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## Sunshine Home Asks Neighboring Village for Municipal Water

By Martin Wilbur

The attorney for the Sunshine Children's Home & Rehab Center has sent a letter to Village of Ossining officials once again requesting the facility be allowed to connect to the municipality's water supply.

Mark Weingarten's Apr. 2 letter to the Ossining Village Board of Trustees stated that while the expanded facility would be able to tap into sufficient well water without affecting neighbors' water supply off-site, there have been persistent concerns among homeowners near the Spring Valley Road site.

Approvals from the Town of New Castle to enlarge the facility from under 19,000 square feet to about 143,000 square feet and from 54 to 122 beds would also require "construction of a costly new water treatment system approved by Westchester County Department of Health," according to the letter.

"Notwithstanding all of the analyses that confirm that use of the wells will not adversely impact off-site water supply, residents of the Town of New Castle and the Town and Village of Ossining continue to express concerns about potential impacts on their water supply and the sufficiency of the on-site water sources in the event of a fire," the letter stated.

Ossining Mayor Victoria Gearity said the Village Board formally received the letter at its meeting last week. She did not tip her hand as to how she and the rest of the board may act. E-mails to three village trustees were ignored last week.

"Since we received a formal request, we will have a formal response," Gearity said.

Sunshine Children's Home submitted a similar request in December 2015, but the village rebuffed the applicant.

Attempts to reach Weingarten last week  
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## Latimer Touts Inclusiveness, Economy in State of the County

By Martin Wilbur

County Executive George Latimer delivered a message of tolerance and inclusiveness while touting his administration's steps to ensure a strong Westchester economy during his second State of the County address last Thursday in White Plains.

In his 75-minute speech, which was one of the longest by a county executive in recent memory, Latimer recited many of his administration's accomplishments, from making sure that Westchester residents look out for one another to overseeing an increasingly robust economy.

"Being tolerant and compassionate is not merely a social good. It is the foundation for creating a safe living  
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County Executive George Latimer during his 2019 State of the County address last Thursday at the county building in White Plains.

## A Banner Day



JEFF HARWITZ PHOTO

Players from The Examiner green team display their banner proudly as they marched in last Saturday morning's Mount Kisco Little League Opening Day parade. Pictured, left to right, are Colin Goett, Zach Harwitz, James Tilden, Jack Bainlardi and Matthew Castro. Team members not pictured are Drew Nathan, Dominic Herrick and Spencer Chan.

## Former North Castle Supervisor Weaver Fondly Remembered

By Martin Wilbur

Former North Castle Supervisor and longtime councilman William Weaver died at his Armonk home last Friday after battling a long illness. He was 66 years old.

Weaver, who served a combined 16 years over two separate stints as a councilman and was elected to one term as supervisor in 2009, also was a member of the Armonk Fire Department, where he rose to become chief.

For those who knew him, Weaver was not only a dedicated public servant but someone who always put the well-being of his family, friends and town before himself.

"(He was) a private man, a gentleman in every respect, kind, just a true gentleman," said Sharon Tomback, North Castle's co-town historian who was Weaver's

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William Weaver, who served 16 years as a North Castle councilman and one term as the town's supervisor, passed away last Friday at 66.

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#### Q: What is a bunion?

**A:** A bunion is a bump on the inner side of the foot at the base of the big toe. If you've never experienced a bunion, you might think this bump is an enlarged bone or even a growth, but it's not. A bunion is actually a normally-shaped bone that has drifted into an abnormal position. As part of the deformity, the big toe becomes crooked, pointing more and more toward the second toe.

#### Q: Why are some bunions so painful?

**A:** It depends on the person. There are people with large bunions who are asymptomatic, and yet I have patients with small bunions who truly suffer. A bunion patient may develop painful symptoms due to footwear, activities, or other foot issues. Continually wearing poorly-fitting shoes that force the toes into certain positions may put additional pressure and pain on the bunion.

#### Q: How do you treat bunions?

**A:** The first step in treating pain and discomfort is choosing shoes that are wider, softer, and more comfortable. For women, I'll suggest shoes with a lower heel and a wider toe. Sometimes the right shoe is all it takes to relieve the pain.

If you have a smaller bunion and aching near the base of the big toe try a foam or silicone rubber toe spacer. The spacer, inserted between the first and second toe, corrects the alignment of the first toe and improves the mechanics of the joint, often leading to improved symptoms. Placed over bunions, circular donut-like bunion pads may also provide comfort inside shoes.

#### Q: Do you recommend surgery for a bunion?

**A:** I don't recommend bunion surgery for a bunion that's not painful. It's not about the X-ray, the size, or the look of the bunion. It's about how the bunion impacts your life. At Northern Westchester Hospital, bunion procedures are same-day surgeries and surgeons use nerve blocks and sedation. Patients should expect to remain home with feet raised to minimize swelling, from three or four days to one week. Ten days after surgery, patients come for an office visit for removal of stitches. Six to eight weeks following surgery, most patients will be allowed to walk in a roomy sneaker. If you have bunion surgery on the right foot, you won't be able to drive until your doctor gives permission. Full recovery takes about six months to one year.



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# Former No. Castle Supervisor Weaver Fondly Remembered

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confidential secretary during his two years as supervisor. "Very smart, a terrific businessman, but he never had to brag about it. He never had to brag about himself at all."

Weaver, a lifelong town resident, was born May 24, 1952, in Bronxville, the son of the late Darrell and Jean (Kennedy) Weaver. He served in the Air National Guard, became an accomplished commercial pilot and was the owner of Million Air White Plains, a fixed-base operator for private aviation, at Westchester County Airport.

He and his business partner, Mike Mason, followed in their fathers' footsteps

into the aviation industry, according to a written tribute from Million Air CEO Roger Woolsey. Their fathers were flight instructors at the airport and the sons purchased their business in 1983.

Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto remembered Weaver as someone who took his public service seriously and always displayed intelligence, thoughtfulness, integrity and fairness in a soft-spoken manner.

She recalled Weaver campaigning in the waning days before a competitive election when it began to snow. He stopped campaigning because his priority shifted to helping the town cope with deteriorating conditions.

"At that moment Bill Weaver was no longer a candidate running for office because he had transformed back to Bill Weaver the elected official returning to Town Hall to do whatever work was necessary in the face of this unseasonable October snowstorm," DiGiacinto said.

Former Town Board colleague Gerald Geist, who served the entire time that Weaver was a councilman, said it was "a real honor" to serve with Weaver.

"His values were the town's values," Geist said. "He had a very commonsense approach to handling problems. He was pragmatic, he always wanted to get to a solution. He didn't want to get bogged down by delays or things of that nature. I'm very happy to count him

as one of my friends."

Current Supervisor Michael Schiliro, whose first four years on the Town Board coincided with Weaver's final four years, said he came to know Weaver throughout their time on the board together. He considered him a mentor and a friend.

"Just a class act," Schiliro said. "I learned from him. He was a colleague. He'd keep an eye on me almost like a father. Seeing that I might need help with something, his wisdom would lend itself to it."

Town Republican Committee Chair Anita Cozza said she will always remember that after her husband died about 10 years ago, Weaver would call her regularly to make sure she was doing okay.

"He went out of his way many times," she said. "He would think of it every time he had the opportunity to call, just to make sure I was alright."

Weaver is survived by his beloved wife Susan (Trumm) Weaver and three sons, Darrell (Jaclyn), Devin and Brandon.

Visitation was Apr. 15 at Oelker-Cox & Sinatra Funeral Home in Mount Kisco. The funeral is Tuesday, Apr. 16 at 4 p.m. at Million Air at Westchester County Airport, located at 36 Tower Rd. Interment will be at Ferncliff Crematory in Hartsdale.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Weaver's name can be made to Patient Airlift Services at [www.palservices.org](http://www.palservices.org).

