Saturday demanding that President Donald Trump immediately reunite children of migrants who had been separated from their parents and to halt the widespread arrests of immigrants.

Grassroots progressive groups joined an estimated 600 to 700 other Westchester Keep Families Together rallies across the nation to protest the administration's immigration policies. They were accompanied by elected officials, local residents and relatives of Westchester immigrants who told harrowing stories of seeing family members arrested and hauled away by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials.

Jefferson Arpi, 15, of Peekskill, said his father, Manuel, was arrested last Oct. 31 and has been incarcerated in Alabama since. Arpi, his brother and mother all must work long hours to try and replace his income. As a result, Arpi said his schoolwork suffered this year and his brother is suffering from depression.

He said he has mixed emotions about the United States. While he is a citizen, Arpi's father faces deportation to Ecuador.

"Where just concerned about where is he going to go," Arpi said. "What state is



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Family members of Westchester immigrants who have been arrested by immigration authorities were part of the White Plains Keep Families Together rally last Saturday.

he going to go to? Are we going to be able to see him? Is he going to come back? It's like a big loss to our family because he wasn't just my dad, he was a teacher to us. He was so important to us."

The nearly two-hour rally was punctuated with chants of "Abolish ICE," which has become a new rallying cry since the separation of more than 2,000 children from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border and last week's shocking Democratic primary win in the 14th Congressional District by Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

While the drama of young children separated at the U.S.-Mexico border has captured the most attention, protestors

at the rally said that ICE has also been conducting raids in heavily populated immigrant communities throughout the United States. In many cases, agents are rounding up non-citizens who are authorized to be in the country or arresting and trying to deport others after minor infractions, such as motor vehicle violations.

Abou Farman, of the New Sanctuary Coalition, said his organization is fighting for Debora Barrios, a Westchester resident, who for seven years attended every scheduled meeting with immigration authorities since arriving in the United States. However, Barrios, never had an opportunity to go before the court in hopes of having her case resolved. Earlier this year, she left her job and her studies at Westchester Community College and is in hiding, having sought sanctuary in a Manhattan church.

Farman said there is no doubt that the ethnicity of her and countless others has played a key role.

"We have to remember that 95 percent of the people being handled by ICE are from Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean," he said. "This is about racism and it's part of the history of this country."

"As long as Debora Barrios is in sanctuary, as long as racism lives, nobody

is free," Farman added.

Congressman Eliot Engel said at the rally that he was "ashamed" of Trump's immigration policies and the scapegoating of people of certain backgrounds.

"This is not the America we know and it's not the America we love and they have no right to take the country from us and steal it from us and implement policies that are anti-American," Engel said.

County Executive George Latimer, who traces his great-grandfather's arrival from Italy in the 1880s, said his ancestors were in the same position about 130 years ago, escaping war, poverty or persecution for the promise of a better life.

"That is the same thing that every parent wants and they dream to have that chance in America, because if that's not who we are then we're just another version of Russia," he said.

Rev. Doris Dalton, the executive director of the MLK Institute for Nonviolence in White Plains and chair of the Westchester County Human Rights Commission, said the intentional separation of children with their parents is a human rights abuse.

"These policies and practices do not reflect our democratic values or our commitment to human rights," Dalton said.

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during busy periods along congested Route 22 because of insufficient parking. A few homeowners also mentioned how since Rosenberg disturbed the hillside they have been infested with rodents.

In addition to Ralph's Ices, Rosenberg also owns and operates Toxic Wings at the site. Rosenberg needs to acquire the parcel to provide more parking. He also hopes to open a third business at the location.

"I ask you to not sell that piece of property but to further establish it as open or green space," resident Betty Sanchirico told Town Board members at the June 27 meeting. "There's already way too much congestion and noise along the Route 22 corridor and we don't need to add to it by

allowing this property to be changed."

Last week the Town Board postponed a vote on the transaction because the contract arrived the same day as last Wednesday's meeting, leaving Town Attorney Roland Baroni no time to review its content. The town is looking to sell the property for \$125,000.

However, residents who spoke at the meeting argued that by selling the land the town will relinquish open space, which is quickly vanishing in North White Plains. Resident Nora Kanze Manuele said a path where the public can walk would also be lost.

"I'd like the board to consider that instead of selling the land it could consider turning that space into a greenspace so all of North White Plains and visitors to

North White Plains can enjoy that little section of nature before they get onto our lovely street of Nethermont," she said.

Nethermont Avenue resident Ed Lobermann told officials that it was the responsibility of the board to protect the residents, their homes and quality of life, not one particular business.

"To give him more property to destroy is the height of hypocrisy," Lobermann said. "You have a responsibility to us as residents. Listen to us. We don't want that property sold to Ralph's or anybody else."

Another resident, John Junker, said the community was opposed to adding commercial inventory near residences. Although the parcel had been an eyesore for about a decade until Ralph's Ices opened last year, the town gave Rosenberg

too much leeway in allowing him to open quickly while still needing to address multiple conditions, he said.

Junker said the large crowds at the site, particularly now that it's summer, is making for hazardous conditions.

"Someone's going to get killed either pulling in or pulling out of that place," he said. "It's the wrong business for the wrong spot."

Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto said that Ralph's Ices complies with the parking requirements in the town code but it has been more successful than the code anticipated.

"When it is busy, it supersedes the code in terms of parking and that's a problem that we don't experience that often," DiGiacinto said.

Baroni noted that the town took ownership of the adjacent parcel within the past two years because the previous property owner failed to pay taxes.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro said the Town Board is trying to balance the needs of the residents while also having vibrant business hamlets, something officials are constantly grappling with. He expects a decision on the sale by the July 11 meeting.

"I think the board gets a pretty clear drift of the issues and the impacts and your feelings," Schiliro told the residents.

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want something quick to eat.

"We're selling meals to go, family meals to go, single meals to go and it will be an establishment where you will see a table of fifth-graders sitting down coming from school to eat chicken nuggets or to drink a chocolate milk," Silverman said. "I'm not going to have table service and there will be less employees working than your typical

restaurant would (have)."

Silverman said the operation will be open during lunch and dinner hours. He might consider opening earlier to provide breakfast fare if customers request it.

Along with the approval, the Planning Commission recommended the Village Board modify the intersection where Bedford Road, Memorial Plaza and Marble Avenue converge.

Commission member Scott Blasdell

said the busy intersection is frequently unsafe to cross. He said he's concerned with pedestrian safety, particularly with the increased foot traffic that is anticipated once the eatery opens.

"It's very dangerous," Blasdell said. "People don't know what to do."

Members recommended village trustees create a designated walk signal with a no right turn on red sign added to the intersection.



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Armonk's Mariani Gardens Faces Deed Restriction Hurdle

By Martin Wilbur

A significant deed restriction imposed by North Castle nearly 40 years ago would have to be renegotiated by the owner of Mariani Gardens in order to accommodate his proposed 43-unit residential plan at the property.

The restriction, reached in 1979 when the town deeded land in its right of way to a previous owner of the property, prohibits the development of buildings on about one-third of the nursery's four-acre site in Armonk, said attorney Anthony Veneziano, who represents applicant 45 Bedford Road LLC and Mariani Gardens owner Mark Mariani.

As currently proposed, eight of the higher-end units and a portion of a ninth would be in the restricted area, which is closest to Maple Avenue, he said.

The apparent purpose of the deed restriction was to protect Wampus Brook Park, the area around the nearby Town Hall and the sightlines for the historic St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Veneziano said.

"So we think we're actually doing that," he said.

The revelation in the past few weeks is one more of several major issues the developer will have to address for the project to obtain approval. Mariani is looking for a zoning change from the Nursery Business zone to a multifamily designation.

Discussion of the restriction and other issues related to the proposal took place last Wednesday evening as the Town Board officially received the application and took action to refer it to the town and county planning boards and declare itself lead agency.

Veneziano said he's informed his client that the deed restriction is a significant issue along with the other key development hurdles facing the project.

"I think we still have to cooperate with you, we still have to produce evidence regarding the tax benefits, school-age children, we have water and sewer," Veneziano said. "We have to still deal with all of these issues and we have to solve this."

Other potential stumbling blocks is its proximity to the Bedford Road Historic District and density.

"When you look at this project, and it's lovely, there's really very little green space, very little open space," said Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto.

In comparison, the Cider Mill project contains 27 units on six-and-a-half acres, she said.

Veneziano responded that if he used the nearby Wampus Close zoning designation the project would yield 35 units. However, Mariani's property would be higher-end units that would add significant benefits to the town while maintaining the required distance between the structures and

property line.

"There's walkable access to the town, there's disposable income, it's a good project with minimal impacts and I think we can make the mass," he said. "We're keeping the setbacks and the stone walls."

According to the plan, the most luxurious units will be closer to the Bedford Road side with five four-bedroom apartments and 16 three-bedroom units. The so-called C Building, the largest structure rising to 40 feet to the midline of the roof, will feature six two-bedroom units and 16 one-bedroom residences. However, that building will be pushed to the rear of the property closest to Route 22.

Project engineer Rob Aiello said because of the slope of the land, only the top half of the C Building would be visible from Route 22.

"We tried to do it in a way that makes use of the topography and the vegetation that either exists or we can supplement," Aiello said.

There will also be five affordable units to comply with the town's affordable housing ordinance. It requires that at least 10 percent



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Representatives for Mariani Gardens have their work cut out for them to resolve various issues in order to build the proposed 43-unit residential development.

of new developments include lower-prices units.

At a work session last month, the applicant's representatives said projected rents would range from \$3,500 to \$5,000 for the smaller units and about \$7,500 and \$10,000 a month for the three- and four-bedroom units, respectively.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro said the applicant must maintain a dialogue with the community.

"I appreciate your offer and I think a meeting with some of the stakeholders in the historic district, the church, and if and how this project progresses, to make sure that you're listening to not just us but the community and the church and things like that," Schiliro said. "The historic district is very important and it feeds right into that."

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Chappaqua Trustees Appoint New Greeley, Grafflin Principals

By Anna Young

The Chappaqua Board of Education announced the official appointments of new principals for Horace Greeley High School and Douglas Grafflin Elementary School during a June 27 special meeting.

