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Mt. Kisco Custodian Granted Asylum Hearing; Reunited With Family

By Martin Wilbur

The undocumented Mount Kisco synagogue custodian who had been detained by authorities and faced deportation to his native Mexico received one of the best holiday gifts he could have hoped for – the day after Christmas.

Armando Rojas, who in November lost his bid for asylum in an upstate immigration court proceeding, was released from custody on Dec. 26 and arrived home to Mount Kisco two days later.

Rabbi Aaron Brusso of Bet Torah, where Rojas had worked for about 20 years before he was picked up by authorities last winter, outlined the sudden turn of events last week in a Facebook post. Brusso wrote that Rojas is now being granted a full asylum hearing based on a decision by a Washington, D.C. federal circuit court judge.

On Dec. 17, in the case *Grace v. Whitaker*, U.S. District Court Judge Emmett G. Sullivan struck down former attorney general Jeff Sessions' redefinition of asylum. It was the narrower interpretation of asylum that resulted in the denial of Rojas' claim that he feared for his life because of violence in his former community in Mexico if he returned, according to Brusso.

As a result, attorneys working on behalf of Rojas were able to file a request for review with the Department of Homeland Security.

"On Dec. 26, on the day he was due to be deported, we were informed that his deportation was rescinded and he was being granted a full asylum hearing," Brusso stated.

He arrived home to his family on Dec. 28 where he was reunited with his wife and two sons, Brusso said. Rojas also met his infant grandson for the first time.

There is no date for when the full asylum hearing will be held, although it could be months from now, if not more than a year.

In February, Rojas was arrested and thrown out of the United States. Bet Torah members twice flew to San Diego to meet him in Tijuana. He was eventually readmitted into the United States but was taken into custody and held in New Mexico before being transferred to a facility in Albany.

Rojas came to the United States when he was 18 years old in 1986 and has lived in Mount Kisco for more than 20 years, where he has served as a custodian at Bet Torah, the synagogue on Smith Avenue.

In October, several hundred Mount Kisco residents and Bet Torah congregants along with members of the local faith community held a vigil outside the synagogue on Rojas' behalf.

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Armando Rojas returned home to Mount Kisco shortly after Christmas to await an asylum hearing after a federal court judge struck down a narrower interpretation of asylum that had been imposed by former U.S. attorney general Jeff Sessions.

Mt. Pleasant's Request for Extension to Review Group Home Denied

By Neal Rentz

An organization looking to operate a group home in Valhalla for six young adult women with intellectual and developmental disabilities last week refused to allow the town additional time to review the application.

Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said the Town Board was taken aback by YAI/Seeing Beyond Disability's decision against granting the town a 20-day adjournment, time that is allotted in the state mental hygiene law. Town officials learned of the denial last Thursday. Under the state's review process for group homes, a municipality has 40 days to respond after being notified of an application for such a facility within its jurisdiction.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi

"We were quite surprised that they (YAI) denied our request for an extension, especially due to the timing of

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Longtime P'ville Auto Shop Closes on Site of Proposed Development

By Anna Young

LaDuca Auto Service in Pleasantville has vacated its property on Depew Street to pave way for a potential mixed-use development at the site.

The recent closing of the car repair shop, located at 52 Depew St., comes after a Westchester developer appeared before the Village Board in June and Planning Commission in September to pitch a proposal to purchase and redevelop the land and the adjacent 1 Vanderbilt Ave. into a 73-unit apartment complex.

As of last week, owner Vincent LaDuca closed the shop, according to Village Administrator Eric Morrissey. The Examiner has been told by sources that the business plans to relocate to



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

All was quiet at the site of the old LaDuca Auto Service on Depew Street in Pleasantville after it closed for good last week.

Mount Kisco but could not confirm that move would be made.

LaDuca could not be reached for comment.

While no formal application to
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Hagadus-McHale Sworn in By Latimer to Mt. Pleasant Town Board

By Neal Rentz

The first Mount Pleasant Town Board work session of the new year on Jan. 2 was a historic one – it was the initial meeting for the first Democrat to be elected to the board in about 30 years.

Francesca Hagadus-McHale was sworn in last week and then took a symbolic oath of office one night later, with about 40 friends and family members in attendance. Westchester County Executive George Latimer administered the oath of office.

“Francesca’s been a friend,” Latimer said of participating in the ceremony. “She was very helpful to me in 2017 when I won an uphill race. She carried a very steep climb in this race.”

“In a community where Democrats

have not had much success over the last 30 years, it’s really an exceptional victory,” he continued. “I think it speaks to her as an individual and so I wanted to be here to share in the moment for her.”

Latimer said during his 2017 county executive campaign Hagadus-McHale “did the old-fashioned grunt work,” including knocking on doors and going to train stations with him. Latimer returned the favor last year by doing some campaigning for her.

Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said he looked forward to working with Hagadus-McHale.

“We’re all working for the same thing. That’s what’s important,” Fulgenzi said. “We’re all trying to do the right thing for our county and our towns,” he added.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

A symbolic swearing in ceremony for Mount Pleasant Councilwoman Francesca Hagadus-McHale was held last week at Town Hall in Valhalla. Administering the oath of office was Westchester County Executive George Latimer.

Joining Latimer and Hagadus-McHale was the new councilwoman’s sister, Claudia Hagadus Long, who flew in from her home near San Francisco. Her sister held their grandfather’s bible.

“I am honored to have George swear me in,” Hagadus-McHale said. “I am humbly grateful for all the work that everybody put to this and I am ready to get to work for the Town of Mount Pleasant. You’ve been most cordial to me

and most helpful.”

“This is a celebratory night,” she also said. “It’s the beginning of a new year and a new era.”

Hagadus defeated Republican Councilman Anthony Amiano in a special election in November. Amiano was appointed by the Town Board last spring to replace Mark Rubeo, who became a town justice. Hagadus-McHale is filling the final year of Rubeo’s four-year term and has made her intentions known that she will be seeking a full four-year term in the fall.

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By early November, the Democratic caucus of the Board of Legislators wrote a letter to the two immigration judges that would decide his fate vouching for his character. A little more than two weeks later, Rojas lost his case and was scheduled to be deported.

A person can seek asylum for

protection from persecution based on race, religion, nationality, being a member of a particular social group or political opinion, according to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Anyone seeking asylum has up to one year after arriving in the United States to apply.

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Harckham Sworn into Office Promoting New Agenda for State, District

By Martin Wilbur

State Sen. Peter Harckham vowed Sunday the state new legislature would make significant gains on a progressive agenda while also tending to the needs of local municipalities at his swearing in ceremony at Peekskill High School.

The event, which saw Harckham given the oath of office by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a resident of the district who had appealed to the former Westchester County legislator to run for the seat, also had a recurring theme of promoting diversity and inclusion while rejecting the politics of fear and division.

During his address, Harckham reached out to the array of elected officials in the audience from throughout the district, which extends northward into parts of Putnam and Dutchess counties. Most in the crowd thunderously applauded his comments.

"We have a lot of local issues that we need to deal with," said Harckham, the first Democrat to represent northern Westchester and Putnam in the state Senate since 1914. "First and foremost, to my colleagues in local government, it doesn't matter whether you're a Republican or a Democrat, what the make-up of your towns are. I work for you and I can't be successful unless all of you are successful. But it's not about me about imposing some vision on your municipality. We're



State Sen. Peter Harckham, surrounded by family and friends, is sworn into office on Sunday in Peekskill by Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

a support system to you for what you are trying to accomplish."

In the upcoming session, which is scheduled to open this Wednesday, Harckham said there will be immediate attempts at proposing and voting on longtime measures such as the red flag bill which can temporarily remove firearms from gun owners who are deemed a threat to themselves and others, reproductive health care protections for women, the Child Victims Act and election reform. He said more must be done to help state

residents who have fallen victim to opioid addiction.

There must also be a focus on local issues such as economic redevelopment, transitioning the state away from a reliance on fossil fuels to green energy and to protect the taxpayers of the Village of Buchanan, the Town of Cortlandt and the Hendrick School District with the pending 2021 closure of Indian Point nuclear power plant, Harckham added.

"We have 1,200 families who are living with uncertainty about what that's going to

do to their school district and municipality," Harckham said. "We're going to focus like a laser on economic redevelopment and see what we can do to save those jobs by requiring Entergy to hire them during decommissioning of the plants."

Cuomo, who asked Harckham to run for the office last spring, said he's excited for the 40th Senate District because it is getting an outstanding public servant. Harckham has worked in the public sector, private sector and the nonprofit world and is particularly qualified to help move the state forward, he said.

"He knows the job, he knows it from every aspect but he has a heart as big as the state of New York," Cuomo said. "He's doing this for all the right reasons."

Cuomo then turned his attention how with the current federal government is stoking fear and "spreading a cancer" that is dividing the nation that it is left to the state to lead the way.

"The state is going to stand up and fill that void that this federal government is creating," he said. "Let them try to divide us. Let them try to divide us by religion and race. We're going to say the exact opposite in this legislative session. We are united, we respect each other's rights. We stand up for women's rights, which have been disrespected. We stand up for the LGBTQ community. We're going to set a tone of unity rather than division."

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the notice we received during a holiday period," Fulgenzi said. "We have always tried to make sure challenging proposals are not scheduled during periods where public input could be hampered. We have received a tremendous amount of e-mail communications, mostly against, that the board needs to review."

Fulgenzi said because YAI had refused the town's request for an extension and

the opportunity to properly review the proposal, the town attorney has objected on Mount Pleasant's behalf. The group home would be located at 5 Halsey Place.

Officials believe there is oversaturation of similar facilities in the town. Last month the supervisor said Mount Pleasant is already home to 26 facilities that are off the tax rolls.

A state commissioner's hearing would

be held, probably sometime in the next few months, to determine whether the town's objection has merit.

Fulgenzi said town officials want to help those in need but nearly one-third of all property in Mount Pleasant is tax exempt. YAI, a Manhattan-based outfit with about 4,000 employees serving more than 20,000 people mostly with autism, Down syndrome and cerebral palsy, has sought an exemption from property taxes, which would cost the taxing entities a combined \$17,000 annually.

"I want to make sure that we are prepared for economic challenges

that may lie ahead," Fulgenzi said. "A strong financial position for Mount Pleasant is good for all of us. We have come a long way and we have much to accomplish over the next few years and the infrastructure improvements we are working on are not free."

Speakers during the Dec. 27 Town Board meeting where the issue was discussed were split on whether the group home should be approved.