## Sunshine Home Asks Neighboring Village for Municipal Water

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to pose questions about the letter were unsuccessful.

Neighbors who have opposed the project said this latest request has deepened suspicions because Sunshine's representative have maintained that wells on its property would meet the expanded facility's need for up to 15,000 gallons of water a day.

"The Sunshine Home and Mark Weingarten testified to New Castle and to a New York State Supreme Court judge that there was more than enough water for the expansion," said nearby resident

Laura Houston. "For them to turn around and ask Ossining for water now raises all kinds of questions about the truth, as well as the safety of the patients and staff at the hospital."

Glendale Road resident Cynthia Manocherian said Sunshine Home's representatives haven't been truthful about water since the start of the project's review.

"Sunshine Home has been pressuring Ossining officials for municipal water since at least 2013, this time with the help of New Castle Town Supervisor (Robert) Greenstein," Manocherian said. "Either Sunshine has sufficient well water or it

doesn't. Which is it?"

Greenstein denied he was behind the request, saying it was initiated by the developer. He said the neighbors have the right to oppose the project but are disingenuous when arguing that they have the welfare of the children in mind.

"If these people are truly concerned about the water quality, truly concerned about their wells drying up and truly concerned about the best interests of the children, they would put pressure on Ossining to connect Sunshine Children's Home to their water supply," Greenstein said.



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# Parking a Growing Concern in Proposed CareMount Expansion

By Ed Perratore

What constitutes a medical office? That's a question that sent the Mount Kisco Planning Board scrambling to the zoning code last week.

The village is home to CareMount Medical, the largest independent multi-specialty medical group in New York State, along with Northern Westchester Hospital and numerous other medical and dental offices. But apparently nowhere in the village code is there a formal definition of a medical office.

The issue arose at the Planning Board's Apr. 9 meeting when Jim Diamond, CEO of Diamond Properties, said that CareMount would like to include more than 15,000 square feet of health care services to 100 S. Bedford Rd. CareMount would also like to relocate executive offices, some IT functions and other offices from Chappaqua Crossing into a 23,286-square-foot space at 100 S. Bedford Rd. The space was previously occupied by Morgan Stanley.

Adjacent buildings on the three-building campus, at 90 and 110 S. Bedford Rd., are devoted entirely to medical use. But if the offices proposed for the 100 building are classified as medical offices those will require more parking than is available because of the higher volume caused by patients' visits.

Of the more than 23,000 square feet of space, CareMount, has proposed to designate 15,536 square feet for medical purposes. A 3,620-square-foot retinal specialty office is proposed for the first floor and an 11,916-square-foot urology and general surgery office would be on the second floor.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has previously limited medical office use in that building to 16,000 square feet.

Diamond argued that CareMount's executive offices are professional offices and are separate from where patients would be seen by healthcare providers. As a result, he contended that the 7,750 square feet should count in the amended site plan as professional offices, which require much less parking. He said no doctors, nurses or related medical personnel would be based there.

But Board Chairman Doug Hertz said there are concerns related to parking. He said that the site is "perilously close" to having too many vehicles.

"Our concern really has to do with

parking counts," Hertz said. "What we're trying to prevent is sort of a 'medical creep,' if you will, uses that are sort of quasi-medical but have the same density of parking requirement that a medical office would have."

Much of last week's discussion centered on which personnel would work in the 7,750-square-foot area that the applicant considers professional office space.

Building Inspector Peter J. Miley said he would consult the ZBA to clearly determine the difference between professional and medical offices.

Village Attorney Whitney Singleton

encouraged a new resolution pinning down specific uses of all spaces within the building.

## Chabad of Bedford approved

Also last week, the Planning Board approved a resolution by Chabad of Bedford to temporarily move its Hebrew school into the same building at 100 S. Bedford Rd. for three years.

While a few small details must still be resolved, Chabad will move into a 5,278-square-foot space while it rebuilds its headquarters at 133 Railroad Ave. in Bedford Hills. That building was damaged in an electrical fire on Feb. 5.



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# County, New Castle Criticized for Lack of Airport Noise Solutions

By Martin Wilbur

A member of New Castle's Airport Advisory Board heavily criticized the county and the Town Board last week for failing to address the escalating noise complaints generated by air traffic to Westchester County Airport.

Warren Gottlieb, who is also the town's Republican Committee co-chair, said since County Executive George Latimer visited New Castle Town Hall with County Legislator Michael Kaplowitz for one of his Coffee and Conservation meetings with residents on Apr. 14, 2018, said there has been no substantive progress regarding the debilitating noise.

"As much as it pains me to say it and I hope nobody takes it personally because I don't mean it that way, I feel as though the Town Board has been giving constituents lip service for a year and enough is enough on this," Gottlieb said. "Residents are really fed up with the board playing three-card monte as they watch the destruction of their quality of life and their property values."

Gottlieb didn't spare his criticism for Kaplowitz or Latimer, saying that the sluggishness on the county's end will result in another spring and summer of residents who are in the flight path having their lives upended because of the heavy air traffic.

He also raised the possibility that

Town Board members have been hesitant to confront officials at higher levels of government.

The county is in the midst of updating its airport Master Plan. However, the Request for Proposal for the update went out in October and there has apparently been no update on progress, Gottlieb said.

"I get kind of the sense that this was being stood for," Gottlieb said. "These are the people who are supposed to be helping us on this issue. This isn't a new problem. They've known about this for quite some time. We praise them when they do the right thing. We're not attacking the big part of the problem, which is the noise pollution and the environmental issue that is coming over many residents' heads every 60 to 90 seconds."

He recommended that the town hire its own consultant to learn why there has been such a sharp increase in complaints over the past couple of years.

Councilwoman Ivy Pool said everyone on the board is in agreement that the airport noise issue is a critically important issue but there needs to be a constructive approach.

"We don't want to go to the county and to our federal elected officials with complaints, we want to go with solutions," Pool said. "So what we've

been asking of the local advisory committee is to come up with actionable items so that we can continue to move forward."

Among those items is for the town to acquire the financial accounting and investment reports, the potential for restructuring landing fees if they are lower than other regional airports such as Teterboro in New Jersey and making sure that certain items important to the town are included in the RFP and Master Plan before it goes out.

While some other municipalities near the airport have dealt with noise issues for years, Supervisor Robert Greenstein said something has changed more recently. He and Councilwoman Lisa Katz, who mentioned that New Castle's issue is likely different than other communities, agreed there should be a more local strategy.

"We need to figure out what the heck is going on here in New Castle because it is definitely affecting people's lives in New Castle, but it did not affect them two or three years ago," Greenstein said. "It's a new problem and it's a big problem."

He said a meeting has been scheduled for this Monday, Apr. 22 involving himself, another Town Board member, Kaplowitz and Latimer in White Plains to discuss the issue.

Councilwoman Hala Makowska

said the town must be mindful of the estimated \$75,000 expense for its own consultant while Councilman Jeremy Saland said such a move could be detrimental.

"If we go out and say it's just about us, we're going to be NIMBY New Castle and we'll get zero done," said Saland.

Gottlieb said for the residents affected by the air traffic, the noise is intolerable.

"I can't tell you what it's like when you're in your home that you've lived in for a long period of time and the house shakes every 90 seconds," he said.

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# Latimer Touts Inclusiveness, Economy in State of the County

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environment where we can all achieve and thrive," Latimer said. "My friends, inclusion and cooperation is good economic policy."

He announced that he will be hosting a roundtable discussion with the county's religious leaders to discuss acceptance and tolerance through religion and conversation.