As anticipated, Seven Bridges Middle School Principal Andrew Corsilia will

become the district's next high school principal. Corsilia, who has worked in the district for 20 years, will step into his new role on Aug. 1. He will take over for Robert Rhodes, who resigned last month, effective June 30, after being placed on paid leave June 5.

The board also tapped Carol Bartlik,

a former assistant principal at Roaring Brook Elementary School, to lead Grafflin Elementary School. Bartlik, whose appointment was effective July 1, will fill the vacancy created by Jamie Edelman, who is now serving as the district's director of literacy.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Ackerman praised both educators. She said Corsilia has intricate knowledge of education and had a deep understanding of the mission and vision of district values, goals and learning practices.

Corsilia is also committed to creating a school community that is collaborative and meets the needs of all students.

"Over the years, Andrew has earned the respect and admiration of colleagues, students and parents," Ackerman said. "His strong background as a secondary leader and his understanding of our high school's culture and academic expectations makes him uniquely qualified to take Greeley to the next level."

Until Corsilia takes over, Ackerman will serve as point person for the high school administration.

The district is also in search of an interim principal at Seven Bridges Middle School and will search for a permanent replacement.

Ackerman said the district was fortunate to have Bartlik step in and lead Grafflin.

"I am thrilled to be working again with Carol," said Ackerman. "As a respected and experienced leader, combined with her knowledge of elementary curriculum, experience in early literacy instruction and enthusiasm for growth and collaboration, I know she is the ideal person to lead Grafflin in its pursuit of developmentally appropriate teaching and learning experiences along with the enhancement of professional practices."

Over the last two years, the Chappaqua School District has experienced high administrative turnover. In addition to Rhodes' resignation, former superintendent Dr. Lyn McKay stepped down in October 2016 following the revelations and guilty plea of former drama teacher Christopher Schraufnagel.

In addition, the district also lost central administrators Eric Byrne and Kusum Sinha.

Ex-Greeley Teacher Suspected of Improper Conduct Found Dead

By Anna Young

A Horace Greeley High School teacher and track coach who was facing allegations of inappropriate conduct with a former student committed suicide last week.

Matthew Ketterer, 36, was found dead at his New Canaan, Conn. home on June 26 after police responded to a call. Attempts to revive him were unsuccessful and he was later pronounced dead at Norwalk Hospital, police said.

Controversy surrounding Ketterer, a tenured social studies teacher who was hired in 2006, began last year. The teacher was placed on paid leave after allegations surfaced that he had engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a student. In December, district lawyers subpoenaed the student to testify in court if an improper relationship took place.

While school officials have not revealed the outcome of the district's internal investigation, the Board of Education accepted Ketterer's resignation in February. The resignation was to have been effective June 30.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Ackerman issued a statement to parents and students late Tuesday night informing them of Ketterer's death. She didn't provide any details regarding his passing but urged students to take advantage of the school's support team.

"While I understand you may have questions or concerns, the family at this time is asking us to respect their privacy," Ackerman wrote.

School counselors and the regional crisis team were made available for students.

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Covill: County Moving Forward on Plastic Bag Ban Proposal

By Neal Rentz

The Board of Legislators is considering a bill to ban most plastic bags, a measure that would resemble those already approved or being considered by several municipalities around the county.

The proposal, introduced by County Legislator Kitley Covill (D-Katonah), is currently being considered at the committee level and is supported by environmental organizations such as the

Sierra Club and Riverkeeper, Covill said.

The county Department of Environmental Facilities has told lawmakers that single-use plastic bags clog the county's Material Recovery Facility's equipment, she said. Plastic bags should be put in the regular garbage and not comingled with other recyclable items to be burned with other trash.

Covill said a county single-use plastic bag ban would not supersede local laws

unless a municipality would repeal its own statute.

Bags for newspapers, prescription drugs and to cover clothes from dry cleaners would be among the plastic that would be exempt, she said. Thicker plastic bags that have greater potential for reuse would also be excluded from the legislation.

"The point, obviously, is to change behavior," Covill said.

Consumers would be charged a yet-to-be determined fee for paper bags if they asked for them. The fee would be kept by the merchants, she said.

If the legislation is approved, store owners would be required to distribute free reusable bags two weeks before the new law would go into effect. In subsequent years, there would be one annual two-week period where free reusable bags would be made available by store owners to shoppers, according to Covill.

Mayor Gina Picinich said the village's Conservation Advisory Council is currently working on proposed legislation for the village to ban single-use plastic bags. The Village Board could pass its own legislation before the county, she said.

Picinich said she would be in contact with county officials about the village's proposed law.

In other activity, Covill said the county recently enacted legislation to



Westchester County Legislator Kitley Covill updated the Mount Kisco Village Board on a couple of recent initiatives taken by the county, including a potential ban on single-use plastic bags.

prohibit anyone under 21 years old from purchasing tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes and related items. The law will go into effect in early August, she said.

E-cigarettes are popular among high school students, Covill said. The vaping liquids have flavors such as bubble gum and popcorn but contain nicotine. E-cigarettes have made smoking "cool" among youths, she said.

"They look like a thumb drive. They're very difficult for a parent to police," Covill said.

Pleasantville Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban Hearing Scheduled for July 9

The Pleasantville Village Board will hold a public hearing next Monday, July 9 to discuss a law that would prohibit most single-use plastic bags in village businesses and to encourage patrons to carry reusable shopping bags.

The proposed legislation, recommended by the volunteer organization PleasantvilleRecycles, calls for certain stores, such as groceries and food markets, pharmacies and convenience stores, to charge customers a 10-cent fee for each paper bag and plastic bag used to carry out purchased merchandise. Plastic bags would be banned after one year.

Paper bags provided by retail stores must contain at least 40 percent post-consumer recycled content and be con-

spicuously labeled with the amount of content.

Any business that violates the law would receive a \$100 fine. A second offense would result in a fine of \$200, followed by a \$500 penalty for each subsequent violation. Each violation and each day that a violation continues will subject a business owner to a separate penalty, according to the proposed law.

The law would go into effect one year after it's enacted.

Next Monday's hearing will be part of the regularly scheduled Village Board meeting at Village Hall, which will start at 8 p.m.

—Anna Young



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June 22: A Brookwood Road resident reported at 7:24 a.m. that her next-door neighbor's dog is running at large. The animal control officer was dispatched and reported that the matter was adjusted and a summons was issued.

June 23: Report of a larceny on McDougal Drive at 1:23 p.m. The

complainant stated that he left his garage door open for a few hours and now notices a wheel from his car is missing. One of the responding officers secured photographs and witness and owners' depositions. An incident report will follow.

June 24: Report of a black sports bike traveling northbound at an estimated 100 miles per hour on Route 22 at 1:40

p.m. The operator is described as wearing a black helmet and a green shirt. Officers canvassed Route 22 with negative results.

June 26: Report of a party needing assistance at the Byram Hills Bus Garage on MacDonald Avenue at 4:52 p.m. A contractor from Delco Electric is apparently locked inside the gated area and cannot exit the parking area. The dispatching officer contacted the bus

garage to ensure that they were aware of the contractor working there and that the person was authorized to be there. The dispatching officers contacted the contractor and provided information to him about an ungated portion of the fence, which allowed him to leave the parking lot without incident.

Obituaries

Mary Bonomo

Mary A. Bonomo, a former longtime Valhalla resident, died on June 27.

She was 83.

Bonomo was born on May 31, 1935, to the late Reginald and Mildred (nee Dudeczka) Barker in Stamford, Conn. She was a retired legal secretary with Verizon in New York City. Bonomo was a longtime parishioner of Holy Name of Jesus Church in Valhalla and a member of the Rosary Altar Society. She was also a talented artist who loved her whole family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bonomo is survived by her devoted husband, Joseph M. Bonomo, of Bethel, Conn.; her loving children, Richard (Madeline) Bonomo of Waterford, N.Y.,

Julie (Thomas) Sessa of Lutherville, Md. and Alison (Patrick) Keery of Bethel, Conn.; her nine cherished grandchildren, Ashley, Joseph, Elizabeth, Richard, Amanda, Morgan, Daniel, Emma and Thomas; and three great-grandchildren, Enzo, Leo and Jolene. She was predeceased by her three brothers.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on July 1. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Name of Jesus Church on July 2 followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Praxair Cancer Center at Danbury Hospital in Danbury would be appreciated.

Robert Arcieri

Robert L. Arcieri of Hawthorne died on June 29.

He was 70.

Arcieri was born on March 20, 1948, to the late Dominic and Margaret (nee Musano) Arcieri in Fresno, Calif. He was a retired mechanic for Con Edison in Valhalla after working there for 47 years. He also was owner/operator of Archie's Repairs from 1982 to 2000, where he valued his customers and made many lifelong friends.

Arcieri is survived by his devoted wife, Joan (nee Agnelli) Arcieri, of

Hawthorne; his loving children, Robert (Lisa) Arcieri and Nicole Arcieri, both of Hawthorne; his three cherished grandchildren, Robert, Anthony and Dominic; and many cousins.

Visitation is at Hawthorne Funeral Home on July 2. A graveside service was held at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla on Tuesday, July 3 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations to The Michael J. Fox Foundation, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, Md. 21741-5014 would be appreciated.

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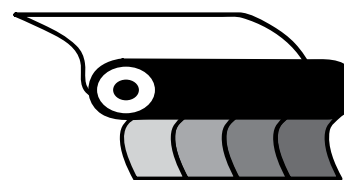
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Court Hearing Postponed for Chappaqua Man Arrested at Public Meeting

By Anna Young

The Chappaqua man who was arrested outside a New Castle Planning Board meeting in January will have to return to court in September after his pretrial hearing was postponed last Thursday.

Mt. Kisco Lions to Hold Downtown Thunder July 22

The Mount Kisco Lions Club is hosting Downtown Thunder, its seventh annual charity motorcycle ride benefiting Guiding Eyes for the Blind, on Sunday, July 22 at 10 a.m.

The day includes a ride through the scenic Hudson Valley, an all-you-can-eat barbecue, music, raffles, merchandise, novelty vendors and Nick's ice cream truck. There is a free t-shirt for the first 25 riders to register.