Messages left for representatives of YAI and other Town Board members were not returned.

Longtime P'ville Auto Shop Closes on Site of Proposed Development

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redevelop the land has been filed, representatives for David Mann of Lighthouse Enterprises in White Plains have said at public meetings that they were seeking feedback from village officials on the potential proposal prior to submission. Lighthouse Enterprises is the contract vendee for the just over one-acre property.

Plans include development of a three-story building that would consist of 11 studio apartments, 49 one-bedroom units and 13 two-bedroom units upstairs. Tenants would have the option to access the roof for recreational use. There would also be 4,500 square feet

of commercial space on the first floor.

Estimated rent for studios would be roughly \$2,000 a month, one-bedroom apartments would range from \$2,300 to \$2,700 and two-bedroom units would cost more than \$2,700. The developer also discussed 108 underground and ground-level parking spaces, with 22 stacker spaces to be assigned to the two-bedroom units.

The complex would require site plan and possibly special permit approval. With the site located in an A-1 commercial district, the project would require a special permit if the plan was changed to provide residential on the first floor.



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Armonk Developer Weighs 2019 North Castle Town Board Run

By Martin Wilbur

A local developer who has repeatedly battled town officials for years on a wide range of issues said he is mulling a run for a seat on the North Castle Town Board this November.

Armonk resident Michael Fareri said he will explore a candidacy or possibly reach out to other residents to form a slate of candidates because he is disenchanted with what he listed as stagnant assessables, a decrease in property values and taxes that have crept up by about 25 percent over the past 10 years.

Fareri said the town has made it too difficult for development to take place, making it difficult for the town to realize an increase in assessable property. Costs per square foot for North Castle real estate has fallen by about 50 percent in the past decade, he contended.

"So, it's my opinion, if I was on the Town Board and why I'm considering potentially getting involved, I don't want to see these decreases in property values continue," said Fareri, who has lived in town for close to 45 years.

He said that if he was on the board, he'd support policies that would

increase development and assessable properties. Fareri also said he would support an independent study to look at staffing and salaries and whether certain functions could be outsourced in hopes that the town operate more efficiently.

He pointed to the building and highway departments as areas that could be improved and questioned why North Castle needs about 34 officers and spend more than \$8 million annually on the police department.

"I think the town has a lot of different ways to improve itself," he said. "I would look at outsourcing certain departments in town that I don't think are done very well."

Fareri has also butted heads with the current board over the stockpiling of road millings at the highway department property in Armonk and on Middle Patent Road.

This is not the first time that Fareri has floated the idea of running for town office but to this point he has not followed through with pursuing a candidacy. A registered Republican, Fareri said he wants to take more time. He would expect to make a decision in



Developer Michael Fareri, fed up with what he described as escalating taxes and falling assessables, is considering a run for the North Castle Town Board this fall.

about three to five months in time to file petitions.

"I'm going to test the market. I'd have to search my own conscience to see if I'm willing to put the time in as a member of the Town Board," Fareri said. "I have to discuss this with my friends and family and I'd like to see, and hopefully find, other people in the community

who have an interest in serving the community to make it better."

He declined to answer whether he would pursue a major party nomination or seek an independent line, saying that with town issues labels are virtually meaningless.

Fareri has been a lightning rod for controversy in recent years, butting heads with town officials, including the current Town Board regarding two of his properties, the site of the old lumberyard on Bedford Road and 470 Main St.

He has continually accused the board of treating him unfairly for refusing to allow him to transfer six affordable units from the lumberyard site to Main Street and for forcing him to provide 20 percent affordable units at the lumberyard.

The developer has also sued the town regarding development issues and launched a federal civil rights lawsuit against current Supervisor Michael Schiliro. The suit was initiated after he was prohibited from speaking at a Town Board meeting unless he apologized to a town employee. The suit was settled out of court.

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County Police/Mount Kisco

Jan. 1: Police responded to Laurel Drive at 2:55 a.m. on a report of a domestic dispute. A man at the residence said his wife had been drinking and scratched him on the neck during an argument. He did not wish to press charges but asked for the incident to be documented.

Jan. 2: A scofflaw vehicle with multiple unpaid tickets was located on West Street and towed from the scene at 7:50 a.m.

Jan. 2: Report of a domestic dispute on Carpenter Avenue involving a woman and the father of her child at 9:24 a.m. The father wanted to take the child for the evening and an argument ensued when the mother refused to let the child

go. The father, who does not have legal custody of the child or visitation rights, was escorted from the premises.

Jan. 3: An employee at an East Main Street store reported at 3:20 p.m. that she had received two obscene phone calls from a male caller. The matter is under investigation.

Jan. 4: A Turner Lane resident contacted police at 10:10 a.m. requesting that a speed limit sign be posted on her street.

Jan. 4: Police assisted a 53-year-old man on Radio Circle at 11:48 a.m. who was suffering from low blood pressure and unable to walk. The Mount Kisco Volunteer Ambulance Corps responded and transported the man to Northern Westchester Hospital.

Jan. 4: Police responded to the Boys & Girls Club on East Main Street at 5:35 p.m. on a report that a man was walking through the parking lot and screaming at people. The man left the property prior to the officers' arrival.

North Castle Police Department

Dec. 29: A caller reported at 7:01 p.m. a large pothole in the right lane of Route 22 about 25 feet south of Route 128 in the merge lane. He stated that his passenger-side front rim was bent after he went over the pothole. The caller will respond to headquarters to show an officer the damage. He stated he will be filing a claim with the state. The state Department of Transportation was contacted for road repair.

Dec. 30: An officer executed a traffic stop on North Broadway at 4:04 p.m. The operator of the vehicle was arrested and charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Multiple summonses were also issued.

Jan. 1: The fire department pager dispatched Armonk Ambulance to Bedford Road at 1:44 a.m. on a report of an unconscious female with injuries from a fall. The responding officer reported that the party is being transported by

ALS to Northern Westchester Hospital.

Jan. 1: Multiple callers reported at 11:50 a.m. that a tree fell and struck a female who needs medical assistance. The dispatching officers successfully dispatched 60 Control. The responding officers reported that the party is being transported by ALS to Westchester Medical Center.

Jan. 2: A caller reported at 7:40 a.m. that while walking his dog earlier this date, he found multiple credit cards, a driver's license and a social security card, all belonging to the same person scattered in the street on General Heath Avenue. The responding officer took a report.

Pleasantville Police Department

Dec. 28: An 18-year-old resident of the Cottage School was arrested on the campus after assaulting a staff member.

Dec. 28: A 17-year-old Cottage School resident was arrested at 8:36 a.m. for stealing property from an unlocked vehicle on Wheeler Avenue.

Jan. 3: A 59-year-old White Plains man was arrested at 4:26 p.m. for stealing \$5 from a minor at the Subway on Bedford Road.

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Greeley Holiday Week Threat Deemed Not Credible By Police, Security

By Anna Young

The Chappaqua Central School District was forced to increase security measures last week after an online post was discovered that threatened a shooting at the Horace Greeley High School campus.

As students and teachers were concluding their first day back at school following the holiday break, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Ackerman notified parents via e-mail that Amazon security contacted the New Castle Police Department last Wednesday afternoon alerting them to a threat made on their streaming service on Christmas Day.

Representatives from Amazon shared that on Dec. 25 a person using Twitch, an Amazon-owned streaming service for video games and chatrooms, said "Tomorrow, I am going to shoot up Horace Greeley High School in New Castle."

While the threat was deemed not credible by both Amazon security and New Castle police, Ackerman reinforced the district's security measures and encouraged parents to contact her or the police department with any safety concerns or questions. Additional



A threat received by the security service for Chappaqua schools during the holiday break was concluded to not be credible last week.

police presence was provided to the district's six schools.

"I want to remind all of our families that we have a New Castle Police officer stationed at Greeley throughout the school day and we vet all of our guests during school hours before entering our campus," Ackerman said.

With school safety an immediate concern last year following a string of school shootings nationwide, Chappaqua officials shifted their focus to advancing security measures districtwide. Following what appeared to be a negligent information gathering

process, the district put a halt to a potential \$7.4 million bond that would have paid for districtwide school security enhancements.

The proposed bond would have reduced the high school's four entrances to a single entry with a secured vestibule where students and visitors would have to be screened at a transaction-style window and buzzed in. Doors would have had a locking mechanism and be covered with bulletproof security glass.

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

Instead, the Board of Education chose to move forward with smaller cost-effective changes to secure each school, citing that they were reluctant to change the culture of the district. The board agreed last June to modify the elementary schools and middle schools and create vestibules in the buildings that required restructuring.

At the high school, safety policies were reviewed, there were additional

security officers deployed and visitors are now vetted at the campus entrance.

With the online threat still under investigation, Ackerman stressed school officials are doing everything to ensure the safety of everyone in the buildings.

"The safety of our school community is our highest priority," Ackerman said. "We continue to encourage all of our students, staff and families to report any security concerns directly to our school administration or through the anonymous alert system so they can be thoroughly investigated."

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Obituaries

Mary Downey

Mary Downey (nee Ruggiero) of Thornwood passed away peacefully in Ossining on Jan. 4. She was 97.

Downey was born in Queens on Sept. 8, 1921, to Francesco and Carolina Ruggiero (nee Cerruli).

Visitation was at Pleasant Manor Funeral Home in Thornwood on Jan. 6 to celebrate Mary's



Mary Downey

life. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Innocents Church in Pleasantville on Jan. 7 followed by interment with her beloved husband, John P. Downey, in their family plot at Mount St. Mary's Cemetery in Flushing.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks to please consider a donation in Downey's memory to The St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

Paul Loewenwarter

Paul L. Loewenwarter, a former Pleasantville and Croton-on-Hudson resident, died on Dec. 19 at 89. Several of those latter years were lost to the ravages of Alzheimer's, but Paul never lost his grace, charm or sense of humor.

Loewenwarter was a career newsman, spending 35 years at CBS News. He got his foot in the door in 1951 by first taking a job as a page on Arthur Godfrey's show. His career was soon interrupted by the Korean War, with Loewenwarter serving in Armed Forces Radio in Tokyo.

Returning to CBS, he held a number of positions as a writer and producer of hard news and documentaries for radio and television. He was among the first producers of "60 Minutes" when the show debuted in 1968, and was responsible for some 90 segments during his career. He was particularly proud of his reports about industrial, chemical and mining tragedies that took the lives of exploited workers and of a report he did with Mike Wallace leading Congress to guarantee Alaskan natives a fair share in their state's oil boom. He enjoyed creating profiles of Helen Hayes, Billy Wilder and Leopold Stokowski for the show.