Latimer said he will also rely on the leadership of organizations such as the county's Youth Bureau, Office for Women and a re-energized Human Rights Commission to help him and law enforcement support civility.

A strong economic climate requires fresh investment from entrepreneurs willing to take a chance, Latimer said. He said his administration has been using strategies at its disposal to encourage new projects.

The county has reinvigorated the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program (MWBE) and introduced the new Element 46 program designed to provide entrepreneurs who are developing new businesses free mentoring and professional and team-building services, Latimer said.

The county executive also pointed to signing the Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Owner Businesses in County Contracts law, which helps disabled

veterans by considering their ventures for county contracts.

Latimer said recent preliminary approvals by the county's Industrial Development Agency for key redevelopment projects featuring mixed-use residential and retail – the White Plains Mall redevelopment and the former Westchester Pavilion Mall – will also help the county. Those projects will see more than \$1.2 billion in private investment that will create more than 3,000 construction jobs and over 500 full-time and part-time positions, he said.

"The bottom line is this – we need to attract businesses and keep businesses here in Westchester County to keep our economy thriving," Latimer said. "When our businesses thrive, our county thrives and we want to partner with those businesses, large and small to meet their employment and technology needs."

In January, Latimer signed the agreement for North 60 near Westchester Medical Center, in what will be the largest project in the county in decades. It will feature about two million square feet of biomedical and research space along with a hotel, retail and a life sciences museum. He acknowledged his predecessor, Rob Astorino, for doing much of the heavy lifting for the project.

To help with the county tax burden,

Latimer said his office encouraged municipalities to find ways to save taxpayer money through the state's Shared Services Program.

His proposal to raise the county sales tax 1 percent to 8 3/8 percent will raise an estimated \$140 million in a full year, about \$40 million of which will be shared with municipalities and school districts. In exchange, there would be no property tax increase for 2020 and 2021.

The state legislature passed the resolution allowing for the higher sales tax and it awaits Gov. Andrew Cuomo's signature.

Latimer said that his administration is focused on critical infrastructure projects, such as fixing deteriorating roads, using \$1.8 million to reduce the number of bridge strikes on the Hutchinson River Parkway, renovating the Elijah Miller House in North White Plains and developing 74 units of senior affordable housing at the old WestHELP site.

"That's hardly a start, but like the Miller House and the Sprain Ridge Pools, we believe in saving things worth saving," Latimer said. "We understand the cost of things and we understand the value of things."

Multiple environmental initiatives have been stressed such as the creation of a Climate Crisis Task Force, emphasizing

solar power and electric county vehicles, encouraging textile and food scrap recycling and the installation of 30,000 LED bulbs countywide, he said.

Latimer also announced that the county is looking forward to an exciting summer season at Playland, topped by a new roller coaster named Coaster, the amusement park's mascot.

The county executive said he is bullish on Westchester's future.

"Ladies and gentleman, for all of this and more, the state of our county is progressing, modernizing and achieving," Latimer said. "And it is our unity and collegiality that opens the door to greatness. We as a county have not yet reached where we want to be, or where we need to be, but we are advancing – and we are doing it together."

## Legislators React

Minority Leader John Testa (R-Peekskill) was the most critical of Latimer's address, saying it had "the least amount of detail and information" of any state of the county in the 10 years he's been on the Board of Legislators.

"It was a wonderful thank you to a lot of people and a lot of groups, which is always a good thing, but it lacked the substance I was looking for in two areas – the airport and Playland – which I believe are the two main issues facing the

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#### COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

CIT BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs.

**BRUCE M. LOGAN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF OGRETTE K. LOGAN; MELVIN B. LOGAN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF OGRETTE K. LOGAN; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF OGRETTE LOGAN;** any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; **SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THE PEOPLE OF**

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#### INDEX NO. 59094/2017

**Plaintiff designates Westchester as the place of trial situs of the real property**  
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS  
Mortgaged Premises:  
**34 GARIBALDI PLACE**  
**RYEBROOK, NY 10573**

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Block: 1  
Lot: 36

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The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

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# P'ville's Preliminary 2019-20 \$16.6M Village Budget Below Tax Cap

By Ed Perratore

Pleasantville officials last week presented a \$16.6 million tentative general fund budget for 2019-20, which calls for a 2.23 percent tax rate increase yet complies with the state-imposed tax cap.

Spending would rise by about \$178,000 in the general fund, about a 1 percent increase. That fund makes up nearly three-quarters of the village's total operating budget.

Village property taxes would rise by about \$90 for the average Pleasantville homeowner.

Other revenue would come from surpluses in the water and refuse funds. There would also be about a \$200,000 reduction in debt service on village bonds and notes compared with the current year.

General fund capital improvements include \$200,000 for road paving and sidewalk repair. Another \$215,000 would pay for lights and bleachers at Parkway Field, playground upgrades and rehabilitation of the Foxwood tennis courts. There is also \$275,000 earmarked for two Department of Public Works vehicles, including a dump truck, and \$50,000 for a hybrid vehicle for police.

The Memorial Plaza civic space and Manville Road streetscape project would receive partial funding of \$2.85 million.

Board members discussed whether they should pass a resolution to override the 2



ED PERRATORE PHOTO

Village Administrator Eric Morrissey presents the highlights of Pleasantville's \$16.6 million tentative budget for 2019-20 at its Apr. 8 meeting.

percent tax cap should an emergency arise that requires additional expenditures. The village is under the cap by \$8,409, said Village Administrator Eric Morrissey. The general fund is under by \$4,501 and the refuse fund is under by \$3,908, he said.

"The reality is, that 2 percent tax cap is not a long-term, sustainable thing in an environment where key cost drivers, especially employee benefits – health insurance and the like – are rising at multiples of 2 percent on an annual basis,"

Scherer said. "What's happened in a lot of places is that it has caused communities to kick the can down the road on anything that could be delayed, rather than investing in infrastructure, maintenance and improvements on a year-by-year basis."

Scherer added that the language of the 2011 state law establishing the tax cap requires municipalities to pass a law allowing it to exceed the cap, but a resolution must be passed first. This makes local officials appear as spendthrifts no matter how fiscally conservative they try to be, he said.

Trustee Joseph Stargiotti criticized the cap as well.

"I think it's obscene that the state legislature thought it was important to make us announce to the world that we're going to be busting the cap by passing a local law to do it before we do it," Stargiotti said.

Meanwhile, Shane McGaffey, station manager of Pleasantville Community Television (PCTV), said at the meeting that the notion of a 2 percent tax is for show since the figure is only one in a complicated eight-step calculation, yet it's what municipal officials typically cite.

"What the governor is trying to do is put some sort of arbitrary thing that people think is a static thing that isn't; [the tax cap] is a moving target every year," McGaffey said.

By passing the resolution, "he's made it like we're doing something illegal," he added.

"He's bumper-stickered this so well that you feel, oh my gosh, I can't make people think that I'm not fiscally conservative, that we're not doing a good job," said McGaffey. "And you're playing right into his game."

The Village Board expects to adopt the final budget before May 1. Pleasantville's fiscal year begins June 1.

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**Apr. 6:** A party arrived at headquarters at 10:48 a.m. stating that his credit card was used without authorization. A report was taken as a matter of record.

**Apr. 6:** A caller reported a deceased fox with a paper bag over it on Maple Way at 3:44 p.m. The responding officer confirmed the same and stated that the animal is on the shoulder of the roadway. The North Castle Highway Department was notified.

**Apr. 7:** Report of a medium-sized gray terrier running at large, chasing children around the playground on Clove Road at 4:06 p.m. The responding officer reported that a warning was issued to the dog owner regarding having a dog running at large.

**Apr. 8:** A driver of a vehicle was placed under arrested at 8:26 p.m. on Business Park Drive for a fraudulent license plate.