Registration opens at 8 a.m. at Mount Kisco Village Hall at 104 E. Main St. Registration is \$25 per rider and \$40 for each rider and passenger. The ride will conclude at about noon at the Boys & Girls Club at 351 E. Main St. for the barbecue.

For more information or to pre-register, call Bob Scop at 914-760-0014 or visit www.mountkiscolionsclub.org.

Resident Will Wedge must reappear before Town Justice Noah Sorkin on Sept. 20 as his lawyer, Lawrence Fisher, continues to try to have his client's case dismissed on the grounds that there was no probable cause for his arrest.

Wedge was arrested Jan. 16 and charged with two counts of second-degree harassment, a violation, and one count of obstructing governmental administration, a Class A misdemeanor, after he shouted a profanity during a discussion of the controversial Sunshine Children's Home at a New Castle Planning Board meeting. He was escorted out of Town Hall but was arrested moments later.

A pretrial hearing was slated to open in town justice court on June 28, but the district attorney's office canceled it, asserting that Fisher's oral motion for a Dunaway hearing at Wedge's May 31 court appearance needed to be in writing. A Dunaway hearing determines whether evidence obtained by the police from an arrest without probable cause may be suppressed.

Fisher was also asked to put his request in writing for a change in venue if the case goes to trial.

An application to modify Wedge's Order of Protection was also denied and was extended another six months. Sorkin issued the order shortly after his arrest

in January, which prohibits Wedge from coming to the upstairs level of Town Hall, where public meetings are held and most town offices are located.

While Fisher requested Wedge be allowed to attend public meetings at Town Hall, negotiating with Sorkin to allow his client to attend only Town Board meetings, Sorkin and the district attorney's office agreed it would be difficult to monitor. The judge commended Wedge for his civic engagement but said the allegations against him arose due to his participation in civic affairs.

Millwood Man Arrested for Raping Teenage Girl

A Millwood man was charged June 22 with third-degree rape for having had sexual relations with a 16-year-old girl.

Victor Gonzalez, 40, of Hidden Hollow Road was arrested after New Castle police conducted an investigation of a missing teenager out of the Town of Kent, Putnam County, according to the police department.

The suspect was arraigned in the Town of New Castle Justice Court following his arrest on the felony charge and was remanded to Westchester County Jail

in Valhalla on \$1 million cash or bond. The charge carries a maximum state prison sentence of four years in jail.

While police released little additional information because the investigation is continuing, a Westchester County District Attorney spokesperson said last Friday that Gonzalez has been transferred to the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn. He has been brought up on the federal charge of production of child pornography, a felony, which carries a mandatory

minimum prison sentence of 15 years.

Authorities did not reveal whether Gonzalez knew his victim or the circumstances surrounding the alleged offense, but it was not a random attack, the district attorney's office stated.

The suspect did not appear for his follow up visit in New Castle Court last Thursday. The case was adjourned until Aug. 9.

—Martin Wilbur

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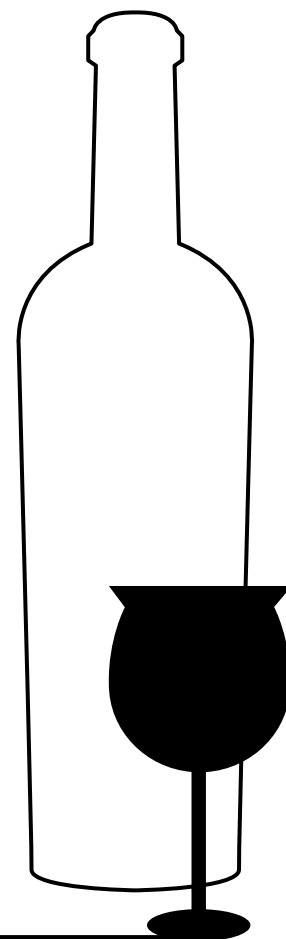
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No. Castle Hearings on Tap for Automated Parking Structure Near Airport

By Martin Wilbur

A public hearing on the special permit application for a proposed automated parking facility near Westchester County Airport has been scheduled for next Wednesday, July 11 before the North Castle Town Board.

Park Place at Westchester County Airport's application calls for a structure to be built at 11 New King St.

that would house up to 850 vehicles. The 2.5-acre site is currently home to an underutilized office building.

William Null, the attorney for applicant 11 New King Street LLC, said the original proposal was for a facility with a 1,450-car capacity and a footprint of 50,000 square feet. That has since been downsized to a structure with a 37,000-square-foot footprint during

the on-again, off-again review that has taken nearly a decade.

"This has been reviewed over nine years, it's been reduced in scope and scale and has been very publicly noticed for input along the way," Null said.

Earlier last week, the town's Planning Board set a public hearing for next Monday, July 9 for the site plan and wetlands, tree removal and steep slope

permits.

The facility would attract drivers parking their cars before heading to the airport for a trip out of town. Last year, one of the 11 New King Street LLC partners, Jeffrey Brown, explained that a driver would pull their vehicle into a container and that portal would be moved around electronically to various levels within the facility.

Automated parking limits the frequency of cars being started, making the facility more environmentally friendly and eliminating the need to have multiple attendants, he said.

Null said for the public hearing he would have information available regarding placement of the vehicles within the facility and how many levels there would be.

He said review of the project has taken nine years because the project was reduced in scope and there were other delays because newer technology was continuously being developed throughout the process.

Monday's Planning Board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. and next Wednesday's Town Board meeting is expected to start at 7:30 p.m.

No. Castle Completes Scoping for Hotel, Housing on Former IBM Land

By Martin Wilbur

The North Castle Town Board last week closed the public scoping session for the proposed hotel and residential project on a portion of the land once owned by IBM in Armonk.

Officials completed the session for the application for Eagle Ridge on 32 acres on North Castle Drive. The land had been subdivided by IBM in 2010.

The applicant, MADD Madonna Armonk LLC, submitted an application earlier this year for a 97-room boutique hotel on the smaller six-acre parcel. It would include amenities such as a restaurant, bar and banquet hall and contain 69 one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments on the top two floors.

On the larger 26-acre parcel, 94 townhouses have been proposed to be constructed. A zoning text change is needed to allow multifamily housing in the Office Business Hotel zone.

Last week, before the Town Board closed the scoping session, Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto raised the possibility of a fifth alternative for the site, which would call for the land to be split up into 12-acre and 20-acre parcels.

"I just think that when I look at the proposed project I would like to see more open space," DiGiacinto said. "It's really the hotel on six acres as proposed. Really, it's very tight in terms of open space."

She also asked the applicant's

representatives to consider limiting the height of the building to 45 feet to comply with the town code for the zone. The developer, Frank Madonna, has proposed that the structure containing the hotel and rental units be four stories and upwards of 60 feet.

Attorney Kory Salomone said he would add that to the list of alternatives to be considered by his client. During the opening of the scoping session, the three other alternatives were for a hotel only, a hotel and townhouses and a hotel with 60 townhouses instead of 94.

Salomone said he expects the Draft Environmental Impact Statement to be submitted to the town by August or September.

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Legislation Strengthening State's Ticket Resale Signed Into Law

Consumers have won stronger protections for ticket consumers throughout New York State after state Sen. Terrence Murphy's legislation to increase transparency and crack down on bad actors.

The legislation, signed into law by Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Sunday, extends protections in the market that expired on June 30 and adds new safeguards for consumers against deceptive tactics and price gouging. The new measures represent the most significant change to the ticket sale law in more than a decade.

"Any hardworking New Yorker who purchases a ticket to the world class entertainment and sporting events in our state should never fear being ripped off," Murphy said. "This law provides consumers with the confidence and peace of mind that when they are purchasing tickets to see a Broadway show, a ballgame or a musical performance they will not be scammed. I thank Gov. Cuomo for signing my legislation into law to protect the integrity of this industry."

In 2016, the state Senate's Republican majority successfully battled against

"bots," which is automated ticketing software, from mass purchases that resulted in consumers being locked out of buying tickets at face value.

Expanding on that effort, the new law focuses on tactics used to deceptively sell overpriced admissions to New York venues.

The state attorney general's office provided dozens of reports by consumers detailing businesses creating websites with strikingly similar names to a venue's. Under the law someone now reselling the ticket would be required to clearly disclose to the public

that they are a secondary agent.

Websites reselling tickets must also conspicuously share license numbers and disclosures if sales are transferred to another agent.

Operators would also be required to disclose total fees and surcharges associated with a ticket purchase prior to the completion of the sale.

While bots or similar ticket purchasing software were banned, the law now adds a penalty for using a bot that could result in the loss of a reseller's license for up to three years.

'Despicable Me 3' Kicks off Kensico Dam Summer Screenings This Friday

Movie fans are invited to a screening of "Despicable Me 3" (PG, 2017), which kicks off the Entergy Screenings Under the Stars free outdoor movie series this Friday, July 6 at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

Campers have a chance to win an ice cream on movie night. The camp that is most represented wearing their camp T-shirts or carrying bags with camp logos receives free ice cream for each child. In addition, WestchesterTalk Radio will visit the camp during the summer with special prizes and a podcast.

Entertainment begins at 6 p.m. The movie begins at dusk. Admission and parking are free. Moviegoers should bring blankets, folding chairs and a picnic. Refreshments will also be available for sale. In the event of rain, the screening will be canceled.

The series continues with "Paddington 2" (PG, 2017) on Friday, Aug. 10.

The event is presented by Westchester County Parks and Sharc Events. For more information, visit www.parks.westchestergov.com or call 914-864-PARK.

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Guest Column

Time for New York to Make Wholesale Switch to Renewable Energy

By Peter Harckham

Many local residents are concerned about the safety of living in proximity to the influx of gas pipeline infrastructure. I first became aware of this issue several years ago while chair of the Board of Legislators Committee on Parks, Labor and Housing and the Spectra pipeline was expanding through Blue Mountain reservation.

We held several hearings where experts detailed the health and safety impacts of living near gas infrastructure. Whether expanding a gas pipeline near a school or running a high-pressure gas line near a sensitive site like Indian Point made no sense then and makes no sense now.