Upon leaving CBS in 1986,



Paul Loewenwarter

Loewenwarter took on many other assignments as an independent producer. He produced "The National AIDS Awareness Test" in 1989, which was where many viewers first learned about the deadly disease.

He wrote and produced a number of documentaries with bestselling author Tom Peters and wrote a daily radio broadcast titled "A Matter of Law."

Loewenwarter became a well-known face in Westchester in 2000 when he began a two-year stint as director of editorials for Cablevision writing, producing and delivering editorials twice a week on News 12. They ran five minutes before every hour.

He loved hiking and camping, first instilled in him at eight years old when he went to Camp Tanager Lodge in the northern Adirondacks. He never lost his love for that camp, which still exists today.

He also was a runner and tennis player, a storyteller and a clown. He loved to read history and was proud of his speed-reading skills.

Loewenwarter is survived by his wife, Maggie; sister Ellen Livingston; son David (Maureen); his daughter, Andrea (James Gillespie); and his three incredible grandchildren. His first wife, Ann, predeceased him in 2013.

Carmine Roma

Carmine Roma of Thornwood passed away at Phelps Hospital on Jan. 2.

He was 92.

Roma was born in Arnara, Italy, Province Frosinone, on June 13, 1926, to Domenico and Maria Roma (nee Testani). He was the beloved husband of Angelina (nee Fiori); loving father of Mimi of Thornwood and Domenic (Gina) of Hawthorne; and cherished Nonno of Domenic and Julianna Roma. He was the best father and grandfather anyone could hope for. Roma was predeceased by his dear brother, Vittorio.



Carmine Roma

In Italy, Roma was a farmer and immigrated to the United States in 1968. Professionally, he worked for his cousin, Augusto, in his landscape business, Roma Landscaping, in Westchester. Family always came first to him and was his #1 priority in life. Another great passion was his vegetable garden, in which he took great pride.

Visitation was at Pleasant Manor Funeral Home, Inc. in Thornwood on Jan. 4. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Valhalla on Jan. 5 followed by entombment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

Steven Mitchell

It is with extreme sadness to report the passing of Steven James Mitchell at the age of 61. Mitchell lost his courageous battle with multiple myeloma on Jan. 2 and peacefully went home with his family at his bedside.

Born in Wisbech, England, he was the only child of James L. Mitchell of the U.S. Air Force and Rosemary Lagana on Mar. 12, 1957. At three years old, the family moved back to the United States and Mitchell lived on Air Force bases around the country until his early teens when he came to New York to live with his mother in Pleasantville. He attended and graduated Westlake High School and had a degree in automotive technology from Westchester Community College. He always loved cars and everybody knew him as the guy

with the black Trans Am from "Smokey and the Bandit." Others remembered seeing him daily walking his Husky named Castiel. Mitchell loved sports, especially the New York Mets. He and his daughter would often go to games at Citi Field.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Louise Riveiro-Mitchell, of Pleasantville; their children, Daniel (wife Ania) of Kent, Putnam County, and Lara of Wappingers Falls; his granddaughters, Layla and Ava Mitchell; his father, James (wife Patricia) Mitchell, of Cuba, Ill.; his mother, Rosemary Lagana, of Long Island; stepbrother Jeff (wife Julie) Mitchell of Lebanon, Ohio and their children Jared, Johnathan and Jillian Mitchell.

Family received guests at Beecher Flocks Funeral Home in Pleasantville on Jan. 5.

Kim O'Brien

Kim J. O'Brien passed away on Dec. 29 at her home in Carmel.

She was 56.

O'Brien was a graduate of Westlake High School and Pace University. She worked as a paralegal, last employed at the offices of Andrew Greene, Esq. in North White Plains.

She is survived by her mother, Arline Hay-O'Brien; her sisters, Kathleen of Mount Penn, Pa. and Kitty Marie of

Fayetteville, N.C.; and her partner, Michael Norelli, also of Carmel. Her brother, Kevin, predeceased her on Jan. 6, 1991.

The family received friends at Beecher Flocks Funeral Home, Inc. in Pleasantville on Jan. 6 at 1 p.m. A funeral service will be celebrated at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Akindale Thoroughbred Rescue, 323 Quaker Hill Rd., Pawling, N.Y. 12564 (akindalehorserescue.org).

Kendra Eager

Kendra Elizabeth Eager lost her long battle with her illness on Dec. 24 and passed away at 35 years old.

Eager was born Mar. 16, 1983, to John and Barbara Eager. She was a beloved big sister to Sean and Kyle Eager and a precious granddaughter to Margaret Stanchick, the late Andrew Stanchick and Ethel and John Eager. She received her bachelor's degree from the State

University of New York.

Eager was a talented artist and accomplished photographer, always looking for and finding beauty in the world. She understood the challenges of mental illness and worked hard to raise awareness and help others.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Church of Saint John and Saint Mary in Chappaqua on Jan. 3.

Donations may be sent to the National Association for Mental Illness (NAMI) Westchester chapter.

Briarcliff Group Hoping to Be Next Community to Ban Plastic Bags

By Martin Wilbur

Over the last couple of years, Andrea Vladimir and Pradma Sridhar watched as residents' proposals in surrounding communities to limit or prohibit the use of single-use plastic bags gained traction.

Local legislation was approved in New Castle and Pleasantville while Croton-on-Hudson has been discussing a similar measure since last year.

But in the Village of Briarcliff Manor there was no movement from the populace. So Vladimir and Sridhar, along with the help of fellow residents Jenny Sendek, Danielle Weisberg and Anne Golden and Meryl Golden, formed a grassroots group, Briarcliff Sustainability, to begin the process of moving the village toward a reusable bag initiative of its own.

"I think the most important thing is education and outreach and (to) let the community know what the problems are with the plastic bags," said Sridhar.

In addition to a public education campaign, the group has launched a petition drive within the village, hoping to collect 500 to 600 signatures that can eventually be presented to the Village Board. Currently, the petition is closing in on 200 signees, Sridhar said.

Vladimir said that a major obstacle is the one major supermarket chain in the municipality, Acme, has opposed a ban and instead supports a charge for plastic

bags. They are supported by the powerful Food Industry Alliance, which supports the fee because the supermarkets can keep the money.

The village's other supermarket, Mrs. Green's, voluntarily does not use single-use plastic bags, she said.

Furthermore, the committee will need to work with another corporate entity, CVS, which has a location in town.

The group has been in contact with the Briarcliff Manor Chamber of Commerce in hopes of reaching common ground, Vladimir said. Briarcliff Sustainability has been reaching out to merchants and is working on developing a questionnaire to gauge where the chamber's membership stands on the issue.

"It would be nice education-wise just getting people interested in the benefits and making them aware," Vladimir said of the proposed law.

Those who have concerns regarding a ban on single-use plastic bags have often used the argument that a portion of the customers would shop in a neighboring community that does not have the legislation in place, Sridhar said. For example, since Ossining has no local law prohibiting the use of plastic bags, some fear shoppers will make the trek to that community's Stop & Shop. Sridhar dismisses the fears.

"I don't think people will drive an extra five miles for milk and eggs because they



Briarcliff Sustainability has been posting information about its ongoing efforts to ban single-use plastic bags in the Village of Briarcliff Manor.

have plastic bags," she said.

Chamber of Commerce President Mike Milano said that the organization met with the members of the sustainability group and the chamber does plan to poll its members in the near future. Changes in a few of its officers delayed movement on the issue but the poll is on the list of action items for this

month, Milano said.

It is unlikely that the chamber will take an official position but it wants its members to have the issue aired.

"We want to be sure that the concerns and questions of our chamber base are heard," Milano said.

Questions about what any proposed legislation may ultimately look like is still unknown, according to Vladimir and Sridhar. The opening stages of the process has been on education and explaining to people the advantages.

"What we find, I would say 99.5 percent of people would say that plastics is a problem," Sridhar said. "There are very, very, very few people who wants plastics around."

It would be easier if Westchester County passes a countywide initiative similar to Dutchess, Ulster and Suffolk counties, they said. But according to a Board of Legislators spokesperson, the county-wide initiative is still in committee and there has been no recent movement on the issue.

Vladimir said what the group would like to communicate to the public is that it's not only far better for the environment to ban plastic bags but it can be achieved by a fairly easy behavioral change.

"In the end it's so much more efficient to have everything in your reusable bag," she said.

Briarcliff Sustainability can be reached through its Facebook page.

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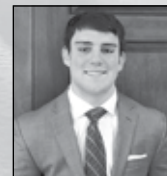
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Guest Column

Veto of Toll Payer Protection Act the Latest Outage by Gov. Cuomo

By Robert Kesten

"Cuomo Vetoes Toll Payer Protection Act" in last week's Examiner, the Cuomo policy becomes more and more obvious. Anything he can do to raise revenue, without it being called a tax, he will do, good or bad. The idea of protecting the driving public from a system that isn't working (cashless, human-less toll booths) seems a good enough idea to discuss and work out differences between the governor and the legislature, but of course by signing the bill revenue would be lost. Legalizing marijuana for all uses, could be an important criminal justice issue, but in this case is clearly about the revenue it will bring in to the state.

The Cuomo regime is about finding money, putting burdens on average New Yorkers while protecting the mighty who contribute to his vast campaign treasury. He spends with abandon on faux economic development projects, he burdens the taxpayer with dramatic infrastructure "improvements" with no real evidence they are state-of-the-art for a fast changing 21st century (high ceilings, shopping and food courts are not what is going to make New York

the place to do business) and our tax overload, even bigger now that SALT, is not fully deductible, has made us the state with more people leaving than any other state in the union. It looks like we will lose two more members of the House of Representatives after the 2020 census.

Our governor is a wizard with smoke and mirrors, but not so much with leveling with the people of this state. He has the support of establishment Democrats; as they say, "He may be a crook, but at least he's our crook." It is this very mentality that has gotten us to where we are. A governor ripping into a president for corrupt practices, when he himself nixed his own commission intended to clean up New York. Like Trump, Cuomo is a bully, but since his offenses seem so small in comparison to the man in Washington, he thinks we don't see just how similar they are. So similar, that Trump gave tens of thousands of dollars to Cuomo's campaign efforts – money he has never returned or donated, keeping it for himself.