**Apr. 9:** Report of a male needing

assistance after falling off the back of a garbage truck on Whippoorwill Road at 8:35 a.m. The dispatching officers successfully notified 60 Control. The party was transported to Westchester Medical Center.

**Apr. 10:** Report of illegal dumping on Washington Place East at 6:16 a.m. A resident stated that construction garbage was on the front hedges of her residence and that she wishes to make a report. The responding officer reported speaking to the complainant and secured photos of the garbage. The officers stated that the garbage is coming from a nearby vacant work building. Attempts to make contact with someone from that site were unsuccessful.

### Pleasantville Police Department

**Apr. 8:** At 8:49 a.m., a 23-year-old woman reported that she had placed her purse on the counter at Dunkin' Donuts on Washington Avenue the day before and that it was stolen. Video surveillance in the store showed an individual taking the property.

**Apr. 10:** A 26-year-old Pleasantville man was arrested at 3:09 p.m. and charged with second-degree attempted assault and third-degree criminal mischief in connection with an incident on Washington Ave.

## Obituaries

### Judith Bricker

Judith A. Bricker, formerly of North White Plains and most recently of Pleasantville, died on Apr. 10.

She was 77.

Bricker was born on Nov. 11, 1941, to the late Angelo and Elizabeth (nee Stipo) Longo in North White Plains. She was a retired medical secretary at White Plains Hospital for over 35 years.

She was predeceased by her devoted husband, Gerard Bricker, in 2009 and her brother, Eugene Longo. Bricker is survived by her two loving daughters, Jill (PJ) Guercio-Niebling of Bronxville and Kristin (Richard) Clemens of Norwalk,

Conn.; one sister-in-law, Lynne Longo, of Palm Desert, Calif.; and her seven cherished grandchildren, Richard and Christopher Clemens, Jessica, Jenna and Jillian Guercio and Joseph and Jake Niebling.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Apr. 12. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Valhalla on Apr. 13 followed by interment at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Greenburgh.

In lieu of flowers, donations to [www.carcinoid.org](http://www.carcinoid.org), 333 Mamaroneck Ave., Unit 92, White Plains, N.Y. 10605 would be appreciated.

### Frank Somma

Frank Somma of Thornwood and most recently of Boca Raton, Fla., died on Apr. 9.

He was 61.

Somma was born on Dec. 15, 1957, to Nicola and Gina (nee Cordaro) Somma in the Bronx. He was an electrician with IBW Local #3 in White Plains.

Somma is survived by his mother, Gina Somma, and his brother, Nick Somma, both of Thornwood; by his niece, Gina

Somma, of Newburgh, N.Y.; and by his aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Apr. 14. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Innocents Church in Pleasantville on Apr. 15 followed by interment at All Souls Cemetery in Pleasantville.

In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated.

### William Stewart

William A. Stewart, Sr., a lifelong Mount Kisco resident, passed away on Apr. 11.

He was 86.

Stewart was born on Dec. 27, 1932, in Mount Kisco to Margaret (Hughes) and Robert Stewart. He was the beloved husband of Joan Fox Stewart; loving father of William Jr. (Linda), Margaret Brittingham (Gerry), James (Higgins), John (Duskie) and Ellen Rigano (Chip); and loving Poppy of nine grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Pat Reilly, and several loving nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his siblings, Jane and Robert.

Stewart retired as president of Thomas Fox and Son Caterers and served as a 67-year member of the Mount Kisco Independent Fire Company and chief of the Mount Kisco Fire Department (1992-1993). He was a 68-year member of the Mount Kisco Fire Department Ancient Fife and Drum Corps and was named Mount Kisco Citizen of the

Year in 1993. Stewart was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army, having served during the Korean War, and was a graduate of Mount Kisco High School, Paul Smith's College and Denver University.

He was a member of Mount Kisco Rotary Club, was a three-time Paul Harris Fellow and was a member of the Mount Kisco Historical Society, Memorial Day Parade Committee, Company of Fifers and Drummers and the Westchester County Association of Fire Chiefs. Stewart was an usher and lifelong parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Independent Fire Company or St. Francis of Assisi Church in Mount Kisco. Visitation was at Cassidy-Flynn Funeral Home Inc. in Mount Kisco on Apr. 15. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, Apr. 16 at 10 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church followed by burial at St. Francis Cemetery.

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# Police Prevent Man From Jumping Off Manville Road Overpass

By Martin Wilbur

Police officers from three agencies coaxed a man off the Manville Road overpass above the Saw Mill River Parkway in Pleasantville last Wednesday after he had threatened to jump to the highway below.

A 19-year-old Pleasantville man was sitting on the edge of the overpass with his legs dangling off the side at about 10:30 a.m. when Pleasantville police received a call from his mother, police said. A village police officer arrived at the scene first in an attempt to convince him to come off the edge.

Pleasantville police contacted county police to shut the parkway, which snarled traffic in the village for over half an hour.

The man, whose identity was not released, was sitting on the side of the bridge over the northbound lanes of the parkway and facing north, said county Department of Public Safety Kieran O’Leary. He said county police positioned an inflatable safety device on the parkway to try and catch the man in case he

jumped.

Soon after, officers from the Pleasantville and Mount Pleasant police departments and county officers began to talk to the man, who was highly agitated, according to Pleasantville police. The officers spoke calmly and maintained distance to gain trust and defuse the situation.

Over the next half-hour, enough rapport was built between the man and the officers where they slowly closed the distance and move to within a few feet of him, Pleasantville police said. At one point when the man became distracted, the responding officers took the opportunity to grab him and pull him off the ledge to safety.

The man was taken by the Pleasantville Volunteer Ambulance Corps Westchester Medical Center for psychiatric evaluation.

During the parkway’s closure, southbound traffic was diverted at Grant Street while northbound traffic was forced to leave the highway at the Bedford Road exit, O’Leary said.

# Pleasantville to Keep Parking Fees Flat; Adds New Application

By Ed Perratore

The Village of Pleasantville is sending out 2019-20 parking permit applications on Apr. 22. Whether you’re on the waiting list or already enjoy a coveted spot in one of the village’s seven lots, fees won’t increase.

Still, there may be a surprise for some permit holders.

Rather than distributing the usual single application covering residential and business permits, the village will mail separate forms for the 12-month period beginning June 1.

Residents wishing to obtain a parking permit will need to submit a utility bill or another type of bill to verify their address. This, said Administrative Aide and Deputy Village Clerk Noreen Regan, should keep out-of-village applicants from falsely claiming residency in order to get a permit.

Business owners will have to supply a letter confirming that an applicant for a business parking permit works for them.

The annual permit fees for residents and businesses will remain at \$600 and \$650, respectively, for the Memorial Plaza, Cooley Street and Wheeler

Avenue lots; \$475 and \$590 for the Village Lot; \$380 and \$480 for the Rebecca Lane and Bedford Terrace lots; and \$250 and \$350 for the Hopper Street lot.

As in the past, having a parking permit does not ensure that a spot will be available. This is because many permit holders do not park in their assigned lot every single day.

“With such a high level of demand, the village does strive to oversell parking spaces in each lot in a responsible manner that results in parking availability for a permit holder without guaranteeing a parking space,” Regan said.

The resident waiting list currently has 71 names, each marked with a preferred lot or lots should there be an opening. For business parking permits, there are now 92 names on the waiting list.

Permits are valid for village parking Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. To join the waiting list, e-mail your name, e-mail address, street address of your residence or business and phone number to [villageclerk@pleasantville-ny.gov](mailto:villageclerk@pleasantville-ny.gov).

## SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Index No. 53483/2018 M&T BANK, Plaintiff, vs. ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE LUCRETIA FLUSKEY A/K/A LUCRETIA D. FLUSKEY, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, CITIBANK, N.A., CHASE BANK USA N A, AMERICAN EXPRESS CENTURION BANK, CAVALLRY SPV I, LLC, AS ASSIGNEE OF BANK OF AMERICA/FIA CARD SERVICES, N.A., FIRST RESOLUTION INVESTMENT, THOMAS FLUSKEY,

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ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, in the Town of Rye, County of Westchester and State of New York, known as the northerly 75 feet of Lot No.63 in Block C-D on a map entitled, "Revised Map of Tamarack Gardens in the Town of Rye, N.Y., The property of Tamarack Gardens, Inc." Made by J. A. Kirby Co., C.E. & S., dated June 1930 and filed in the Office of the Clerk, Division of Land records, formerly Register’s Office of Westchester County, New York, August 6, 1930 as Map No. 3675, and which part of said lot according to said map is bounded and described as follows:

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## Column

### Spring Cleaning: It's About More Than Just Your Home!

By Mitchel Rabinowitz

If you've watched the recent Netflix hit "Tidying Up with Marie Kondo" or read the best-selling book behind the craze, you likely understand the importance that a good "spring clean" and valuation can have on your home and, more importantly, your life.

Kondo's "KonMari method" encourages people to assess their belongings and rid themselves of clothing, books, papers, miscellaneous items and sentimental items (in that order) that no longer "spark joy."

Her method has been hailed not only as an effective technique for organizing people's homes and environments, but also for its ability to completely shift the psyche of all those who employ it. Clutter – be it in your apartment or your mind – can negatively influence health, including mood, stress levels, memory and even emotional intelligence. As Kondo's clients know, and as research supports, the benefits of de-cluttering can improve sleep, focus and life satisfaction.

An occupational therapist, I work with people of all ages who, following surgery or as the result of a health crisis, need to pay special attention to keeping their homes organized, orderly and safe.

One of the first things we do to help people streamline or modify everyday activities is to provide evaluations of the

home and other environments, coming up with adaptive training strategies and educating patients and caregivers about new routines. We do this with the goal of making our patients' environments and day-to-day lifestyles work for them.

In the spirit of spring cleaning, here is some advice I share with patients and caregivers to help them tidy up their homes and lifestyle habits, allowing them to stay engaged and to maintain the skills needed to function more effectively.

#### Keep the Items You Use

If you're between 50 and 85, it's likely that your home has accumulated a lifetime's worth of stuff. It's easy to let years of tax returns, remnants of old jobs, sentimental objects from friends and family and other relics of the past amass, but a cluttered home is an unsafe home. Having extra stuff around your house exacerbates the risk of tripping and experiencing a fall-related injury.

What's more, if your eyesight is declining, it can seriously increase the difficulty of finding items you need. Be merciless in your decision-making about what to keep and what to toss. Consider utilizing storage rental spaces in your area for items that are no longer of use or donate anything that could be of use to someone else.

#### Small Modifications Prevent Big Injuries

It's easy to overlook things in your home, especially when they have been the same for many years, but those with mobility issues and those over 65 do so at their own risk. The CDC reports that more than one out of four older adults experience falls each year, and three million are treated at the emergency room for fall-related injuries. Small adjustments, such as taping down a rug, installing a grab bar in the shower or using a rubber mat in the bathroom will make a substantial difference in creating a safer home environment.

#### Rearranging to Meet Priorities

When I evaluate people's homes, I think about clients' safety and convenience. Reorganizing your home may seem daunting, but it is critical to reducing injury from overstraining or falling. For example, if you love to make eggs but reaching for the frying pan is putting a strain on your back, keep the pan somewhere more accessible. Keeping appliances – even small appliances – in a readily accessible place is a good way to avoid losing your balance or risking a fall. Simple steps can make all the difference!

*Mitchel Rabinowitz is an occupational therapist with the Visiting Nurse Service of New York. To learn more about the wide array of home care services available through VNSNY, call 1-800-675-0391 or visit [www.vnsny.org](http://www.vnsny.org).*

## Letter to the Editor

### Approving Standard Driver's Licenses Would Enhance Public Safety

It is important to support pending legislation in the state legislature, the Driver's License and Privacy Act (S01747/A03675). This bill will restore to all residents of New York, regardless of immigration status, equal access to driver's licenses.

The law will permit all residents of New York State, including undocumented immigrants, to apply for the lowest tier of state driver's licenses, called a "standard license," which is clearly marked "not for federal purposes." The holder CAN, after successfully passing the written and road tests, drive, register a car and purchase automobile

insurance. A standard license holder CANNOT use the license to vote, cross national borders, enter federal buildings or board an airplane. These licenses will not change a person's immigration status. No ifs, ands or buts.

Public safety demands no less. All applicants will still need to study and know the rules of the road. Police will be able to use licenses to verify the identity of motorists during stops, review their traffic record and verify that their cars are properly insured. In California, a study from Stanford found that in the first year after offering similar licenses, the hit-and-run rate dropped 10 percent. Similar results were reported from the 12 other states, plus Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico, that have such laws.

Public safety also requires improving trust between law enforcement and members of immigrant communities. With proper and legal identification, witnesses and victims of crimes will more readily report incidents and cooperate with police. Other first

responders and healthcare providers will be able to identify the individuals they assist.

Where such licenses have been enacted and implemented, initial opposition came from people who thought that undocumented immigrants don't deserve them or who mistakenly believed these licenses offered legal status. Please tell your elected official that putting these false beliefs or concerns above public safety is foolish.

Contact your state senator and Assembly members, as well as Gov. Cuomo, to let them know of your support for this important legislation. For the safety of all New Yorkers, we need these licenses.

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## Column

### Communities Don't Need to Wait for Government to Claim Human Rights

By Robert Kesten

Last week's Examiner editorial "Forum on Combating Hate..." and its front-page article point out the need for action as divisions around the world, across the nation and here at home have led to many acts of hate. They have been seen on school campuses, scrawled on religious buildings and etched in blood, shooting after shooting.

Panels and discussions allow people to feel they are doing something, proposing legislation addressing one or two elements of a crisis that dehumanize us all, but they will not make the difference we need in time to stem this avalanche from crushing civil society and our democracy.

Those paying attention to these discussions and the editorials in this and other publications are self-selecting individuals horrified by the direction we are headed. They are not the people whose cages need to be rattled.

We are right to be incensed that 75 years since World War II and the lessons of the Holocaust were learned, 51 years since the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the push for equality of the Civil Rights movement, the significant transformations of both the women's and LGBTQ movements that we have

already forgotten what it means to welcome the stranger, clothe the naked and feed the hungry. From a world forced to see just how cruel human beings can be to one another, to a world that again uses might and fear as a tool to destroy all that is good within us.

As both Easter and Passover near, we are reminded that there is something bigger than any of us. Both holidays call on people everywhere to be generous to think of the bigger picture, to consider the planet and all its inhabitants. These holidays call on us to put aside our differences, remember what it was like to be a slave and seek freedom, to carry the sins of others in a quest for redemption, to be our brother's keeper. Have we truly forgotten all this?

On Dec. 10, 1948, Eleanor Roosevelt presented the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the United Nations, where it was approved unanimously. Those 30 articles are the bedrock of our understanding of human rights, rights bestowed upon every human being – not by law, not by government but because we are human. Government and all other institutions are responsible to protect and defend these human rights, yet instead they ask us to sacrifice our dignity for survival.

It is this act of relinquishing our rights that has led us to the crumbling of our civil structures. It creates fear of the stranger, it sows distrust, it encourages the "haves" to take more and disparage the "have-nots." When we relinquish our human rights, we again become the slave master of the Old South, the Nazi, KKK member and others who believe in master races and divine privilege.