Residents are also concerned about the proliferation of gas pipeline compressor stations, like the one in Southeast in Putnam County, and new micro power plants fueled by natural gas. Not only do they both emit methane, with 80 percent more heat-trapping potential than carbon, they also emit volatile organic compounds like benzene, a known carcinogen. These facilities emit more than 5.7 million pounds of toxins annually.

Currently, the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) does not require state-of-the-art emissions controls for all gas facilities. The DEC is currently reviewing new standards for such facilities.

To protect the health of New Yorkers, the DEC should require gas facilities to utilize Lowest Achievable Emissions Rate technology. This is readily available technology and will reduce adverse health impacts to New Yorkers living in proximity to such infrastructure. With 80,000 people per decade more expected to die due to the Trump cuts to clean air and water regulations, according to a recently released Harvard study, New Yorkers deserve nothing less.

Fortunately, there is good news. Natural gas was once considered a transition fuel to a cleaner energy system because it contributes fewer greenhouse gases than coal or oil. However, not only have we learned more about the health impacts of gas infrastructure in the intervening years, renewable energy technology is now abundant and financially more attractive.

Last week The Wall Street Journal reported that in 2016, global investment in wind and solar power more than doubled that of nuclear, coal, oil and gas-generated power, \$297 billion to \$143 billion. Private markets are now realizing that renewable energy is less expensive to produce than carbon-based energy, and the technology is abundant and competitive. While New York is a national leader in solar proliferation, we need to double down and expand opportunities, not just for personal

renewables, but large-scale commercial renewable energy as well.

My mother lives in a retirement community where every outdoor parking space is shielded from the elements by solar panels above. Further, the facility uses vacant land to host a "solar farm," further reducing dependence on the grid. As a county legislator I passed a Solar Inventory Act. Require Westchester to analyze every county-owned roof, parking lot and spare land for the suitability of large-scale solar installation. We should do the same at the state level, including SUNY and our state highway right of ways. By employing net metering, the excess energy created flows back into the grid and the owner's utility bill is reduced.

When the private sector invests twice in renewables than what it has in carbon-based energy, we are no longer living with renewables as a "down the road" vision unique to environmentalists. Renewables are now the more cost-effective and safer form of energy generation.

Wall Street has embraced this. Will we?

Peter Harckham served on the Westchester County Board of Legislators representing northeast Westchester from 2008 to 2015, and in the Governor's administration from 2015 to 2018. He is currently a candidate for the New York State Senate in the 40th District.

Letters to the Editor

Legionnaires' Tricks, Litigation Are Costing Mount Pleasant Taxpayers

Once again, the taxpayers of Mount Pleasant are being challenged and hurt financially by a so-called religious organization. Not only by the loss of tax revenue but the requirement to again deal with the cost of defending another court case against us.

I say so-called religious organization because I know of no other religious organization that tries so hard to take from hardworking people they once referred to as neighbors.

The Legionnaires property was once a flourishing, taxpaying IBM conference center. Since the purchase by the Legionnaires, it has continually fought us as to the taxable status of the entire property, zoned as a conference center and also the vacant south portion of the property zoned as residential.

We have continually lost in the courts due to the veil of religious organizations.

Thankfully, the northern portion was sold to EF Academy a few years ago and has since been put back on the tax rolls fully assessed and an asset to our town.

I advised Assessor Jim Timmings to put the vacant portion of the property on the tax rolls as soon as we were advised that

the property was for sale and knowing my predecessor, Joan Maybury, was told they were no longer located in the area and have no use for the property.

"We have offices in White Plains and residences in the City of Rye and will no longer be using the site," they said at the time.

For many years they evaded paying property taxes, stating their proposal to build a university on the property. Each year they would renew their application to the Planning Board so as to avoid having the property go back on the tax rolls.

The property now has been in contract for purchase by a reputable developer for approximately three years, who they are now trying to extort additional money from, and still they feel they are not responsible for paying property taxes.

I am a spiritual person but a religious organization that continually lies to the community by misrepresenting themselves is a sin in my book and lies are not acceptable in my faith.

Carl Fulgenzi
Supervisor

Town of Mount Pleasant

Harckham's Record Shows He Would Be an Effective State Senator

I was glad to read in The Examiner that Pete Harckham has entered the race for New York State senator. As a resident of Mount Kisco for more than 40 years, I know the great job Pete did as our county legislator. He worked to protect the environment, our air and water. He worked with Democrats and Republicans to get bills passed to fund vital programs for families.

If he is elected, his seat could put the New York Senate under Democratic control. The Republicans currently in power have been working against children, labor, small business, taxpayers and others for years. Pete's experience in state government, including work on community development grants, would help get things accomplished in Albany.

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Mt. Kisco Trustees Accept Diamond Zoning Recommendations

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Kisco Village Board accepted a letter from the Planning Board last week that supported proposed zoning text changes to allow additional family entertainment facilities at the Diamond Properties complex and on Radio Circle.

Diamond Properties has signed a lease that would bring a 70,000-square-foot ShopRite supermarket to its site at 333 N. Bedford Rd.

For the proposal to advance, developer Jim Diamond must first obtain zoning text changes from the Village Board because a supermarket is not permitted in the Light Manufacturing district.

Radio Circle is in the Research and Development zone, which also does not allow family entertainment venues. Separate action is needed to permit those establishments on Radio Circle.

The Planning Board made its recommendation for both sites to village trustees in a June 13 letter.

Several neighboring residents near the Diamond Properties complex have raised quality-of-life concerns about the potential for additional family entertainment venues at that site.

In the Planning Board's letter, Chairman Doug Hertz stated that while

planners supported the zoning revision, the matter should be submitted to the Comprehensive Plan Committee, which is currently working on updating that document for the village.

He said the Planning Board wasn't looking to delay zoning changes but that the committee "might offer some additional perspectives that have yet to be considered."

Village Attorney Whitney Singleton said the Planning Board's correspondence raised "issues of

definition." For example, while the Planning Board isn't opposed to cabarets, it did not want an adult facility such as a strip club to be approved as cabarets, he said.

Trustee Jean Farber urged the Village Board to continue revising the language to be considered in the zoning text change to prevent inappropriate or high-intensity uses, such as water parks, to be considered family entertainment.

While there are currently no proposals for family entertainment

on Radio Circle, adding the use could be beneficial to the village if the right tenant appeared, said Councilman Isi Albanese.

Longtime occupant Pro Swing Sports Club and a former health club across the street at 40 Radio Circle have been alternate uses in that area in the past, he said.

Any proposed uses would be subject to special use permit approvals by the Planning Board, Singleton said.

The Birthday Boys and Girls Get Together at Fox Senior Center

Everybody loves a birthday surprise. State Sen. Terrence Murphy surprised a group of senior citizens at the Fox Senior Center in Mount Kisco last Wednesday when he dropped in to wish them a happy birthday.

Last month, 40 seniors celebrated birthdays.

"The seniors at the center are a vibrant, active group who can still kick up their heels and are very much in touch with what's going on in their community," Murphy said.

Liz Dieter, recreation supervisor for the center said everyone looks forward to the facility's monthly birthday parties because they celebrate with friends they've made at the center.

"I'm blessed to be in Mount Kisco," said Patricia Lee, one of the birthday girls. "This is a wonderful senior center and it was nice of Sen. Murphy to take time from his busy day to come by and spend some time with us."

The Fox Senior Center is the home of the Mount Kisco Senior Recreation Group and the Mount Kisco Senior Nutrition Program. The center provides a wide variety of intellectual and recreational opportunities, including wellness and exercise classes, workshops, health screenings, computer classes, cultural arts celebrations and intergenerational partnerships.



State Sen. Terrence Murphy dropped in at Mount Kisco's Fox Senior Center last Wednesday during its monthly celebration of birthdays. In June, 40 seniors turned the page to another year.

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Organization Recognizes Bracken-Thompson as Role Model

Elizabeth Bracken-Thompson, a partner at the Briarcliff Manor-based marketing and public relations firm Thompson & Bender, was recently honored by WomenInBusiness.org at its "Talk-Walk at the Dam" networking event last month at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

"We are proud to honor Liz. She joins other past honorees recognized for their extraordinary success as women leaders in business, including Emmy Award winners

and world-record holders," said Toby Nadler, founder of WomenInBusiness.org.

The organization recognized Bracken-Thompson as an important role model included in a finite compilation of influential women entrepreneurs, business owners, professionals and C-suite executives throughout the country. The organization has redefined the traditional concept of success and honors women for their moral leadership and outstanding

signature business legacy of achievement.

Bracken-Thompson began her career with Gannett Suburban Newspapers and rose to the position of vice president of marketing for Gannett's 10-newspaper group. She then became partner at Thompson & Bender.

At Thompson & Bender, Bracken-Thompson oversees all aspects of the firm's advertising, integrated marketing, special events, public relations and strategic planning initiatives. She has managed a diverse number of award-winning public relations and marketing programs for clients from the public and private sectors.

Those programs include the opening of Kykuit, the Rockefeller home in Pocantico Hills; the launch of the one-name edition of The Journal News; the planning and event production for Westchester Magazine's Wine & Food Festival; publicity and marketing for Trump Tower in White Plains, Trump Plaza in New Rochelle, Trump Parc in Stamford and Trump Park Residences in Yorktown; and the grand openings of The Westchester in White Plains, New Roc City in New Rochelle and The Ritz-Carlton, Westchester.

In 2010, she was named one of Westchester's "Power Dozen" by 914INC. magazine and received the Woman of Leadership and Excellence Award



Elizabeth Bracken-Thompson, left, with Toby Nadler, founder of WomenInBusiness.org. The organization recognized Bracken-Thompson for her leadership qualities in business.

in 2012 from Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson.

Bracken-Thompson is active in numerous community and professional organizations and serves on the boards of multiple organizations, including the Business Council of Westchester, the Hudson River Museum and the Westchester Parks Foundation. She is also the former president of the Westchester/Fairfield Chapter of PRSA and the Advertising Club of Westchester.

Outdoor Yoga Event Returns, Proves Popular Again



More than 200 people attended The Mental Health Association of Westchester's outdoor mega-yoga event Get on Your Mat for Mental Health on June 2.