So, as Cuomo vetoes school aid, affordable housing and avoids the

discussion about Medicare for all, he allows the dumping of toxic fracking waste, pipelines and pigging stations. As he claims to offer free education, he raises the cost of tuition for CUNY and SUNY, as he parades around as a fiscal conservative, taxes go up in every taxing authority in New York – the state, the counties, the cities, towns and villages, the schools, the water and fire districts and all others who can.

With all this, he has the audacity to raise salaries and benefits for all state elected officials by a whopping 63 percent, many of these beneficiaries are part-time officials, with health care and pensions.

Our governor is a reverse Robin Hood, willing to cost you your driver's license or cancelling your car registration over a \$5 toll, but sees fit to make himself the highest paid governor in the nation, while New Yorkers leave the state in droves.

Something has to change. Too bad it can't be the governor for another four years – then again?

South Salem resident Robert Kesten was a Democratic candidate for the 40th state Senate District last year.

Letter to the Editor

While Noise Complaints Shouldn't Be Dismissed, Airport is a Major Asset

I write with approval of the position of the Business Council of Westchester ("Business Group: Airport Noise Complaints Come From Few Residents," Dec. 18-24) in support of the Westchester County Airport and in opposition to the efforts of a handful of people who use grossly skewed statistics (one or two households submitting hundreds of noise complaints monthly) to try to delay or prohibit safety-related repairs to the main runway at the airport.

Many of us who fly our aircraft (personal or corporate) out of Westchester Airport strive to be good neighbors, observing the Voluntary Restraint From Flying from midnight to 6:30 a.m., using power settings to minimize the noise footprint and giving back to the community through volunteer activities. As but one example, I have flown well over 200 missions wholly at my expense providing free air transportation for needy patients and their loved one to and from necessary

advanced medical treatment.

My personal experience flying in and out of our airport for three decades is (1) airplanes have become remarkably quieter than they were on takeoff and landing with new engine technologies (remember how loud those old Northwest DC-9s were in the early 1990s?); (2) the air traffic patterns around the airport have not changed in any material way despite claims from current opponents that only recently have aircraft been flying low over their residences; and (3) air traffic volume around the airport is less now than even in 2017, and much less than in the '80s and '90s.

Those complaining shouldn't be dismissed as "cranks" as one concerned citizen was quoted as fearing they are being characterized. Perceptions differ and their perceptions of the airport as a problem need to be acknowledged. However, having lived in Pleasantville near the final approach course for Runway 16 for three decades, and often

flying that course myself, I do think there is some exaggeration afoot when claims are made that people can't be outside their homes due to low-flying aircraft. Despite the airport having been operating and the air traffic patterns in place well before they bought their homes, our neighbors' message to pilots and operators is a good one: be mindful of noise abatement and be considerate of our neighbors.

At the same time, let's recognize that the airport is a major asset to the Westchester community as a whole, creating hundreds of jobs, bringing in millions of dollars in revenue to local households, providing low-cost airline connections to family and friends in Florida and using state-of-the-art noise monitoring and environmental protection systems.

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Previously the H-MRF was only available for residents three days a week (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays).

In addition to properly labelled household chemicals and other special wastes found in a typical household, residents can bring documents for shredding and expired or unwanted medications for disposal on the first Tuesday of each month.

Generally, the following items are accepted for safe disposal or recycling at the H-MRF:

Properly labelled household chemicals, such as:

- Household cleaning products
- Most automotive fluids (antifreeze, brake fluid and gasoline, but not motor oil)
- Flammable liquids (kerosene, butane, lighter fluid, turpentine)
- Metal, jewelry and furniture polishes and waxes, wood preservatives
- Fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides
- Photographic and swimming pool chemicals
- Batteries (only vehicle, rechargeable or button cell)
- Fluorescent light bulbs & CFLs

- Fire extinguishers
- BBQ propane tanks (up to 20 pounds)
- Mercury containing devices (thermometers and thermostats)
- Electronic waste (TVs, computer monitors and towers)
- Expired or unwanted medications, both over-the-counter and prescription
- Personal documents for shredding (limit of four file-size boxes per household)
- Tires

Items that will not be accepted include paint (both latex and oil), non-rechargeable alkaline and carbon zinc batteries (they can be safely discarded in the trash), motor oil, smoke detectors, cell phones, explosives (flares, fireworks, ammunition), construction debris and hypodermic needles. Also, waste from businesses, schools or other institutions will not be accepted.

Over 8,000 households visit the H-MRF every year to dispose of household waste. In 2017, 8,202

households delivered more than 765,000 pounds of household waste to the facility. Materials that can be recycled, such as E-waste, are removed from the waste stream and processed by recyclers. Other items are handled and disposed of using the most environmentally safe procedures available.

For more information on what you can bring to the H-MRF, call 914-813-5425 or visit <http://environment.westchestergov.com/new-h-mrf>.


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The chorale rehearses Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Korean SDA Church, located at 1243 White Hill Rd. in Yorktown Heights. Prospective members may attend rehearsals during the month of January before making a decision whether to join.

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Hawthorne Troop 1 Honors Four New Eagle Scouts in its Ranks



Hawthorne Troop 1 saw four more Boy Scouts reach scouting's highest honor last Friday when an Eagle Court of Honor was held to celebrate the achievement of Joseph Corrao, Sean Eddington, Charles Panzarella and Christopher Panzarella.

State, local and county officials, including County Legislator Margaret Cunzio, above were on hand to help hand out the proclamations. All of the newest Eagle Scouts completed their requirements last year and are currently college freshman.

For their Eagle Scout projects, Corrao renovated the Thornwood Knights of Columbus' basement; Eddington worked

on as well as oversaw other volunteers to put in more than 460 man hours to refurbish six baseball field storage containers and five softball field boxes throughout the Town of Mount Pleasant and adding an additional storage box at Carroll Park; Charles Panzarella constructed an assisted walkway and retaining wall for American Legion Gilbert Rauh Post 1574 in Thornwood; Christopher Panzarella renovated the American Legion Gilbert Rauh Post 1574 in Thornwood and cataloged the post's historical artifacts.

Each scout is having a day named in their honor by Westchester County this week.

Ranger Fans Can Mingle With '94 Stanley Cup Team at Empire Casino

Hockey history heads to Empire City Casino this Saturday afternoon, Jan. 12 when members of the 1994 New York Rangers Stanley Cup champion team join hockey fans to watch the Rangers take on the New York Islanders at the Casino Night Pre-Party. The event is free but online pre-registration required.

The pre-party kicks off the countdown to the New York Rangers Casino Night that will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 13. At the annual Casino Night charity benefit, guests can dine with their favorite Rangers players for an exclusive night of chef tastings and casino-style gaming to benefit the Garden of Dreams Foundation.

The Casino Night Pre-Party fun on Saturday begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Red Room (located on the second floor next to the Alley 810 bowling alley) with New York Rangers legends Mike Richter, Adam Graves, Stéphane Matteau and Mike Hartman watching the game with fans. Islanders fans are also welcome to attend and enjoy a variety of free food, games

and giveaways throughout the festivities, including a chance to win tickets to the Casino Night benefit in February.

As part of Empire City's close collaboration with the Rangers, the casino hosts a variety of Rangers viewing parties throughout the year, each hosted by a different Rangers legend, such as Matteau, who hosted the first viewing party of this season.

Fans who can't make the event on Jan. 12 can still attend one of the remaining viewing parties at Empire City Casino this season. Upcoming dates are Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. when the Rangers take on the Winnipeg Jets; Thursday, Mar. 7 at 7:30 p.m. against the Detroit Red Wings and Monday, Apr. 1 at 7 p.m. against the New Jersey Devils.

Fans wishing to attend Saturday's pre-party can RSVP by visiting www.nycasinonightpreparty.com. Details and ticket information for Casino Night is available at www.nhl.com/rangers/community/casino-night.

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A Realtor Assesses 2019's 'Colors of the Year'

"How would you feel about living with a room painted black?" my wife asked me after reading about the possibility in a Sunday lifestyles section last weekend.

"Well, if I should decide I want a torture chamber environment, that might be nice," I responded.

Actually, I don't know why I wasn't more open to consider alternative choices for the walls of my living environment, considering that the first time I made my own choice for my bedroom color, when I was a tender 17-year-old, I chose a bright blood red. When my parents sought to sell the house and buyer prospects would come to visit, we frequently heard the response "wow!" when that room was viewed.

In checking the annual announcements of the paint colors of the year chosen by the paint companies, I found that Behr announced Living Coral, a bright coral shade, as its 2019 Color of the Year. The company describes that color as "an animated, life-affirming shade of orange, with golden undertones." Life affirming?



By Bill Primavera

My God, who could ever suspect that wall color could have such an impact, literally affirming our existence.

It's interesting to note that Behr's color last year was Ultra Violet, a deep purple hue that I can't imagine in any room I'd want to live in. Maybe a blue – reputedly the favorite color of most Americans – would make the cut, but Ultra Violet? In a living room painted that color, I think I would be constantly distracted. But that's just me, I'm sure.

As a realtor who normally recommends either neutral or low-key colors for interiors and exteriors when preparing to sell a home, I once questioned the choice of a senior couple in my hometown who had their home painted bright violet. When I met them, however, I found them to be the most sprightly and youthful seniors I had ever met. Let them have their fun, I thought. There's always time to consider a more conservative choice when the house is listed for sale.

Sherwin-Williams chose its 2019 Color of the Year as Cavern Clay, basically

in the same color grouping as Behr's choice, but described in a more down-to-earth manner. "A warm terracotta color with ancient, elemental roots, a nod to midcentury modern style, but with the soul of the American Southwest, which together creates the desert modern aesthetic."

Checking out both colors, I'm convinced that either would be a little intense for me to live with on a daily basis in any room of my house, with the possible exception of the bathroom, which at least would limit its influence to a smaller space. I've always been more neutral in my wall choices, specifically various shades of off-white. This was probably influenced by the choices I was given when I rented my first apartments, both of which were in new construction. The choice given by the builder was simply white or off-white, a creamy version.

Landlords are no dummies about wall color. I remember that both leases specified that I could repaint my rooms any color I wanted, but prior to ending the lease, I would have to restore the walls to the original colors of white or off-white. I pretty much have lived with those colors, certainly in my hallways and living rooms, for the rest of my life.

While I don't intend to sell my home anytime soon, I have chosen a grayish-white for my entire living environment, living room/dining room and both bedrooms, simply because it expands my living space. That was my objective when I downsized from a 4,000-square-foot colonial to an 1,800-square-foot condo.

Some years ago, I wrote a kind of spooky article about how a spiritual adviser suggested that I paint my bedroom teal – apparently the bedroom dictates my success in life – to achieve even greater success. I followed her advice, although I never would have chosen that blue-green color on my own.