Like with climate change and other catastrophic crises, we are asked to accept incremental change. This will leave too many dead and too many wounded. Our rudderless ship careens from crisis to crisis, looking for someone to fix the problems. We have tools to fix these problems, but we cannot fear being bold, we cannot fear change. It is how we address and channel that change that matters.

Eleanor Roosevelt, 70 years ago, gave us the roadmap of how peoples and nations can live together and prosper. Shortly after World War II, the Declaration was accepted, then, as the world adjusted to an uneasy peace and the Cold War, those same articles would be challenged by governments, businesses and large institutions with vested interests in dividing people as they accrued power.

If we are serious about taking hate head on, challenging the fundamentals that divide us and coming together, our communities, our counties, state and nation can look to Gratz, Austria and Rosario, Argentina and other cities and regions around the world that have become Human Rights Cities. It is a holistic approach to transformation, it provides a way for a community or region to reach a tipping point that changes the mindset of the community and does it with or without government involvement, because human rights is a people's movement, as human rights belong to all those who claim them. They are not a gift from the government, they transcend law, unless we, ourselves, sacrifice them.

Take a moment and read the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, read about Human Rights Cities, then make a difference and claim your human rights as you face down hate and disunion by making your world, town, village the way you want it to be. We certainly don't need any more thoughts and prayers. The action we need is in our grasp.

*Lewisboro resident Robert Kesten is a human rights activist. He ran for state Senate in the 40th District last year.*

## Letter to the Editor

### State is Doing All it Can to Whittle Away at the STAR Program

Once again in the aftermath of ridiculous budget discussions in New York State that led to 11th-hour changes that either had never been discussed or a re-emergence of proposals that haven't been on the table in months, state taxpayers are probably still in the dark that the STAR program as we know it has been whittled away once more.

The governor's office mentioned this as a possibility back in January, but little talk about this occurred leading up to the budget. After the budget passed, the change was mentioned to make the program more accountable, but there is no doubt the change was to assist in remaining within the state's 2 percent

spending cap and conveniently occurred at the same time as the largest salary increases for elected state officials in the executive and legislative branches.

Here is what most homeowners will soon realize:

Those primary residence households that report income of \$250,000 to \$500,000 will no longer receive a basic STAR exemption, directly reducing the collection of their property taxes. STAR is a state program that in the past reduced primary-residence homeowners' real property taxes by sending an exempt portion directly to the local taxing authority (in our case the Town of Mount Pleasant) to make

the taxes whole.

Now, if you are in the cohort described above, you will have to apply to the state to demonstrate your applicability for the program. If deemed eligible, you will now receive a refund check from the state. New homeowners were excluded from the program last year and forced to use the same mechanism just approved in the state budget. If you fail or forget to file, you won't get the refund in either case.

While I do not have any statistics yet, the state (and governor's office) is banking on attrition from the program due to homeowner inaction. In my eyes and despite the correct handwringing

from the state about the severe crippling of the federal SALT deduction, this move primarily hits the same cohorts right in the gut just as many are seeing their change in federal income taxes.

Make no mistake, this is a slow crawl to get rid of STAR altogether, just like SALT. At this time, no matter what the governor's office says, it will hurt just the same as you see your monthly mortgage payments increase.

**Larry Boes**  
Pleasantville

### Lowey Announces Art Competition for 17th Congressional District

Rep. Nita Lowey last week announced that entries are being sought for the 2019 Congressional Art Competition for New York's 17th Congressional District.

The competition is a nationwide high school visual art contest to recognize and encourage artistic talent in each district. Each spring, students submit entries to their representative's office, and

panels of local artists select the winning entries. Winners are recognized both in their districts and at an annual awards ceremony in June in Washington, D.C. The winning works are displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol.

All entries must be submitted to either Lowey's White Plains or New City offices by Monday, Apr. 29. Students may submit their two-dimensional

artwork and release form by mail or in person on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. The competition is open only to high school students who live in the 17th Congressional District. Judging will take place Monday, May 6.

In addition to having their work displayed in the U.S. Capitol, the first-place winner will also be invited to attend a reception in Washington, D.C.

and to meet Congresswoman Lowey and other nationwide winners.

For information and guidelines about the competition, visit [www.lowey.house.gov](http://www.lowey.house.gov). Students, parents and teachers can also contact the congresswoman's district representative, Yma Oria, at [Yma.Oria@mail.house.gov](mailto:Yma.Oria@mail.house.gov) (preferred) or at 914-428-1707.

# Measles Confirmed in Eight Unvaccinated Children in Westchester County

By Pat Casey

Measles was confirmed last week in eight Westchester County children, including six siblings.

None of the children, who all live in northern Westchester, attend public schools or childcare programs. The children range in age from six months to 14 years old.

The Westchester County Department of Health issued an Apr. 10 statement outlining how it is working with the families and healthcare providers to identify locations where the children may have exposed others. The children, who were not vaccinated, appear to have been exposed to

measles in Rockland County and Brooklyn where there have been ongoing outbreaks.

County Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler urged parents of unvaccinated children to make it a priority for their children to receive the MMR vaccine, which covers measles, mumps and rubella.

"With the increasing number of measles cases in our surrounding area, I strongly urge all parents who have not vaccinated their children against measles to reconsider," Amler said.

"Measles is highly contagious, and nine out of 10 people who are not immune

and are exposed to measles will become infected. People can spread measles before they even know they are sick. People without immunity can catch measles just by being in a room for up to two hours after a person with measles has left. Measles can be a serious infection which can result in pneumonia, swelling of the brain, hearing loss and death."

Measles is a viral disease that starts with fever, runny nose, cough, red eyes and sore throat. It is followed by a rash that spreads over the body. Measles is highly contagious and is spread from person to person by coughing or sneezing. An infection can

be serious and more severe in young infants, pregnant women and people with a weak immune system. People are at risk for getting sick up to 21 days after being exposed.

Individuals are considered protected or immune to measles if they were born before 1957, have received two doses of measles-containing vaccine or have had a lab test confirming immunity.

Anyone who believes they may have been exposed should contact their healthcare provider. For those who have not been vaccinated, a free vaccine is available through the Westchester County Health Department. Call 914-995-5800 for an appointment.

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## Latimer Touts Inclusiveness, Economy in State of the County

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county," Testa said.

Testa said while Latimer acknowledged that Westchester is still the most expensive county in the United States, his refusal to consider the plan to have a private operator take over the county airport is costing taxpayers.

"There are millions and millions of dollars sitting there to be used to combat tax increases," he said. "None of that was mentioned."

Meanwhile, he said it appears the administration is not going to follow through on the agreement for Standard Amusements to take over Playland with the introduction of a new ride. If Latimer nixes the agreement, then the county will potentially face even more costs with a likely lawsuit.

Two Democrats, Kitley Covill (D-Katonah) and Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) had different takes, saying that he emphasized the administration's accomplishments. Covill said she would have liked to have heard Latimer speak more of how his purchasing strategies is not only helping the environment but saving taxpayers money. The purchase of 78 hybrid buses to save the county about \$1 million a year is one example, she said.

"The point of purchase is where we realize our efficiencies, not point of use," Covill said. "That has become a real mantra for this administration."

Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant) said Latimer raised some critical issues.

"I think some great points were made," she said. "I think that we're really trying to work on items that really need to be addressed. We are working together. We may not always agree but we do have everybody's constituency at heart."



# Bedford Schools Celebrate Students Mastering Bilingualism

By Erin Maher

The Bedford School District last week recognized two distinctly different ages of students who achieved fluency in multiple languages.

More than 30 Fox Lane High School seniors were honored with the New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) last Thursday night in a special ceremony held in the high school's Mary Lou Meese Theater.