The event was held on Court Street in downtown White Plains, returning to the newly renovated location after being relocated to another park in past years. Attendees enjoyed a yoga marketplace, sponsor exhibitors, music by composer and guitarist David Robles, and an hourlong yoga class led by renowned teacher Sarah Platt-Finger,

the private yoga teacher of Deepak Chopra and co-founder of ISHTA Yoga with her husband, Yoga Master Alan Finger.

The MHA event has been hailed as "one of the world's most inspiring mega-yoga events" by Well + Good, a lifestyle and news publication devoted to the wellness scene.

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OMG! A Crazy World of Real Estate Shorthand

My wife gave me a real chuckle the other day when she asked, "By the way, what does 'btw' mean?"

Margaret is actually quite savvy in the tech world, but obviously this abbreviation had passed her by.

We've all grown up with abbreviations and acronyms that probably originated at sea, from SOS (originally for Save Our Ship) to POSH (for portside out, starboard in). Others developed on land for everyday living, such as VIP (very important person), RSVP (répondez s'il vous plaît) and ASAP (as soon as possible).

An important one I learned attending college in a dry state was BYOL (bring your own liquor).

Not all of us studied Gregg or Pitman, but a new shorthand developed – then exploded – with the invention of the personal computer, the Internet and when texting became our primary mode of communication with others. Who ever heard of LOL (laughing out loud), IMHO (in my humble opinion) and the ubiquitous OMG! (oh, my God!) before we logged on or texted?

But in RE (real estate), the world of abbreviations and acronyms frequently draws questions about meanings among realtors and blank looks from buyers and



By Bill Primavera

sellers as we start to automatically reference letters from the alphabet. There's AO (acceptable offer), ZB (zoning board), CMA (comparative market analysis) and CO (certificate of occupancy).

Keeping up with these abbreviations is a continuous learning process that can lead to misunderstanding, double interpretations and silly sounds. My favorite is FISBO (for sale by owner).

This subject first came to mind a while back when I was having an uncomfortable conversation

with a service provider, a rare situation since most suppliers are very eager to please and win our business. But this one, who installed tiling, refused to give me a solid estimate of what it would cost to have tiles repaired or replaced at the water line of my pool.

When I shared with him that I was hoping that it might be around a \$500 job, he retorted, "No way! It's going to be a lot more than that!" When I asked how much more, he said, "I won't know until I actually do the work and then it will all be TM."

The only TM I knew was transcendental meditation, which I thought I would surely need when our conversation ended. When I summoned the courage to ask what TM

was, he was happy to educate me: time and materials.

Why everything in the real estate business must be abbreviated I can't say, but I suspect it originated as a way to save space in listings and ads. Read any ad about a house and you won't find a complete word anyplace, just a series of letters, some whose meanings are more difficult to guess than others. Consider EF (entry foyer); LR (living room); DR (dining room); EIK (eat-in kitchen); FR (family room); BD or BR (bedroom); BA (bath), SGD (sliding glass doors); WIC (walk-in closet); WDSTV (wood-burning stove); BSMT (basement); GAR (garage); and DK (deck). The ad might also state that it needs TLC. Years ago, it might offer the possibility of a M/D (mother/daughter), but realtors can't use that discriminatory term anymore.

Styles of homes also have their own codes: COL (colonial), CONT (contemporary), RR (raised ranch), SL (split level) and CC (Cape Cod).

Not to be overlooked for confusion are those abbreviations with double meanings such as AC (it can mean air conditioning or acre) and FHA (Federal Housing Authority or forced hot air).

Some sound either funny or crude, such as PUD (planned unit development); HOA (homeowners association); HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development); and NOO (which isn't

an emphatic negative but nonowner occupied).

Then there are all the financial terms to keep straight such as APR (annual percentage rate) and ARM (adjustable rate mortgage).

Those that definitely need explanation the first time around may be DVAC (central vacuum) and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning). I can never remember GFI or GFCI (ground-fault circuit interrupter, an electrical receptacle that protects us from electrocution in high-risk areas such as bathrooms and kitchens).

Before I'm ready to draw a conclusion, I'll relate an incident in which I was convinced that abbreviations, while convenient, may be taken too far. I was in an extended e-mail conversation with a seller's agent concerning an offer I was trying to make on behalf of my buyer client. She said she would be sure to follow up with the seller's response by e-mail. Granted, it was a somewhat low-ball offer, but I was initially startled when the return e-mail's subject line simply stated "FU."

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Pleasantville Garden Club Delivers Knockout Bed of Roses

It's June and time to think roses. Roses are blooming everywhere and the Pleasantville Garden Club is working to increase the numbers of roses visible.

The Pleasantville Garden Club, in partnership with the Village of Pleasantville and the Town of Mount Pleasant, promote the Double Red Knockout Rose as the signature flower for the town. Our hope is that masses of red blossoms will make a beautiful and welcoming impact, enhancing the warmth and pleasant charm of our home community.

The rose project campaign was launched last year to encourage residents and municipalities to plant the Double Red Knockout Rose in their gardens, on the roadside, along fences and in planters to beautify the town while becoming a distinguishing feature for neighborhoods throughout town.

The Pleasantville Garden Club has created five rose gardens. Two are in Pleasantville, at the recreation building on Marble Avenue and at the island on Manville Road that is home to the Christmas tree during



PLEASANTVILLE GARDEN CLUB PHOTOS

Pleasantville Garden Club members planted a garden at the villages recreation building on Marble Avenue, one of five gardens throughout the village and the Town of Mount Pleasant that were recently beautified with groups of Double Red Knockout Roses. Right: Volunteers work on the new rose garden near the Hawthorne post office.

the holiday season. The other three are in Mount Pleasant – two on the Columbus Avenue median and another on the corner adjacent to the Broadway bridge and post office.

The gardens are recognized by the numerous Double Red Knockout Roses, mixed with blue Catmint and

Salvia. The roses are disease-resistant and are easy to care for. It blooms from June to first frost and is particularly striking, whether planted singularly, in a border or in groups.

The Pleasantville Garden Club is pleased to sponsor these gardens. Its members work hard to earn funds



to support the club's beautification projects and to plant and maintain all the gardens that are sponsored.

Join the Pleasantville Garden Club in planting the Double Red Knockout Rose in your garden.



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Tuesday, July 3

English Conversations. For speakers of other languages seeking to improve their English. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 3 to 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.org.

Kensico Dam Music Fest and Fireworks. DJ entertainment followed by a live concert with patriotic favorites and fireworks after dark. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. DJ entertainment at 6 p.m. Concert at 8 p.m. Fireworks at 9:15 p.m. Free. Info: 914-231-4033.

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

Ossining Waterfront Summer Concert Series: Jon Bates Band. Bring your dancing shoes because this party band will get you up on your feet before and after you watch the dazzling fireworks display explode over the Hudson River. Concessions provided by some of Westchester's best food trucks are available. Louis Engel Waterfront Park, Westerly Road, Ossining. 7:30 p.m. Free.

Wednesday, July 4

Wolves of North America. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why it's a special time for packs in North America. Whether the wolves are living on the Arctic tundra or the woodlands of the southwest, wolf families are out searching for prey as they celebrate the birth of pups! Guests will visit ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr as well as the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem 11 a.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also July 7, 14, 28 at 11 a.m., July 29 at 1 p.m. and July 8, 15, 21 and 22 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Independence Day Fair. This celebratory, family-friendly event is in honor of America's founding and hosted by the Bedford-Armonk Rotary Club. Features readings of the Declaration of Independence, petting zoo, stilt walker, log cutting, an 18th century equestrian demonstration, pony rides, crafts, historic house tours, hayrides, live music, discovery centers, fishing, pet adoption, student art show and food from the grill and other refreshments. A festive way for families to

explore the National Historic Landmark home of founding father and America's first Chief Justice John Jay. John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. Food and most activities available by ticket purchase. Info: Visit www.bedfordarmonkrotary.org or e-mail bedfordarmonkrotary@gmail.com.

Pops, Patriots and Fireworks. Celebrate July 4th by paying tribute to Leonard Bernstein alongside other grand symphonic works with the esteemed Westchester Symphonic Winds and two stellar alumni from Caramoor's Schwab Vocal Rising Stars. Then stick around for a proper ending to the evening with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, and of course, fireworks. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 8 p.m. \$30, \$40, \$50, \$60, \$70, \$75 and \$90. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

Thursday, July 5

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

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

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

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

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

Bridge for Beginners/Intermediate.

With Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Meets most Thursdays. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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

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

Evening Howl for Adults. Enjoy visiting the wolves during their favorite hour – dusk. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolves in North America while enjoying a lovely spread of wine and cheese. Take a short sunset hike to howl with ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and behold the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican wolves. For adults 21 years old and up. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 7 p.m. \$20. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Friday, July 6

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Entergy Screening Under the Stars: "Despicable Me 3." Bring blankets and chairs for seating. Entertainment at 6 p.m. Movie begins at dusk. Free. Info: 914-231-4033.

Ossining Waterfront Summer Concert Series: Soul Projekt. Playing an original mix of funk, jazz, blues, soul and gospel, this New Orleans-inspired and Ossining-based band will bring the vibrant atmosphere of the city to the riverside. Concessions provided by some of Westchester's best food trucks are available. Louis Engel Waterfront Park, Westerly Road, Ossining. 7 p.m. Free.

Friday Night Film Series: "Forks Over Knives." As bathing suit season approaches, we find ourselves in a race to get into shape as quickly as possible

but this spring merits a moment to look at the American diet in relation to our health and well-being. With ever higher incidences of major illnesses, including heart disease, cancer and diabetes, this intriguing documentary follows the parallel paths of two notable physicians, T. Colin Campbell and his China Study, and Caldwell Esselstyn as they embark on a mission to change the way Americans eat. 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 School and New York Boys' State. Moses Taylor American Legion Post 136, 1 Legion Way, Mount Kisco. 7 to 11 p.m. \$15 per person. First Friday of every month. Info: 914-241-0136.