Whether or not it achieved its promise of offering me greater power and success, I can't say. Who can know whether or not my choice of bright red when I was 17 could have done me better? After all, look what it did for Nancy Reagan.

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Mount Kisco Writer Comes of Age as Author in Latest Book

By Martin Wilbur

It might be natural to conclude that since Peter Wood's first three books were about boxing that his latest novel would use the sport as its backdrop.

If you went solely by the title of "The Boy Who Hit Back," which was released about a month ago, you would be misled.

Wood, a Mount Kisco resident, has authored a coming-of-age story about an 18-year-old boy whose life disintegrates from popular high school student to skid row after his parents suddenly divorce. He leaves home, heads to New York and look for an escape.

"I wanted readers, male and female, to find a piece of themselves in each chapter, in each page and in each character," Wood said. "It's about loss, or perceived loss, and grief and pain and I wanted to articulate the self-doubt that I always felt and the self-loathing

that I think everybody feels at some point in their life."

Although it might seem more fitting that Wood, 64, a former Golden Gloves boxer in his youth, would be better suited to write about boxing, having had a career as a teacher in the White Plains School District he likely had more experience working with teenagers than he did in the ring.

"It starts out, what does a young girl and a young boy do when their world is crumbling down around them," Wood explained. "Their family is failing them. They're failing in school, they don't care about school, their friends are leaving the ship. So what do they do? They do the most obvious thing an 18-year-old kid would do – they escape."

So far, the response to the book, published by TCK Publishing, has been outstanding. It's had a string of strong reviews and has advanced to

the top spot in several Amazon Kindle categories, including young adult.

Wood already had some success with his initial books, "Confessions of a Fighter," which detailed his journey to the Golden Gloves at Madison Square Garden, considered one of the top amateur boxing tournaments, and "A Clenched Fist." The later is a memoir of his days as an amateur boxer. His first novel, "To Swallow a Toad," was published in 1987 and also uses boxing as the background for the story.

Still a substitute teacher at Fox Lane and Horace Greeley high schools, Wood said he can relate, even today, to the challenges and self-doubt that is normal for most students of that age. For Wood, there's a part of him that is still that 18-year-old kid he writes about.

Wood said that he's pleased that he's connecting with readers of varied ages because having a connection is one of the key themes of the book.

"It's a connection with kids and adults," he said. "I think the healthiest people are the ones who feel connected with themselves."

This Friday afternoon, Wood will be starting his tour of various metropolitan area libraries with an appearance at the Chappaqua Public Library at 3:30 p.m. He also plans to make appearances at the Mount Kisco and White Plains



Mount Kisco resident Peter Wood has published his latest novel, "The Boy Who Hit Back," his first work which does not use boxing as its backdrop.

libraries in the near future, although no dates have been set at either location, he said.

In the spring, he will be making an appearance in East Hampton in Suffolk County.

For more information about Peter Wood and "The Boy Who Hits Back," visit www.peterwood.pubsitpro.com.

Children, Families Celebrate Three Kings Day at NWH

By Martin Wilbur

For most families, the gift-giving season ends on Dec. 25. For more than 100 children who participated in a special program at Northern Westchester Hospital, it was this past Sunday that was one of the most anticipated days on the calendar.

Each year on the Sunday that is closest to Jan. 6, the hospital hosts what has become a much-loved tradition of celebrating Three Kings Day, also known as the Feast of the Epiphany,

when three wise men presented gifts to baby Jesus.

The program was started by pediatrician Chief of Pediatrics Dr. Pete Richel about 15 years ago. Local families, nearly all of whom are part of Mount Kisco's Latino community, brought their children to the first-floor conference room and participated in the festivities.

It didn't matter that the youngsters, from babies to up to 10 years old, had to wait nearly a half-hour for the gift-



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Northern Westchester Hospital's Three Kings Day celebration drew about 140 families.

giving to begin or that the three kings were actually three young women, local college students who volunteered their time to serve as the wise "men."

It was a morning where there were smiles on everyone's faces, from the children who were called up by name to receive their gift to their parents who looked on in gratitude.

"They come up one at a time and got their gift," Richel said. "They love that. They go back and unwrap it and life is good."

Many of the roughly 140 gifts were donated by Northwell Westchester Health, Richel's group, Westchester Health Associates, and Toys for Tots. Also, those who attended the hospital's annual holiday party in December were asked to bring a new unwrapped toy for



Children were called up individually to receive a gift from the three wise men during Northern Westchester Hospital's annual Three Kings Day celebration on Sunday.

the children.

Richel said that the hospital's Department of Pediatrics partners with Neighbors Link so families can register their children and an age-appropriate gift can be ready for them.

On Saturday night, Richel and others brought in takeout food to the hospital and spent the evening wrapping the gifts to give to the children.

Along with the gifts, there were also refreshments and a chance for the local community members to interact.

Applications Being Accepted for Student Albany Conference

High school students at least 16 years old are invited to apply for the Students Inside Albany Conference, an annual interactive event in Albany that is led and chaperoned by the League of Women Voters of New York State. It is scheduled for May 19-22.

Students can experience the new state legislature at work, meet students from throughout the state, learn how voters' interests are processed and shadow legislators. Applicants must be residents of Mount Kisco, Bedford, Lewisboro, North Salem or Pound Ridge, turn 16 no later than May and have parental

approval, school nomination and references.

There is no cost to students who are selected. The trip includes train transportation, a three-night stay at Hampton Inn & Suites and a tour of the Capitol.

For more information and for applications, contact the League of Women Voters of North East Westchester's SIA Coordinator Barbara A. Dodds at 914-244-0239 or badodds@optonline.net or your social studies adviser or librarian.

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Tuesday, Jan. 8

Drop in for Tech Help. Receive help with any of your technology devices. PC, Google and Microsoft savvy volunteers will help with troubleshooting, downloading, Overdrive, Freegal, Hoopla or any other online service. First-come, first-served. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 3 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscopubliclibrary.org.

Reading With Tobie and Karen. A program for school-age children. Tobie and Karen are with The Good Dog Foundation. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

English Conversations. For speakers of other languages seeking to improve their English. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscopubliclibrary.org.

DIY Winter Tree Painting. Create a snowy winter scene using paint, your fingers or q-tips. For children three to 10 years old. Children under five years old must have a caregiver present. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

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. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Current Affairs Book Club. "The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels" by Jon Meacham will be discussed. Led by Daniel Vock. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Women Reading Women Book Club. "My Cousin Rachel" by Daphne Du Maurier will be discussed. Copies of the book available at the circulation desk. New members welcome. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-9018.

History and Biography Book Club. "King Leopold's Ghost" by Adam Hochschild will be discussed. Extra copies of the book are available for checkout. Drop-ins are welcome. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 7:30 p.m. Free. Also meets the second Tuesday in February. Info: 914-669-5161 or www.keelerlibrary.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

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 (except Jan. 21). Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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.

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 (except Jan. 18 and 21). 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 (except Jan. 18 and 21). Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Bilingual Storytime. Sing songs and read picture books in English and Spanish. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscopubliclibrary.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 Whipoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. 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 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. 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.

Science Lab. Become junior scientists and learn about different science topics through stories, crafts and experiments. There's a new topic every week. For children four to six years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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.mountkiscopubliclibrary.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.

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.

Art Series: Glassblowing Crafts. Heat up the new year with a look at California-

born master glassblower Dante Marioni and master Italian glassblowing craftsman Pino Signoretto. Your impression of the art and craft of glassblowing as practiced in Italy for centuries will never be the same. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

An Evening With Paul Schrader: Revisiting "First Reformed." Following its spring release, Paul Schrader's "First Reformed" has been generating tremendous year-end attention as one of the most important films of the year, having received four Gotham Award nominations (including wins for best screenplay and best actor), four Independent Spirit Award nominations and New York Film Critics Circle Awards for best screenplay and best actor. It's one of the year's boldest and most daring films. Followed by a conversation with Schrader moderated by Jacob Burns Programming Director Brian Ackerman. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$15. Non-member: \$20. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

The Environment of Local Breweries. Justin DiNino, owner of the Tarrytown-based nanobrewery Duncan's Abbey, will discuss sustainable hop growing, locally sourced ingredients, grain composting and more. Learn about their commitment to sustainable process and the local environment. This program is in partnership with the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group. Dobbs Ferry Public Library, 55 Main St., Dobbs Ferry. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Info: 914.723.3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Thursday, Jan. 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 and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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

Toddler Storytime. Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate
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Equinox Trainer to Hold Diet, Fitness Workshop Next Week

By Anna Young

If you've ever had questions or concerns about your diet and fitness regimen, head to Mediterraneo in White Plains for a special workshop where Equinox fitness trainer Christian Palmer will ease your dietary and fitness woes.

The Armonk-based gym is holding a free event on Thursday, Jan. 17, where Palmer, a personal trainer, will discuss diet myths and the essential guidelines to meal planning, healthy grocery shopping, nutrition, exercise and how to save time, calories and money.

"I want to influence as many people as possible and introduce the fact that healthy food can be fun to eat," Palmer said. "Everyone can achieve better health no matter what. It can work if you find the right diet."

Palmer, 31, who became a personal trainer five years ago, developed a passion for fitness as a teenager growing up in Orange County. An athlete and eventually a professional bodybuilder, Palmer decided to invest his time learning about nutrition when his mother developed diabetes. He said he wanted to educate himself so he could help her.

"I was able to help my mom over time improve her diabetes, and she's fully recovered," he said.

Next week, Palmer will use his expertise

to debunk diet myths and help those attending develop a lifestyle that balances healthy eating, affordable shopping and fitness. He said many people believe maintaining a healthy lifestyle needs to be overly regimented with boring and tasteless foods, but the right diet can work when people shop efficiently and are aware of the full array of healthy food options.

The 90-minute seminar, which is open to Equinox members as well as non-members, will provide attendees with a suggested guideline for healthy eating and a time-effective plan to reconstruct their grocery shopping routine. Palmer will also advise attendees on quality foods, explaining the difference between certain types of eggs, nutrition bars and proteins.

"People like doing the popular diets but they stop doing them after a while," Palmer said. "Listening to your body is more important than claiming to follow a specific regiment. If there's a food that doesn't make you feel good, reduce the amount you eat or eliminate it. Get in touch with what your body feels like when you eat something."

Palmer will also highlight the benefits of exercise, stressing how valuable it is for mental and physical health. Exercise is a great way to have your own space and to provide time for yourself, he said.