At the same ceremony, 79 fifth-graders from Mount Kisco Elementary School were also honored as the first class to complete the Dual Language Bilingual Education (DLBE) program.

The NYSSB recognizes high school senior who have attained a high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing in at least one language in addition to English. To be eligible for the recognition, students must complete all requirements for graduating with a Regents diploma.

The 33 Fox Lane High School seniors also had to present to a panel of administrators from the school how knowing multiple languages enriched their lives. The students awarded the seal fulfilled the academic requirements in French, Italian or Spanish.



The 79 fifth-graders from Mount Kisco Elementary School are the first class to have completed the Dual Language Bilingual Education program.

"It was so hard to learn English," said senior Hector Lopez Cruz, a native of Guatemala who was honored with the NYSSB in Spanish and English. "I have enjoyed being able to use my English skills to meet new people and experience great things."

Fox Lane Assistant Principal Ana Piquero and Adrienne Viscardi, the

Bedford School District's K-12 director of English to Speakers of Other Languages, made the presentations. Superintendent Dr. Christopher Manno joined Piquero and Viscardi onstage to congratulate the students.

"When we think about speaking, we usually think about reading and writing," said Viscardi. "Your language

is more than that. Language is power."

Since 2015, Mount Kisco Elementary School has given parents and their children the option after kindergarten of enrolling in either an English-only classroom or the DLBE program, where the students are taught English and Spanish.

In 2017, the program came under fire as parents of the students who opted for the single-language program raised concerns that their children's education was inequitable. Despite those complaints, many community members and families supported the program.

The students honored last week were the first cohort to successfully complete the DLBE program.

Mount Kisco Elementary School Principal Inas Morsi-Hogans recognized the fifth-graders at the ceremony while the Fox Lane seniors who had been received the NYSSB designation gave pins to each fifth-grader honored.

"Since their days in first grade, these students have pushed our school and community for change," Morsi-Hogans said. "Being bilingual, biliterate and bicultural makes us feel, think and see in more than one language and in more than one perspective."

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# Greeley Students Capture Top Prize in Sustainability Competition

By Jade Perez

A group of sophomores from Horace Greeley High School took home the \$500 grand prize from Bedford 2020's coveted Greenlight Awards last week at Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture in Pocantico Hills.

Greeley's "Conscious Cafeteria" team was one of six teams from five high schools in northern Westchester that made presentations to a panel of judges last Monday night. The annual competition required the students to change the behavior of at least 20 people 20 times to benefit the environment.

During each presentation, the students highlighted the problem they planned to tackle, the behavior they changed, the strategies and tactics they used and their results.

"Those who presented clearly learned so much in the process – how to stand on their own two feet and not only present, but also to respond to the questions raised by the judges in an awe-inspiring location," said Jim Wood a board member for Bedford 2020, a nonprofit organization with a mission to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and conserve local natural resources that runs the annual competition. "Not only that, they had to coordinate and work together on their projects, challenge their superiors as well as their peers, undertake research, create materials, etc. Bravo to all!"



SHERRY WOLF PHOTO

The Horace Greeley High School's Conscious Cafeteria team tied for first place at last week's Bedford 2020 annual competition for the Greenlight Award.

With their project, the Horace Greeley students – Lori Saxena, Caroline Gershman, Caroline Lerner, Alexandra Fitzgerald, Reilly Carter and Anna Hallac – sought to address the problem that food is responsible for high global carbon emissions levels. The team, with funding from Bedford 2020, built hydroponic structures to grow their own lettuce to raise awareness about sustainable food. They also created posters and an

active Instagram account to educate the public and obtain pledges from community members.

As a result of their efforts, 300 people pledged to buy more locally sourced food. A survey distributed at their school revealed that 70 percent of respondents have been thinking about where their food comes from, while another 80 percent have started growing their own food or are going to start.

The team also reported that they've replaced the lettuce that had been in their school cafeteria with the hydroponic lettuce they've grown, saving 2.56 tonnes of carbon dioxide per week.

The other three teams that were finalists, two from Fox Lane and one from Mamaroneck High School, received honorable mention for their behavior change projects. The Fox Lane Worm Warriors used worm to compost in 20 classrooms at Mount Kisco Elementary School, collecting food scraps and making compost for the school's garden.

Meanwhile, the team called Skip the Straw, also from Fox Lane, stressed packing zero-waste lunches by reducing the use of straws at the school.

Prizes were awarded to the top three teams. Students from the Environmental Club at the Harvey School in Katonah, who helped reduce the number of plastic water bottles sold at their school, received a \$250 runner-up prize.

Peter Nicholas, a ninth-grader at Rye Country Day School, also tied for first place for his "Change the World One Meal at a Time" project.

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However, it came with one caveat. Whenever it was available for rent and we received inquiries from prospective tenants, the first thing my wife would ask was, "Do you mind telling me how tall you are?"

There was always a questioning pause on the other end of the line, but if the answer was 6-foot-2 or more, her response was, "Sorry, I don't think this apartment would be for you." The structure was built in 1734 when people were shorter, and the ceilings on both floors are barely two inches more than that in height.

We didn't want to waste any tall person's time in considering a home where they might feel like Gulliver visiting Lilliput or Alice in Wonderland inside the rabbit's house.

In those early days, most houses were



By Bill Primavera

simple utilitarian structures and homebuilders knew that lesser heights meant less space to heat in the winter. Therefore, there would be less wood chopping to fit into a day already bursting with physical activity.

My house belonged to a tenant farmer on the Van Cortlandt land grant. His needs were quite simple, but down the road at the landlord's Van Cortlandt Manor, greater affluence afforded ceilings with greater height. The same holds true today.

While ceiling heights in Victorian times had reached average heights of 13 feet, based on English city houses, heights moderated to eight feet with the advent of mass housing developments after World War II. That height, based on the standardized length of an eight-foot stud, stayed in place until the term McMansion was coined in the early 1980s where center halls and family rooms could soar two stories high.

By the end of the 20th century, increased fuel costs put a damper on ceiling heights. Today, the average ceiling height for new construction is nine feet on the first floor and eight feet on the second. That extra foot on the first floor,

it is estimated, can increase the cost of building a 4,000-square-foot house from \$20,000 to \$30,000, depending on the area of the country in which it is built.

To keep everything in proper scale, a higher ceiling means that furniture might have to be larger, windows have to be taller, crown molding has to be thicker, a fireplace mantel must be taller, light fixtures bigger and even artwork has to be larger to cover more wall space.

What mitigates the extra expense of taller ceilings is the cost savings that come from better insulation and other energy-saving improvements to windows and doors.

In the past, houses were built with what we call a "balloon frame" where studs go from grade level to roof, as opposed to the "platform frame" we use today where each floor's studs make their own separate box and one box is placed upon the other. With a balloon frame, ceilings could be any height, but as the milling of studs was standardized to eight feet in the early 20th century, ceiling heights were almost universally that same measurement.

A comfortable ceiling height today depends on who you talk to. Affluent homebuyers are asking for a nine-foot minimum ceiling, but prefer 10- or even 12-foot ceilings. Anything less than that is unacceptable to the people who do not

have to be concerned with utility costs. Interestingly, new zoning regulations keep even the wealthiest clients from going overboard; building height is limited in our communities, which in turn limits the height to which we can build ceilings.

Beyond cost, another factor to consider is the psychology of it all. Pulte Homes, one of the nation's largest homebuilders, conducted research demonstrating that while consumers like higher ceilings to have a room feel more expansive, they feel that it gives a greater sense of formality to the space, which can render it cold and austere.