Jasper String Quartet. The Jasper String Quartet brings its passion for performing emotionally personal and significant pieces. Presenting two contemporary pieces alongside classic works from Beethoven and Mendelssohn, the Jasper String Quartet — an alumni quartet of Caramoor's Ernst Stiefel String Quartet-in-Residence program — are the perfect centerpiece for a summer evening concert. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 8 p.m. \$25, \$30, \$35 and \$40. Students (18 and under): Free. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

Saturday, July 7

Pleasantville Farmers Market. Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" from 2014 to 2017. With 55 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, it's a delicious good time. This week, Market Sprouts will present an art project with Miss Patti of ArtSmart 9:30 to 11 a.m. and the music series will feature Latin American music by Vicente Saavedra from 10 a.m. to noon. 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 monthly series of children's art workshops. This month, iPhone photography will be

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Sounds of Summer Series Returns to Fill the Theaters at Jacob Burns

By Neal Rentz

Summer is a favorite time for outdoor concerts. The season has also become synonymous at the Jacob Burns Film Center with programs and films dedicated to music.

The Sounds of Summer 2018: Music Films, Old and New is scheduled to open July 8 and run through Aug. 23. The annual series began in 2010 and features works covering a variety of music genres.

This year's series includes 21 films selected by Burns Programming Director Brian Ackerman, Senior Programmer Andrew Jupin and Programmer Karen Sloe Goodman.

"We're always looking for films that will entertain and inspire our audiences," Goodman said of the series' success.

Ackerman said the series will include new films and classics, including the opening night screening of "Yellow Submarine," the psychedelic animated film directed by George Dunning. Also scheduled for July 30, "Yellow Submarine" will be introduced by Scott Freiman, the curator of a series of multimedia presentations about The Beatles.

The movie includes several hits from The Fab Four, including "When I'm Sixty-Four," "Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds," "Eleanor Rigby" and "All You Need is

Love."

Freiman will also display his expertise about The Beatles in two films. On July 16 and Aug. 15, "Deconstructing the Beatles: The Birth of the Beatles" will be screened while "Deconstructing the Beatles: 1963 Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!" detailing the band's early commercial successes, will be shown on July 26 and Aug. 23. Those Beatles' programs include music, video and other materials to analyze the group's music, Goodman said.

The series is presented in partnership with public radio station WFUV 90.7 FM.

"It's a great partnership to have," Goodman said.

Disc jockeys Rita Houston, WFUV's program director, and Dennis Elsas will come to the Burns to explore the musical legacies of two listener favorites: the Avett Brothers and Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards. The Avett Brothers are the subject of the documentary, "May It Last: A Portrait of the Avett Brothers," directed by Judd Apatow and Michael Bonfiglio, about the Grammy-nominated North Carolina-based band. Following the July 17 screening, Goodman will lead a discussion with Houston.

"Keith Richards: Under the Influence," the documentary directed by Morgan Neville, will be presented on Aug. 2. The



JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER PHOTO

Two films featuring Scott Freiman, the curator of a series of multimedia presentations about The Beatles, will be part of the Sounds of Summer 2018: Music Films, Old and New series.

2015 movie, which will be followed by a discussion with Goodman and Elsas, documents Richards recording his first solo album in two decades.

Goodman said two of her favorites in this year's series are "Chavela," the documentary directed by Catherine Gund and Daresha Kyi about legendary Costa Rican singer Chavela Vargas (July 9) and "Ruben Blades is Not My Name," the documentary directed by Abner Benaim, about the singer-songwriter (Aug. 8).

Ackerman said an annual series tradition will continue on July 31 with the presentation of "Stop Making Sense,"

a 1984 concert film directed by the late Jonathan Demme starring The Talking Heads. Demme was actively involved with the Burns in a variety of capacities. The sound will be turned up loud "as Jonathan wanted it," Ackerman said.

While audiences will not be sitting outside to enjoy the featured music, Jupin said there really isn't anything like it on the big screen.

The Jacob Burns Film Center is located at 364 Manville Rd. in Pleasantville. For the complete schedule and for tickets, call 914-747-5555 or visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Summer Recipes to Try Using Berries and Cherries

Have you visited your local farmers market lately? If so, you have likely noticed strawberries and cherries in abundance.

I'm sharing some of my favorite recipes to highlight these seasonal delights. Or you can appreciate them on their own without any added flavors if you wish.



By Joanne Witmyer

Strawberries with Balsamic Vinegar (Serves 8)

Ingredients

8 cups fresh strawberries, sliced
5 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons sugar
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Grated lemon zest (to taste)

Instructions

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and set aside at room temperature. If desired, spoon strawberry mixture over favorite ice cream or sorbet.

Green Salad with Cherries (Serves 4)

Ingredients

4 cups arugula
2 cups baby spinach
1 cup pitted halved cherries
1 oz. crumbled goat cheese
¼ cup pistachios, roughly chopped

Dressing: 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, ½ teaspoon Dijon mustard, ¼ teaspoon sea salt, ¼ teaspoon freshly ground

Instructions

Combine all ingredients and add dressing.

Let me know how these recipes turn out for you or send me some of your own. Enjoy!

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Playland to Host Free Summer Concerts, Dancing Programs

It's all about great music this summer when classic rock bands, tribute acts and local artists bring their talents to Playland Park in Rye.

Talented young students from Mamaroneck's School of Rock kicks things off when they perform music ranging from the "Rock 101" songbook to heavy metal. See them on Friday, July 13, at 7 p.m., Friday, July 27, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 9, at noon. (Friday night shows in July will break for fireworks at 9:15 p.m.)

There's sure to be dancing in the aisles when Dr. K's Motown Revue brings its upbeat, pop-influenced style of rhythm and blues for two shows on Saturday, July 21 at 4 and 8 p.m.

On Friday, Aug. 3, get out the leg warmers, fingerless gloves and neon brights and be there when Jessie's Girl makes Playland a stop on their summer "Back to the Eighties" tour at 7:30 p.m. The band, which bills itself as the world's greatest '80s tribute band, performs stunning renditions of favorites by Prince, Madonna, Bon Jovi, Michael Jackson and many more.

The Nerds, with over 25 years' experience performing classic rock, take the stage for two shows on Friday, Aug. 31 at 7:30 and 9 p.m.

Admission to the concert area is covered

in the park's admission price. No additional concert fee will be charged. Parking fees are in effect for all entertainment.

Playland's famous fireworks shows take place every Friday, from July 6 through Aug. 31 at 9:15 p.m., with special holiday shows on July 3 and 4, at 9:30 p.m. Fireworks can be viewed from inside the park or for free on the boardwalk outside the amusement park complex.

Finally, put on your dancing shoes because the Playland Orchestra, formerly known as the Milt Gerver Big Band Orchestra, will play on the boardwalk for free on July 13, 20 and 27 and Aug. 3 at 7 p.m.

"Classic rock, unforgettable Motown sounds, funk, soul and Big Band – it's all on the playlist this summer, live and on stage," County Executive George Latimer said. "Come early, get a good spot and settle in for a fantastic day or evening at the park."

For the season's full schedule, visit www.PlaylandPark.org or call the park at 914-813-7000. Parking most days is \$10, but is \$15 on holidays, special events and concert days.

Playland is located at the end of Playland Parkway in Rye. For public bus transportation, visit www.westchestergov.com/beelinebus.

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explored. 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. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

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

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

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

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

Pack Chat for Kids. This is the best introduction to wolves for families with young children. Kids will learn about the mythology surrounding wolves and the important role they play in the natural world. This is an exciting time for wolves who are out searching for prey as they celebrate the birth of this year's pups. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr as well as the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 2 p.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also July 8, 15 and 22 at 11 a.m. and July 14 and 28 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-763-2373 or visit www.nywolf.org.

The Animation of Ray Harryhausen: "The Beast From 20,000 Fathoms." The first of five Saturdays in July and August featuring giant crabs, prehistoric beasts, an oversized octopus and battling skeletons. Led by film historian and librarian Philip Harwood. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

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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.

Comedy Night. Six popular comics for a night of great dining and outrageous comedy. Featuring Peter Bales, Joey Callahan, Rob Falcone, Billy Garan, Tommy Gooch and John Joseph. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. \$89 per person (plus tax). Show only: \$55 per person (plus tax). Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

Sunday, July 8

Polish Heritage Festival. Music and entertainment, crafts and food vendors. Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. 12 to 6 p.m. Free parking and admission. Info: 914-231-4033.

Muddy Sneakers. This program introduces the wonders of the natural world. Put down the Legos and pick up a stick. Join this wild excursion through our woods, puddles and fields and play in nature. All ages. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Marc-Andre Hamelin in Concert. Hamelin is an accomplished and unrivaled virtuoso when it comes to the renowned works of the established repertoire for piano. He brings to his Caramoor debut one of Schumann's greatest works for solo piano, central to the early Romantic period, and Schubert's elegant masterpiece – the last sonata for piano he would ever write. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 4 p.m. \$35, \$55, \$60 and \$75. Garden seating: \$10. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

Salsa Social. Come and learn how to Salsa. A fun and exciting workout. Singles or couples; no partner necessary. Josie's School of Dance, 42 Memorial Plaza, Level B, Pleasantville. 5 to 9 p.m. Intro lesson at 4:30 p.m. \$10 admission. Dinner: \$6.

Second Sunday of every month. Info: 914-332-8670.

New York Opera Conservatory Summer Concert Series. This Taconic Opera summer program for emerging opera singers offers an opportunity to hear the upcoming generation of professional singers as they gain valuable experience perfecting their craft. The conservatory helps to fill an unmet need among singers to gain valuable hands-on experience through actual performance. Tonight, solos from Mozart's "Mass in C" will be performed. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 801 Kitchewan Rd. (Route 134), Ossining. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.TaconicOpera.org.

Monday, July 9

Morning Bird Walk. Go birding with the Saw Mill River Audubon. Beginners welcome. Rain or shine. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way (Route 117), Pleasantville. 7:30 a.m. Free. Meets the second Monday of each month. Info: Visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org.

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.