During next week's event, Palmer will also stress the importance of dispelling nutrition

myths and making sure people focus on their dietary goals. Following a 30-minute presentation, Palmer will answer questions.

"I'll give you the best information I have on the successes I've had," Palmer said. "Your health is up to you, but I want to teach people to live healthier lives and prove that it's easier to obtain than they might think."

Mediterraneo is located at 89 Main St. in White Plains. The workshop will be held on Jan. 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Those interested in attending must RSVP to reserve a spot. Food and drinks will be provided.

To RSVP or for more information, call 914-219-1601 or e-mail Amy.jethmal@equinox.com.

Get Ready to Soar



AUSTIN SCHATZ PHOTO

Lovers of the bald eagle have to wait only until Saturday, Feb. 9 to take in this magnificent bird during the 15th annual EagleFest at Croton Point Park. Celebrate the return of the eagles with live bird-of-prey shows, educators with viewing scopes observing wild eagles, children's activities, food trucks and 25-plus environmental organizations in heated tents. For more information, visit www.teatown.org.

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early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lizza Drive, Valhalla. 10:30 to 11 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.

Pre-K Storytime With Craft. Stories, songs and a take-home craft. For children three to five years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.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. 5 to 6 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or

www.mountkisco.org.

Feel Good Comedy Show. Come for a night of laughs and charity as we help raise money for local animal shelters in Westchester. Lucy's Laugh Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. \$20. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs.com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

Friday, Jan. 11

ZUMBA® With Amy. Fun cardio dance fitness workout, low-impact approach, easy learning environment. This feel-good workout is exercise in disguise. Free trial class available. Addie-Tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza, lower level, Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. \$14 drop-in fee. Every Friday. Also Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Walk-ins welcome. Info: Call or text the instructor at 914-643-6162 or visit www.amyolin.zumba.com.

Explore Osmo. Children explore, learn, create and interact with digital games in a whole new way. For children in grades 3-5. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Every Friday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

The Hollywood Songbook: Love is Here to Stay. Film clips and discuss about the Gershwins. Led by Philip Harwood.

Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Friday Night Film Series: "Champion." Starring Kirk Douglas, this 1949 sports film classic was nominated for five Oscars, winning one. It follows the boxing career of Midge Kelly as he rises to fame – mainly by stepping on other people. Carl Foreman's screenplay asks us to examine how far people will go to achieve success in their field. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Nick DiPaolo. In this day of watered-down comedy, Di Paolo's brutally honest performances remind us of what great stand up should be – funny, socially relevant and a little bit reckless. His strong political opinions and razor wit make him a perfect fit for talk radio. He hosted his own shows on New York's 92.3 Free FM, "The Nick Di Paolo Show" on SiriusXM, co-hosted "The Nick & Artie Show" and currently hosts "The Nick Di Paolo Podcast." He has also performed on "The Tonight Show," "Late Night with David Letterman" and "Jimmy Kimmel Live." Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. \$30. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs.com.

com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

Broken Arrow: A Musical Tribute to Neil Young. Broken Arrow performs the music of this legend, featuring the rockin' electric Crazy Horse tunes and the more acoustic, pedal steel-driven country rock material. The band delivers these classic songs faithfully while taking them out on some jamming excursions and tastefully tweaking some of the arrangements. Joe Mass nails Young's vocals perfectly and the harmonies are spot on. Broken Arrow has audiences on their feet singing along and demanding encores. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. \$25, \$30 and \$35. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Saturday, Jan. 12

Pleasantville Farmers Market. Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" from 2014 to 2018. With nearly 40 vendors participating in the Indoor Market, the delicious good time continues each week. The farmers market is a dog-free environment. There will be seasonal vendors throughout December. Pleasantville Middle School cafeteria, 40 Romer Ave., Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Mar. 30, 2019. Info:

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Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.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.

Exercise Workshop. Learn how the benefits of exercise and nutrition help to prevent chronic pain and discomfort. Led by trainer Ramat Deleon-Nwaha. For adults. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. 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.

Winter Wolves. Winter offers families a unique opportunity to visit the wolves during their favorite time of year. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why this season is such a magical 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 their maturing pups experience their first winter season. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and potentially behold the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Guests will enjoy hot beverages in the woodstove-heated classroom. Dress for cold weather. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 1 p.m. Adults: \$15. Children (under 12): \$12. Also Jan. 13, 19 and 20 at 2 p.m., Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. and Jan. 21 and 26 at 11 a.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Yoga Teachers Association Workshop: Shake Your Soul, the Yoga of Dance. Human beings have used dance to celebrate, build community and feel a sense of well-being from our earliest days. It is time for you to reclaim this birthright. Bring new inspiration and freedom to your body and mind with Shake Your Soul, an integrative dance, meditative movement and mindfulness-based practice. Led by Dan Leven, program director at Kripalu and founder of the LIFE Movement Center, invites you to a safe and supportive space where you can move with the rhythm, aliveness and passion of your heart; learn "organic" exercises that massage and mobilize the energy in your organs; connect with the natural dancer inside you through guided movement explorations set to inspirational music; commune

with your spirit as you are supported in heartfelt community. Club Fit, 584 N. State Rd., Briarcliff Manor. 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. In advance: YTA members--\$45. Non-members--\$65. Walk-ins--: Members--\$55. Non-members--\$75. Pre-registration: Visit www.ytayoga.com. Info: Contact Lorraine Burton a 914-391-3389 or e-mail ytacommunications@gmail.com.

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

Meet Harry, an orphan who lives with his unpleasant relatives, the Dursleys, who pick on him and force him to sleep in a closet. But everything changes on Harry's 11th birthday when a mysterious bearded man delivers a letter from Hogwarts, a prestigious boarding school for witches and wizards. A whirlwind of a journey ensues, complete with magic wands, flying brooms and a dark force Harry must confront if he is to discover the truth about his past. Followed by a session of Reel Talk hosted by Jacob Burns Film Center's Kids Film Programmer Emily Ohara. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Children (under 13): \$7.50. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Opening Reception for "Colors Abound: The Bright Side of Winter."

Artists use color for emotional purposes or as metaphors. Color also has a large impact on our day-to-day lives and is instrumental in carrying us through the winter doldrums. View the many aspects of how color is presented in original artwork. Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 3 to 5 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Jan. 26. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

Evening Howl for Adults Only. Enjoy visiting the wolves during their favorite hour – dusk. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolves in North America while enjoying a spread of wine and cheese. Guests will take a short sunset hike to howl with Ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and potentially behold the center's critically endangered red wolves and Mexican wolves, too. For adults 21 years old and up. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 4:30 p.m. \$20. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

The Amazing Kreskin. Come out and celebrate the birthday of one of our nation's greatest entertainers. With a showman's flair, a comedian's wit and the capacities of a bona fide mentalist or thought reader, The Amazing Kreskin has, for six decades, dramatized the unique facets of the human mind – his own. His name has become an integral part of pop culture throughout the world. During the past 50 years, Kreskin has had a television series, his own board game by Milton Bradley, 20 published books and a major motion picture inspired by his work. In the 1970s, Kreskin headlined his

own television series "The Amazing World of Kreskin," for more than five seasons, which can now be viewed on www.hulu.com. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 5 and 8 p.m. \$25. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs.com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

Sunday, Jan. 13

Winter Wolves for Kids. This is the best introduction to wolves for families with young children. Children will learn about the mythology surrounding wolves and the important role of wolves in the natural world. This is an exciting time for wolves; they're out searching for prey as their growing pups experience their first winter season. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and potentially behold the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Guests will enjoy hot beverages in the woodstove-heated classroom. Dress for cold weather. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 2 p.m. Adults: \$15. Children (under 12): \$12. Also Jan. 20 at 11 a.m. and Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

21+ Book Group. "My Family and Other Animals" by Gerald Durrell will be discussed. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-9018 or www.mountpleasaantlibrary.org.

Organ Concert. Refresh your spirit with an afternoon of exquisite music by renowned organist Dr. Gail Archer. A prolific performer, teacher and recording artist, Archer serves as college organist at Vassar College and directs the young artist organ recitals at historic Central Synagogue in New York City. She is also director of the music program at Barnard College, where she conducts the Barnard-Columbia Chorus and is a faculty member of Columbia University's Harriman Institute, which focuses on Russian, Eurasian and East European studies. Archer's recordings reflect her passions and expertise. Followed by a reception. Reformed Church of Bronxville, 180 Pondfield Rd., Bronxville. 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914 337-6776 or visit www.reformedchurch.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.

Sunday Cinema: "Science Fair." Hailed by critics as "immensely likeable," "brilliant and quirky" and an "ode to the teenage science geeks on whom our future depends," and the winner of the audience award at Sundance and SXSW, National Geographic Documentary Films. It follows

nine high school students from around the globe as they navigate rivalries, setbacks and, of course, hormones on their journey to compete at the International Science and Engineering Fair. As 1,700 of the smartest, quirkiest teens from 78 different countries face off, only one will be named Best in Fair. The Picture House, 175 Wolfs Lane, Pelham. 8 p.m. \$12. Seniors, students and members: \$10. Also Jan. 27. Info and tickets: Visit www.thepicturehouse.org.

Monday, Jan. 14

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.

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

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 (except Jan. 21). Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Explore Creative Writing. Do you like to write? Do you have fun creating with words? Come and write for fun. No pressure, no testing, no stress. Just relax and write. For children seven to 10 years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 4:45 p.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

DIY Snow Slime. Make some snow slime using glue, fake snow and liquid starch. For children seven years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

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

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Despite Lackluster Moments, 'The Ferryman' Has Redeeming Features

I may be going out on a limb here. Not being one to shy away from controversy, I expected to be wowed by "The Ferryman," currently playing at the Bernard B. Jacobs Theater on Manhattan's West 45th Street. I must confess to having been at several points underwhelmed, though the play's riveting culmination made sitting through its three-plus hours ultimately redemptive.

Written by London native Jez Butterworth and directed by Sam Mendes, the play's timeframe is summer 1981 in rural County Armagh in Ireland's North, a place rife with "the Troubles." Irish Republican Army inmates in Cell Block H of the notorious Maze Prison outside Belfast are on a hunger strike for recognition as political prisoners, acknowledgement that then-British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will not allow, despite nine prisoner deaths.

That's all the background Playbill gives us. I felt for those fellow theatergoers who were not as well-grounded in the last 50 years of Irish history as others, unaware of the massive public support and worldwide recognition hunger strikers such as Bobby Sands brought to British bungling, maladministration and

coercion.