Summer Wolf Camp for Kids. Give the young animal lover in your family a chance to thrive among wolves all week long. This five-day program will include opportunities for your child to learn about nature and wildlife through woodland exploration, scavenger hunts, wilderness games, live animals and more. Children will learn about various habitats, animal communication and behavior, food chains and local wildlife. For children in grades 1-6. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$350 per child. Also the weeks of July 16, 23 and 30. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Morning Shorts Book Discussion. "The Shell Collector" by Anthony Doerr will be discussed. Led by Rebecca Rogan. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

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

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.

Tuesday, July 10

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

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

Holistic Pain Support Program. People suffering from chronic pain will have access to comprehensive pain management services including exercise, nutritional guidance, psychological support and complementary medicine practices. This session will feature a presentation on pet therapy and the role it plays in pain support. Phelps Hospital, Room 545, 755 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 12 to 1 p.m. Free. Also July 24, which will feature a presentation from the director of Phelps' pain management center. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail ewoods3@northwell.edu.

Senior Afternoon Cinema: "Chariots of Fire." The winner of four Oscars, including Best Picture. Based on a true story of two British athletes competing in the 1924 Summer Olympics in Paris, this film tells the story of a Jewish Englishman and a Christian from Scotland, who approach their sport in very different ways. The stirring score is unforgettable. Part of the Jacob Burns Film Center's Senior Afternoon Cinema series showing a film one Tuesday afternoon a month. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 1 p.m. Members: \$9. Senior non-members: \$11. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Author Talk. "The Blasphemers" by Annamaria Alfieri will be discussed. This is Alfieri's third book in her projected 10-book Vera and Tolliver series of historical mysteries. Set in early 20th century British

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Wine Marketing Begins to Embrace 21st Century Technology



By Nick Antonaccio

"A picture is worth a thousand words."

"Every picture tells a story, don't it?"

These phrases have a deep-rooted legacy in American culture, both written and sung. As products of their time, they conveyed an aesthetic that was as much a symbol of their time as they were iconic mileposts marking a change in the public's interaction with society and each other.

To my 20th century sensibilities, these phrases connoted the evolution, and juxtaposition, of two-dimensional perspectives.

In the mid-20th century, marketing campaigns were beginning to understand the power of images over text as a means to market products. It became a standard of advertising, as expressed in numerous product, political and social advertisements, that well-crafted photos and video clips were more impactful than text and were worth a thousand, or more, words.

But the medium for these messages is rapidly changing.

Who can forget Rod Stewart's driving, raspy voice singing "Every Picture Tells a

'...wine companies are integrating new technologies into their core advertising and marketing.'

Story" in 1971. (My how time flies. It seems the early '70s were only a few decades ago, not nearly a half-century.)

Today, his song title, and theme, conveys a concept unheard of until the last few years.

The change I refer to in these two examples is the advancing technology of augmented and virtual reality. More specifically, how manufacturers, including wine companies, are integrating new technologies into their core advertising and marketing.

The new technologies infiltrating our real and virtual lives are virtual reality and augmented reality.

The distinction is rather clear. Virtual reality immerses the wearer of a specially designed headset/goggles in alternative realities. Augmented reality adds to, but doesn't replace, our current real experiences.

It is augmented reality that is popping up in a new advertising campaign recently launched. I read an example of these two

technologies a while ago. Virtual reality is swimming with the sharks; augmented reality is downloading an app and watching a shark seemingly leap out of your screen. Remember the Pokémon Go app of a few years ago? Augmented reality.

Here in 2018 we have an app that presents a video that tells a story and it's worth a thousand words.

An Australian company markets a brand named 19 Crimes. It is a growing collection of Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, a Chardonnay and a few red blends, all catering to the American palate of fruit-forward, nicely rounded wines. Many are available at retail shops in our area for about \$10.

What makes the brand distinctive is its underlying theme. Beginning in 1783, the British government banished to Australia criminals convicted of one of 19 specific crimes, otherwise punishable by hanging. These were the early colonists who have been immortalized in history. Several of the crimes are a bit outlandish, including impersonating an Egyptian (number 5), stealing fish from a pond or river (10), stealing roots, trees or plants (11) and clandestine marriage (15).

Each bottle of the 19 Crimes collection displays a photo of one of these criminals. Download the free app, point your smartphone at the bottle and the photo of the criminal comes to life, regaling you with the convict's trials and tribulations.

I find this to be a very effective marketing tool. And the consuming public agrees. The wines are flying off the shelves, at a pace of one million cases a year. Another lure, embraced by younger consumers, are the corks, randomly numbered for each crime, which have become collectibles.

Contrary to the declining sales of Australian wines in the United States,

19 Crimes is bucking the trend, thanks to a brilliant marketing campaign and bolstered by augmented reality. And every video tells the story, don't it?

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An Enduring Character: The Immigrant Experience of the Irish 'Bridget'

What does an 1830s mansion in the Bronx and the saga of Irish immigration share? Plenty, especially on a recent Sunday when historian Margaret Lynch-Brennan gave a talk on her book, "The Irish Bridget: Irish Immigrant Women in Domestic Service in America, 1840-1930."

My wife and I attended this event at the historic Bartow-Pell Mansion in Pelham Bay Park, including a ribbon cutting for the new third-floor servant's quarters. It was a stark reminder of the harsh life that domestic workers, particularly women, experienced in the Hudson Valley in the 1880s, where having servants was a status symbol for the well-to-do.

Though most families had a single servant, the more affluent had several and the rich had scores. Those were the fortunate, living where chores were divided among many, and a woman in service

could specialize as a cook, nursemaid or housemaid. The solitary servant would perform all those tasks, and more, for minimal salary. And those women came largely from rural Ireland.

Of the female domestic servants working in New York City and Brooklyn in 1880, 44 percent were Irish-born. They gave birth to an enduring stereotype, the classic Irish

servant girl named Bridget – or Biddy, Maggie, Katie or Peggy. All were names by which an Irish servant girl might be called, regardless of her given name.

As part of the massive outflow from Ireland, beginning with the Great Famine of 1845 to 1852, they came to America in droves. Some had experience in "service" in Ireland before coming here. Most didn't. They filled a need in their adopted country to do work that most American-born women shunned as beneath them.

For the "Bridgets," it was a leg up on the economic ladder, and the beginning of a chain of immigration, where money sent back to Ireland either paid for siblings to follow or supported family left behind. In fact, in the 1870s, one-third of the money circulating in Ireland came from whatever these selfless women could afford to send back home.

Lynch-Brennan provides us with a composite picture of Bridget. Ignoring the "No Irish Need Apply" advertisements of the age, she was a hard-working woman of 21, not yet married, and had come to America on her own, a different experience than women of other immigrant groups at the time. Others typically would travel with spouses to America and remain at home rather than seek outside work.

For Bridget, the decision to leave Ireland was often not hers but her family's and reflects the economic necessities in post-famine Ireland. Farms were no longer divided among all sons, as they had been since time immemorial. Only one son would get the farm upon a father's demise. One daughter would receive whatever small "fortune," or dowry, her family could set aside as a marital inducement to the remaining eligible men. The rest, sons and daughters, would need to leave Ireland. And of the daughters, the most assertive, the healthiest, the most confident were chosen to emigrate and perhaps serve as the impetus for the rest to follow.

My own family recounts this tradition. Mary McGowan, eldest of my grandfather's sisters, was, in the 1880s, the first of her family to leave County Leitrim. She found employment with the Vanderbilt family, a foothold that enabled her to subsequently bring eight of her 10 siblings to America over 20 years. Almost all of the men, including my grandfather, found work on Commodore Vanderbilt's railroads and streetcar lines. Mary was the first link in



By Brian McGowan

the chain.

Lynch-Brennan highlighted a number of parallels to today's immigrant experience, including the estimated 50,000 undocumented Irish in the U.S. today. They are all subject to the same risks of detention and deportation every other immigrant group faces but not often considered in debates over restrictive immigration

policies suggested as solutions to evils, real or imagined, that our country faces.

Lynch-Brennan's book is a great read. And if you haven't yet visited the Bartow-Pell Mansion (www.bartowpellmansionmuseum.org), it is a gem, just over the border in the Bronx.

Pleasantville resident Brian McGowan was born and raised in the Bronx and is a second-, third- and fifth-generation Irish-American/Canadian, as his immigrant ancestors followed several paths to the New World. Reach him at brian.m.mcgowan1952@gmail.com, or on Twitter (@Bmcgowan52M). To see more of his writing on "things Irish," follow his blog "Rethinking Irish" at www.rethinkingirish.com.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MWM BUILDING & SUPPLY SERVICES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State New York (SSNY) on June 7, 2018. County: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process to: 35 Belmont Terrace, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NORTH WHITE PLAINS AUTOBODY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/12/18. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall

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East Africa, it features an idealistic English colonial policeman wife and a Scottish missionary's daughter born and raised in Africa. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Wednesday, July 11

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

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

Mother Nature's Storytime. Children, enjoy nature-themed stories, nature walks, live animals and/or crafts. Dress for outdoor activity in this six-week session. A portion of each class is spent outdoors except in extreme conditions. For children two to four years old, with a parent or caregiver. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 to 11 a.m. Members: \$50 per child and caregiver for the session. Non-members: \$90. Meets Wednesdays through Aug. 15. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

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

New Mommy and Daddy Meet-Up. Whether it's your first child or your fifth, this is a great way to get out of the house, meet new friends and enjoy time with your baby. World Cup Nursery School, 160

Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 10:25 to 11:10 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-238-9267 ext. 20.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meditation Series: Midday Mind

Break. Benefits of meditation include increasing focus and memory; increased health; reduced stress, anxiety and pain; and increased productivity and happiness. Led by Alka Kaminer. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Also July 18 and 25. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.com.

Chair Yoga With Alka Kaminer. Experience greater flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and improved balance, strengthening and toning of muscles, better digestion, stress reduction, mental clarity, improved breathing, relaxation and an overall sense of well-being. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Also July 18 and 25. 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.mountkiscoliberal.org.

Lego Club. We provide the Legos, you bring your imagination. A fun-building club for students in grades 2-6. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 6 p.m. Free. Meets the second Wednesday of each month. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-8041.

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.

Mount Kisco Arts Council Summer Outdoor Concert Series: Rene Carlson and Rob Hammel. Fountain Park, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 6:30 p.m.