All that aside, based on the solid critical acclaim the play had garnered since opening last year, I fully expected to be blown away. I was not, at least for the first hour and the first of two intermissions. Things generally moved better after that, and there was much to celebrate.

What I liked: the acting, often brilliant, comic, tragic and moving, though at other times there were struggles, especially when several adolescent male characters dominated the stage. With exaggerated brogues that made the dialogue at times indecipherable, they were the lowest point of the play.

But those moments were more than offset by the brilliant performances of Laura Donnelly, who plays Caitlin Carney, the widowed wife of Seumas Carney, an IRA operative missing for the last decade; Fionnula Flanagan as Aunt Maggie, who holds her young great-nieces in thrall with tales of old Ireland; Dean Ashton, understudy for the role of Quinn Carney, brother of the missing Seumas, whose final actions at the play's end brings the audience bolt upright in their seats; and Stuart Graham as the steely-eyed, silver-tongued IRA

commander, intent on keeping the Carneys from creating a windstorm of controversy when Seumas's body is discovered in a bog across the border in the Republic, hands tied behind his back and a bullet in his head.

What I also didn't like was perpetuation of the enduring stereotype of the Irish as a people for whom the center of every day revolves around the consumption of alcohol. In this play everyone drinks – adults, adolescents and children. Beer and liquor flow freely morning, noon and night. I welcome the day when we can shake this dubious mantle, the crutch that keeps on crippling.

And now, to the calendar. The next event looming in the Celtic calendar is the feast of Imbolc. Also called Saint Bridget's Day, it is a festival midway between the winter and spring solstices, celebrated over Feb. 1 and 2. We've already counted in these pages three of the four Celtic seasonal festivals – Beltane, Lughnasa and Samhain. Welcome to the fourth!

Like the others, Imbolc predates Christianity and commemorates the



By Brian McGowan

Celtic goddess of fertility, Brigid, or Bride. And though there are several "legitimate" Saint Bridgets, scratch the surface and the overwhelming spirit of devotion bestowed to this day upon the name likely stems from those pre-Christian times.

Some traditions associated with the feast are the fashioning of "Brigid's Crosses" and Brideóg dolls,

carried about from house to house, which the saint/goddess would be thought to visit. To curry favor with her, folk would make a bed in the house for her, with some food and drink left and items left for her blessing. She in turn would protect home, hearth, livestock and possessions.

Pleasantville resident Brian McGowan was born and raised in the Bronx, in New York City, 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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p.m. Free. Also Jan. 16 and every Monday. Info and tickets: Visit www.nomacomedy.com.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Sling and Play With Chloe. A fun, musical, early communication program for children and caregivers to enjoy together. Based on the award-winning Baby Signing Time series, this class uses songs and games to help families learn to communicate using real signs from American Sign Language. This class is taught by certified instructor and professional children's entertainer, Chloe from Chloe's Kids. For newborns through three years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11:30 a.m. to noon. Free. Also Jan. 22. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.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.mountkiscoliberal.org.

"The Tragedy of King Richard II." Seasoned Shakespearean actor Simon Russell Beale plays the last Plantagenet king, Richard II, in a visceral, subversively

reimagined new production about the limits of power directed by Joe Hill-Gibbins. Expect to be surprised by this revival from the Almeida Theatre in London, which has a strong track record for startling interpretations of Shakespeare. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Members: \$25. Non-members: \$35. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Essential Oils: Health for the New Year. With the new year and cold winter months upon us – and quite possibly a few viruses floating around – learn how essential oils can help boost your immunity. Participants will make a roller ball to take home. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 5 to 6 p.m. Free. Registration required: Info and registration: 914-864-0038

Mount Kisco Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberal.org.

Armonk Readers Book Club: "The Art of Hearing Heartbeats." When a successful New York lawyer suddenly disappears without a trace, neither his wife nor his daughter Julia has any idea where he might be – until they find a love letter he wrote many years ago, to a Burmese woman

they have never heard of. Intent on solving the mystery and coming to terms with her father's past, Julia decides to travel to the village where the woman lived. There she uncovers a tale of unimaginable hardship, resilience and passion that will reaffirm the reader's belief in the power of love to move mountains. Discussion led by Diana Cunningham. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:45 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 ext. 3.

Saw Mill River Audubon Nature Book Club. The New York Times bestseller "The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History" by Elizabeth Kolbert will be discussed. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-6503 or e-mail office@sawmillriveraudubon.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Senior Afternoon Cinema: "To Catch a Thief." To keep a wave of thefts from being pinned on him, a reformed jewel thief living in high style on the French Riviera must ferret out the true culprit. Starring Grace Kelly and Cary Grant. Was an Oscar winner for best cinematography. Part of the Jacob Burns Film Center's Senior Afternoon Cinema series. 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.

Book Group Discussion. Martha Iwan leads a discussion on "Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard" and "Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth" by Sarah Smarsh. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberal.org.

DIY Cotton Ball Penguin. Celebrate Penguin Awareness Day (Jan. 20) by creating an adorable penguin of your own. For children four to 11 years old. Children under five years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberal.org.

Art Series: Lino Tagliapietro. One of the most revered of the Italian master glass blowers in the world, Tagliapietro is famous for upholding the centuries-old tradition of glassblowing while also looking forward to creating and collaborating with glass in ways never before seen in the world. 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.

Elementary Students Learn About Athletics, College Life at Pace

By Neal Rentz

About 260 fourth- and fifth-grade students from White Plains' Church Street Elementary School received a taste of college life last Friday.

The students were taken on a tour of the Pace University campus and several Pace student-athletes spoke to the children and answered their questions at the Goldstein Fitness Center. The pupils invited to the Court to Classroom program attended that morning's women's basketball game between Pace and Molloy. They also had the chance to meet the home team's players and the Irish Setter Mascot T-Bone.

Pace Director of Athletics and Recreation Mark Brown said this was the second Court to Classroom program. The first one was held two years ago.

"We value our role as an athletic department in a larger institutional community and we also value our relationship in the larger external community," Brown said. "Our student-athletes and our coaches do a tremendous amount of external outreach."

Court to Classroom is part of a players and coaches' outreach, which also includes going to local schools to read, visiting senior centers and residences and fundraising for charitable causes, Brown said.

"We introduce and strengthen the tie between academic successes and achievement and athletic opportunities and potential," Brown said. "We bring the



Students from the Church Street School had the chance to meet Pace University women's basketball players during an event called Court to Classroom.

students in and talk to them about the college experience. They get to meet our student-athletes. They get to meet some faculty members and people on our staff. Everybody just has a really good time."

One of the lessons of the day was the importance of fitness, including allowing a person to deal with stress in a healthy way, he said.

Associate Athletics Director for External Operations Drew Brown said an important part of the day was attending the basketball game.

"It's great for them to see what it's like," he said. "It's something to aspire to"

Other critical skills, such as having a

healthy lifestyle, getting a good education and goal setting were also discussed.

Church Street Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Jackie Miller said having the students see what a college campus is like at a young age is inspiring for the students. They leave thinking about how they're going to go to college and keep playing sports.

"It's really important that we demystify what college is," Miller said. "For them, to get on a campus and see what it's like and build that confidence and that comfort is really important."

Fifth-grader Deya Allen said the program was fun and interesting. It was her first tour of a college campus and was "very different"

from her elementary school experience, she said.

Allen, who indicated she is planning on going to college, attended a lecture focused on how math is related to sports. She said swimming and ballet are important parts of her life.

Another fifth-grader, Logan Emmert, also enjoyed the program.

"The gym is cool. Everything is pretty cool," he said.

Pace students discussed the campus facilities, including the sports facilities. Emmert, who plays hockey and baseball, said he looked forward to meeting the Pace women's basketball team.

"I've never been to a basketball game," he said.

The Pace athletes who participated in the program showed the younger students how they work. One of the questions the Pace athletes were asked was how they manage their time.

"It's one of those things you learn with time," said sophomore Austin Gilbertson, a guard on the men's basketball team.

"It was really great being with these young kids," added Peyton Wejnert, a junior forward on the men's basketball team. "I was in that position once talking to college kids. Now I'm speaking to kids and I hopefully can give them the idea that what they're doing matters and how it can affect them later in life."

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF FOXWOOD CONDOMINIUM, ON BEHALF OF ALL UNIT OWNERS, Plaintiff v. MICHAEL CASARELLA and CHRISTINA CASARELLA, Defendant, Index no. 54254/2018. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated November 20, 2018, and entered in the above-entitled action on November 27, 2018 (the "Judgment"), I the undersigned Referee in said Judgment named, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., White Plains, New York 10601, the premises directed by said Judgment to be sold. The premises will be offered for sale, as one parcel, on Thursday, January 31, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. The premises therein is described as being in the County of Westchester and State of New York, and designated as Tax Lot no. 2.121, Block 2, Section 69, Sheet 51 and commonly known as 121 Foxwood Circle, Mt. Kisco, New York 10549. The premises is more particularly described as follows:

THE land area of the Property is described as follows:

The Unit is designated as Lot 2.121, Block 2, Section 69, Sheet 51, on the Tax Map of the Town and Village of Mount Kisco and further described as follows: The unit ("UNIT") designated and described as Unit No. 121 in the Declaration (the "Declaration") establishing a plan for condominium ownership of the land (the "Land") and buildings (the "Buildings") comprising Foxwood Condominium (collectively the "Property") made by the Granter under Article 9 –

B of the New York Real Property Law, dated November 27, 1985 and recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Westchester County on December 5, 1985, in Liber 8286 cp 59. Being further designated and shown on the floor plans certified by Jack P. Fermery, A.I.A., filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Westchester County, Division of Land Records, on December 5, 1985 as Map #22143. The Land is comprised of all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Village and Town of Mt. Kisco, County of Westchester, and State of New York and more particularly bounded and described in herein. Together with an undivided .8686 percent interest in the Common Elements.

The premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment, Index No. 54254/2018 the Terms of Sale, and an assigned mortgage held in the principal sum of \$331,550.00, with interest thereon.

The approximate amount of the Judgment, for the property referred to therein, is \$14,737.91, plus interest and costs, as provided in the Judgment. The successful bidder will be required to deposit 10% of the bid by certified or official bank check, unendorsed, made payable to the Referee in accordance with the terms of sale.

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Birding in the New Year: No Better Way to Begin 2019

By Brian Kluepfel

For obvious reasons, not everybody wants to get up early on New Year's Day and walk a couple of miles. But this year I did, and with great results.

I took the #13 bus from Ossining to Phelps Hospital in Sleepy Hollow, part of my resolution to take public transit whenever I can. In spite of the fact that I bought a new car for commuting in December, my trip to Parsippany would take several hours by public transit and probably end my marriage, so I'm driving it.

Last week, at Rockwood Hall parking lot, I joined a group of more than 40 birding enthusiasts (well, some maybe were newbies, or fledglings, as we call them in Audubon-speak).

Larry, a longtime Saw Mill River Audubon board member who also led my group on a dire search for birds during a blustery Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 29 in Putnam County, led this walk, too. The New Year's walk is a tradition Saw Mill River Audubon established about a decade ago and its popularity seems partially based on the weather. (Last

year it was 9 degrees at 9 a.m. and there were fewer participants than that.)

This year, along misty, foggy pathways through former Rockefeller property, we saw several common winter birds, well worth a look because there weren't a lot of sightings: black-capped chickadees, always a bundle of bustling energy, a great winter bird; tufted titmice, bit-like miniature blue jays with their peaked crowns and a dab of yellowish orange accenting their abiding grey/white two-tones; and blue jays themselves, a really magnificent looking bird we sometimes take for granted because of its commonness, but a beautiful blend of nuanced blues, blacks and whites and often part of a cackling chorus of its species.

Crows and ravens, birds of a feather, as it were, similar, yet different in their all-black, the smartest of birds and as raucous, if not more so, than the jays. Crimson cardinals (male)

painted the bushes, along with their brown-colored female partners, the lady birds accented with those bright orange bills.

A true highlight was a red-tailed hawk, seemingly posing for pictures just up the trail from the Rockwood Hall parking lot. Again, if you don't get to see a lot of birds, you take the time to look at those you do see, and the shifting array of browns, copper reds and whites as well as the hawk's intimidating visage and baleful hunter's eye, are well worth five, 10 or even 15 minutes. A red-tail is of the genus *buteo*, a family of broad-winged, soaring birds of prey with rounded wings. You may be lucky enough to see its cousin, a red-shouldered hawk, near the Croton-Harmon Metro-North station.

Well, everyone wants to see a bald eagle, and we were lucky enough to capture three or four on the day (in our binocular and camera lenses, that is). I could even take credit for picking the first one out of the sky,

although I did not clearly identify it, leaving that to one of my other Audubon colleagues.

No bird sighting is guaranteed – that's part of the risk/reward of setting out on foot on any given day in search of our winged friends – but seeing the majestic national bird along the banks of the mighty Hudson was one hell of a way to begin the year. If our friend William Shakespeare, always dealing in augers and omens, was to label this one, I think it would have to be a positive indicator for the year to come.

Join Saw Mill River Audubon on its regular Monday walks, as well as weekend trips. Don't forget the upcoming Eagle Fest at Croton Point Park on Feb. 9. The Audubon's full events calendar can be found at www.sawmillriveraudubon.org.

Brian Kluepfel is a travel writer for Lonely Planet publications and Birdwatching magazine, among other publications, and serves as a board member on Saw Mill River Audubon. He blogs at www.brianbirdwatching.wordpress.com.

For The Birds

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

The 2018 Quiz. How well do you remember the stories and people from 2018? This week you will be tested on your knowledge of events from last year using questions adapted from the BBC News Quiz of the Year for 2018. On with your thinking cap and travel back to last year.

1. North and South Korea fielded a joint Winter Olympic team in which sport?
A) Women's ice hockey B) Men's bobsleigh C) Women's curling
2. Which capital city tried to introduce measures to deal with wild Peacocks?
A) Rome B) Delhi C) Canberra
3. Saudi Arabia opened its first cinema in 35 years. Which was the first film screened?
A) Ready Player One B) Black Panther C) Peter Rabbit
4. Which of Hawaii's volcanoes erupted on the Big Island in May?
A) Mauna Loa B) Kilauea C) Loihi
5. The Eagles now have the best-selling album of all-time with their Greatest Hits 1971-75 LP. Who did they push into second place?
A) Elvis Presley B) The Beatles C) Michael Jackson
6. It was announced that a best-selling games console can no longer be repaired by the manufacturer. Which console?
A) Play Station 2 B) Xbox One C) GameCube
7. Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg expressed his admiration for which Roman Emperor?
A) Nero B) Marcus Aurelius C) Augustus
8. What is the Collins Dictionary 2018 Word of the Year?
A) MeToo B) Single-use C) Gammon

- ANSWERS:**
1. A. The Korean team lost by a combined score of 28-2 in its games
 2. C. The trapping plan was abandoned after public opposition
 3. B. Saudi Arabia plans to open 40 cinemas in the next 5 years
 4. B. The eruption was preceded by hundreds of earthquakes
 5. C. Jackson's Thriller album is now #2, and the Eagles' Hotel California is #3
 6. A. Produced by SONY from 2000-2012, it remains the best-selling games console ever
 7. C. The tech mogul revealed his fascination with the Emperor in a New Yorker profile
 8. B. The term refers to products designed to be used only once before disposal



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Town of Putnam Valley Work Session Agenda January 9, 2019 Pledge of allegiance. Resolution establishing base salary plus stipend only for all elected officials effective 1/1/2020. Resolution authorizing Supervisor to sign contract with Lewis Wrobel for legal work on Alexander Kaspar's bankruptcy proceedings. Adoption of 2019 Building Fees. Adoption of Zoning Board and Planning Board Fees for 2019. Appoint ad hoc for Planning Board 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2019. Appoint Deputy Supervisor 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2019.

Town of Putnam Valley Planning Board 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York 10579, (845) 526-3740 Fax (845) 704-4714 www.putnamvalley.com
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The Sweet Spot for a Famous Grape



By Nick Antonaccio

There are two major wine regions in Spain situated along the country's primary rivers. Last week we traveled along the Ebro River through Rioja and Navarra. This week we're heading a bit south and west, due north of Madrid, to the area that traverses the Duero River.

This, the fifth of Spain's six major wine regions, is known, appropriately enough, as the Duero River Valley Region. And the primary wine area within this region is called Ribera del Duero (how convenient).

In some respects, this area is similar to Rioja: same grape varietal family (Tempranillo), same storied past and the same international acclaim for their wines. The similarity ends abruptly on the northern shores of the Duero River. Here the climate is more severe than in Rioja (hotter summers, colder winters) and the geography is different (plateaus and hillsides versus wetlands in Rioja).

The age of the vines and the aging of the wines (I like the quasi-alliterative ring to that) are the true discerning traits of the two regions. In Ribera del Duero, many vines are more than 50 years old and in some cases over 100 years old. These these produce grapes of unique concentration, color and character. With these old-vine grapes, the winemakers generally age their wines much longer than their counterparts in Rioja and other Spanish wine regions. This results in wine of unique strength, finish and character. And, lest one needs to further differentiate the two regions, the Tempranillo grape, the dominant grape in Ribera del Duero, is called Tinto Fino here versus the straightforward name Tempranillo in Rioja.

What are the characteristics of these wines? A typical description: aromas of dark, perfume-like cassis fruit on the nose with hints of mocha powder. Mouth-coating blackberry, licorice and violet layered nicely with hints of coffee, spice and mineral. Fine tannins through the long length, elegant and delicious.

And yes, other grapes are grown and vinified in the region. I had the

opportunity to sample several of these at a recent Wines From Spain tasting and symposium I attended in Manhattan. There I discovered two grapes grown sparingly in Ribera del Duero, Albillo (white) and Bobal (red). Wines of both were enchanting: the Albillo, expressing a minerality typically found in Northwest Spain and the Bobal, redolent of unctuous purple color, strong acidity and fruit, with an underlying essence of dark chocolate.

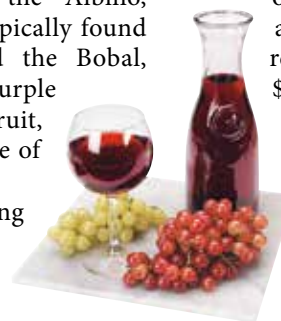
Let's focus on the aging of wines practiced in Ribera del Duero. It is important to understand the classification of wines that you'll find on each bottle of wine. There are four aging classifications to look for. The entry level is Tintos Joven, young and consumed in-country. Next come Crianza, wines that have been aged at least two years in oak. Third is Reserva, produced from superior grapes and aged at least three years in oak.

The top rating is Gran Reserva, which is granted to a small handful of wines that are only produced in certain years and aged for a minimum of five years. In particular, one winery, Vega Sicilia, stands out from the rest. One of its Gran Reserva wines, Unico, is produced from vines that are over 100 years old and is

aged for a minimum of eight to 10 years in oak; in certain vintages as many as 23 years. In several years the winemaker may even blend wines from different vintages to achieve its uniqueness. As you might expect, this wine commands one of the highest prices for a Spanish wine. The current release, 2009, retails for up to \$300 per bottle.

If your budget (or your conscience) can't equate the cost of a bottle of wine to the cost of a case of some other wines, take heart. There are a number of excellent bottlings available at more reasonable prices. Try Condado de Haza (\$17); Pesquera Crianza (\$27); Finca Torremilanos (Montecastrillo label) (\$10); and Bodegas Montecastro (\$14).

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HEARING: The following public hearings have been scheduled for January 14, 2019 at 6:00PM (or as soon thereafter as agenda conditions permit) at the Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, 10579. All interested parties are invited to attend and will be heard. A copy of the application materials and plans may be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Planning Board Clerk, Town of Putnam Valley Town Hall. 1.Rudowich, Carolyn, 243 Lake Shore Rd. (TM#41.6-1-6/File 2018-0188) The subject property is comprised of +/- 1.4 acres and is located

on 243 Lake Shore Road within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is seeking a Special Use Permit, Site Development Plan and Wetland Permit to construct a basement apartment. **SKETCH: 2.Home-land Towers, LLC- 265-273 Oscawana Lake Road (TM# 72.16-1-23/File: 2018-0186)** The subjects property consists of + 12.1acres of land and is located on 265-273 Oscawana Lake Road and within the CN Zoning District. The applicant is proposing installation of a 160 foot monopole with antennas, together with related equipment within a fenced compound. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 3.**Approve Minutes of December 10, 2018

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF EATON TAX SERVICE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on 01/02/2019. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **Eaton Tax Service LLC, 142 Mt Joy Pl, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

The name of the LLC is Goodbear Holdings LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 20, 2018. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Westchester County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is **c/o 25 Bank St. Apt 214K, White Plains, New York 10606.**

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