Free. Concerts continue on alternating Wednesdays through Sept. 19. Info: Visit www.mountkiscoartscouncil.org.

Solving the Retirement Income Puzzle. An educational workshop for people approaching or entering retirement or the recently retired. Led by social security, retirement income and tax specialist Paul Petrone. Purchase Free Library, 3093 Purchase St., Purchase. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Also July 21 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-948-0550 or e-mail www.pfl@wlsmail.org.

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

Summer With Shakespeare 2018: "Julius Caesar." A screening of this 1953 film starring Marlon Brando. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Art Series: Etienne Duperac. This French architect, painter, engraver and garden designer was famous for his maps and studies of Rome and its layout. Born in France in 1525, he relocated to Rome and made his name with his birds-eye views of ancient and modern Rome. A contemporary of Antonio La Freri, he was also known for his incredibly detailed engravings. 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.

New Castle 2018 Summer Concert Series: White Wedding. Come and listen to this '80s tribute band perform. Bring a chair or a blanket and a picnic basket. There will be beer and wine from DeCicco & Sons, multiple food trucks and fun activities for the kids. Recreation Field, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.facebook.com/events/403881140112906.

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.

Chiefs Rout BHK at Leonard Park

Four hits from Michael Salvatorelli paved the way to a 19-9 victory for the Mount Kisco Chiefs 10U team over visiting Bedford Hills/Katonah on Friday at Leonard Park. Salvatorelli homered in the first inning, singled in the second and third innings and doubled in the fourth.



The Chiefs' Spencer Grayson throws a pitch during the win over Bedford Hills/Katonah.



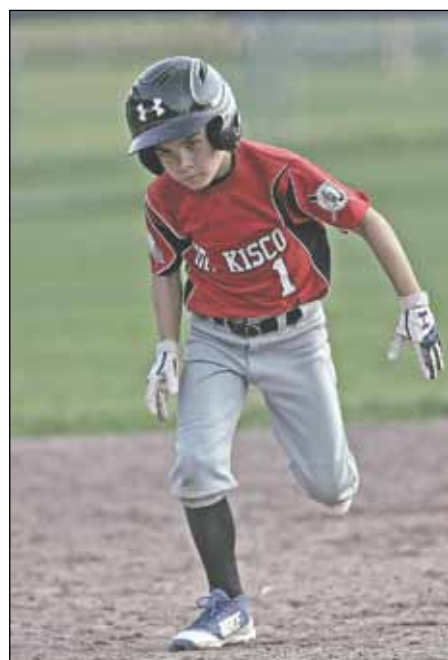
Pitcher Eoin McIntyre fires to the plate in Friday's game at Leonard Park.



Frank Salvatorelli runs the bases between first and second in Friday evening's game.

The Chiefs, now 4-3 this summer, jumped ahead in the first inning, getting an RBI single from Spencer Grayson and a run-scoring triple from Joseph Cerone, in addition to the homer by Salvatorelli. Mt. Kisco added six runs in the second inning, with Eoin McIntyre, Joseph Diorio, PJ Stonsby and Cerone all driving in runs.

McIntyre finished the game with four hits. He scored four runs and drove in three others. Grayson, Stonsby and Cerone each collected three base hits. Cerone wound up with four RBIs. Frank Salvatorelli, Grayson and McIntyre took turns on the mound pitching the Chiefs to the victory.



Michael Salvatorelli, who had four hits Friday, runs the bases for the Mt. Kisco Chiefs 10U team.



Joseph Cerone heads toward third base shortly after hitting a double vs. visiting Bedford Hills/Katonah.

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SUMMER BASEBALL

Mt. Kisco Chiefs 10U Team - GHVBL



Sammy DeMarco swings the bat in Friday's game.



Mt. Kisco batter Jonathan Diorio swings for the fences in the Chiefs' 19-9 win over BHK.



The Chiefs' PJ Stonsby sends a pitch toward center field in Friday's win over BHK.



Mt. Kisco baserunners Spencer Grayson (left) and Michael Salvatorelli take a break during a pitching change in Friday's rout of Bedford Hills/Katonah.



Chiefs first baseman Jonathan Diorio takes a throw from across the infield for a putout during Friday's 19-9 victory over BHK.

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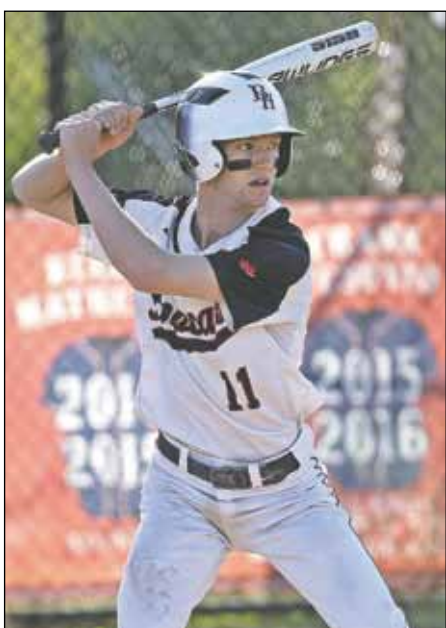
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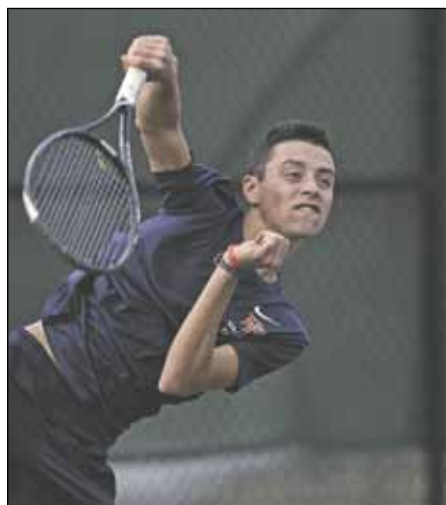
Lorraine DiSano runs to third base during a Bobcat home softball game.



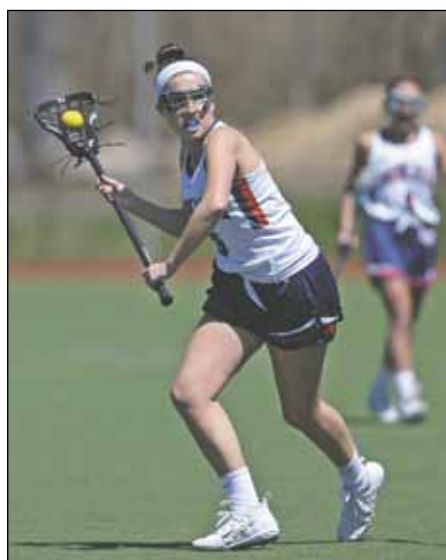
Cole Geller gets ready to pass the ball during a Bobcat home game early in the season.



Jackson Pinsky awaits a pitch as he bats during a midseason home game.



Matthew Fink hits a serve en route to a singles win for the Bobcat tennis team.



Taylor Duffy gets set to fire a shot on a free-position opportunity midway through the season.



The Bobcats' Will Mykytiuk tries to dodge his way to the cage in a home game vs. Pleasantville.



Jonathan Mui runs in the 3200 during the Class B track and field championships at Beacon High School.



The Bobcats' Skylar Sanders takes a big swing in a late-season game.



Slugging first baseman Antonio Versa hits a long fly ball in the sectional championship game.



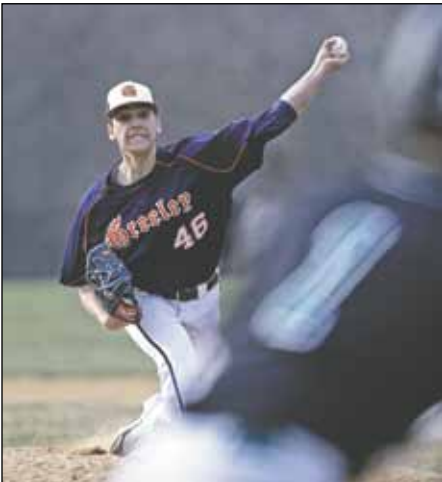
Lindsey Grotta protects the ball as she heads for the cage against Rye in the sectional playoffs.



The Bobcats' Kallie Hoffman races toward the cage in a sectional playoff game against Hendrick Hudson.



Ryan Steeg delivers a pitch at Palisades Credit Union Park during the Class A title game.



Star southpaw Brandon Neeck fires a pitch to the plate during a Quaker home game back in April.



The Quakers' Daniel Meringolo is about to pass the ball up the field in a home game vs. North Salem.



The Quakers' Elijah Cohen maneuvers past a North Salem defender as he prepares to send a shot toward the cage



Track and field star Kira Lindner won a pair of medals throwing the discus at the state championships.

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Penny Toll awaits a pitch in a home game against Fox Lane.



The Quakers' Sami Miller pitches during a game early in the season.



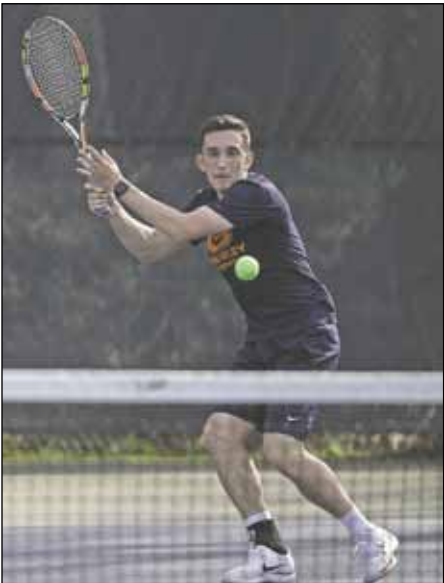
Bella Arrese searches for an open teammate as she takes the ball up the field.



Lily Ives sets her sights on the cage during the Quakers' road win over the Wappingers Warriors.



Jake Berwin runs the bases in the Quakers' postseason game against host Mahopac.



Zach Wallis moves forward to line up a big forehand putaway in one of his singles matches.



Speedster Jessica Cristino heads for the finish line in the 100.



Top-singles player Dylan Glickman follows through on a serve in the Quakers' home match vs. Fox Lane.



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