Today, besides an open floor plan, we want homes that are more inviting, casual and warm. Part of achieving that is with ceilings that are more scaled. So if you're a house-hunter, consider carefully the space between your head and the ceiling, because it can't be changed easily.

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## The Weekly Feature from Entergy

### Photog's Local Exhibit Captures Images Before They're Lost Forever

By Martin Wilbur

One of Todd Shapera's favorite places to edit his photographs is the café at Chappaqua Station. If you stop by for a cup of coffee or a bite to eat for the next six weeks, you'll see eight large, hauntingly beautiful photos of his on the available wall space.

Shapera titled the mini exhibit "Vanishing Landscapes," culled from his vast selection of images of his travels to 56 countries, mainly to exotic places.

"Vanishing Landscapes means everything is either being changed by the human footprint or a few of the places are being preserved or otherwise they would vanish," Shapera explained of the criteria he used to select the photographs on display.

Shapera, a Pocantico Hills resident, has been a longtime storyteller. He wrote for various publications such as the Financial Times of London and worked for a variety of organizations where he traveled extensively.

Today, Shapera, when he's not shooting

weddings and Bar Mitzvahs, which is how he earns his living, he's planning or in the midst of a trip to an offbeat destination.

One photo in the exhibit is of the Wu Georg Yangtze River in 2005, near the Chinese town of Wushan. By design, the Chinese government wiped the town off the face of the planet a year later after it was submerged by the reservoir behind the new Three Gorges Dam. It is now the world's largest hydroelectric project.

Another photo is of Misty Mountain in Uganda, which Shapera visited in 2013. It is home to about half of the world's 340 endangered mountain gorillas.

Shapera uses his journalistic sensibilities to capture his subjects' images. When he went to China, he stayed three days in the mainland where there were no Americans and he was unable to communicate because of the language barrier.

On a trip to Vinales, Cuba in 2017, he avoided Havana and photographed tobacco farmers.



Pocantico Hills photographer Todd Shapera, who shoots weddings and Bar Mitzvahs while in Westchester, has traveled to some of the most exotic places on the globe. Some of those photos are part of his "Vanishing Landscapes" exhibit on display through next month at Chappaqua Station.

"I spent a week in this one region riding a bicycle on back roads, Shapera said. "I wanted to discover Cuba by the back roads and found these farmers."

Shapera often travels alone, although on his 2005 trip to the Blackstone River in the Yukon territories, he was with a guide as part of a group of six adventurers.

Although a world traveler, the exhibit also features two photos from Rockefeller State Park Preserve, where Shapera walks his dog. After David Rockefeller died several years ago, he said he read that a portion of the preserve near his house might change, so he began taking his camera for each walk for a year.

One is of a foggy, misty morning while the other is of a carriage trail.

"I thought, oh well, it's in transition and I walk there every day anyway, let me for a year capture the life of the preserved from April to April, all seasons," Shapera said.

While he has traveled to countries that many people would avoid, Shapera said he rarely feels unsafe. He doesn't go to war zones and stays in mainly rural areas, avoiding the more dangerous urban areas.

"It's so bizarre," he explained. "I feel so in my element and I feel a part of the planet and a I feel very inspired."

Shapera believes that alternating his photography between exotic travels and what others might view as the mundane helps him in both arenas.

"I think I look through all the glitz and the glitter and try to find the human connection," he said of his wedding work.

For someone who loves the feel of an old-fashioned café, he was thrilled that Chappaqua Station co-owner Erin Chase asked him to be a featured artist.

"It's an honor to have my art here and accessible for people to see and I've tried to write very thoughtful captions for each one that kind of tells the personal situation behind each story," Shapera said.

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# Chappaqua School Trustees Adopt \$126M Budget for Next Year

By Sean Browne

The Chappaqua Board of Education unanimously adopted a \$126 million budget for 2019-20 last Wednesday, a spending plan that will increase taxes by less than 1 percent for most residents.

While spending will rise by 2.84 percent, Chappaqua's tax levy increase is .94 percent, well below the district's 3.19 percent cap for next year.

A topic of discussion among school officials in its budget deliberations was whether to increase the tax levy. However, the administration has been adamant about

asking the public for only the necessary tax revenue and not imposing a greater levy because it is permitted to do so.

"This is a very good budget, we have input from the administration, the board and community members," said Assistant Superintendent for Business John Chow. "We have everything in here that we need. This will move the school district forward."

The budget includes a steep 29 percent increase in debt service next year, up to \$8,409,526. The added debt service is primarily a result of the \$42.5 million bond that district voters approved in 2016.

Chow assured trustees that state aid will increase next year. It is expected to reach \$9,787,259, up from \$8,865,760 in the current year.

Also included on the ballot next month are two propositions – the renovation of the Robert E. Bell Middle School cafeteria, which will be paid for by the lunch fund, and security enhancements for the district's two middle schools and three elementary schools. Both propositions will have no impact on the tax levy, Chow said.

Trustee Victoria Tipp was impressed with the final spending plan.

"This is such an impressive list of accomplishments that we are covering with this budget," Tipp said. "From the operating standard, to all the initiatives that you are covering for next year. It's being done in such a fiscally responsible way, so I hope that the community appreciates that."

A state-mandated public hearing on the budget will take place on Wednesday, May 8, followed by the public vote on the budget, the propositions and the school board election on Tuesday, May 21.

## Pocantico Hills Selects Upstate Educator as New Superintendent



Richard Calkins

The Pocantico Hills Board of Education last Thursday appointed Richard Calkins as its next superintendent of schools.

Calkins will take over for retiring Superintendent Carol Conklin-Spillane July 1. He will be joining Pocantico Hills from the Alfred-Almond Central School District in Almond, N.Y., where he has been superintendent of schools for nearly a decade. Prior to that, he was principal of the district's junior/senior high school, chairman of the Committee on Special Education and a special education teacher.

The board selected Calkins following a comprehensive search led by Bob Christmann of New York State Leadership Group. The search process, which was confidential until Thursday's announcement, resulted in a large and highly competitive pool of candidates from throughout New York State and beyond.

Board of Education President Al Pacile said the district is thrilled to welcome Calkins as its next leader.

"We are confident Rich is going to be a tremendous fit for our community and school," Pacile said. "Not only is he a top-notch educator and administrator with a long track record of success, he embodies the spirit of commitment and service to community that we envisioned at the start of our search."



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# Pace Students Eclipse Fundraising Goal in Annual Relay for Life

By Jade Perez

Fighting cancer is a life-altering challenge, which requires a multitude of help. Last Friday, more than 450 Pace University students turned out to ready to do battle.

The school's chapter of Colleges Against Cancer held its 11th annual American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event, in the Goldstein Fitness Center to raise money for cancer research. Participants celebrated those who have had cancer, remembered loved ones who lost their fight and helped others take on the disease by raising money for services for cancer patients and their families.

The 11-hour event began late Friday afternoon with an opening ceremony that featured remarks from several individuals. That was followed by a lap around the upstairs indoor track at the Goldstein Fitness Center in recognition of survivors and caregivers.

Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer acknowledged the efforts of the students and expressed his gratitude.

"It pleases me to see the enthusiasm that students will spend all night here to help those who are affected by cancer in some way," Scherer said. "So thank you, every one of you."

While Lisa Bardil Moscaritolo, the dean for students, noted how the donations raised through Relay for Life are contributing toward a cure for cancer, she said that she

wanted the event to make others think about those who have been affected by the disease.

"We all have someone we know that has been impacted by cancer," she said. "One of the things you have to remember when you walk tonight is listen to the stories, listen to each other, listen to how each person has been impacted by cancer and what that means."

Pace student Cassidy Caroselli ended the ceremony sharing her personal struggle with the disease. Caroselli was diagnosed with Stage 3 neuroblastoma at just 11 months old and endured multiple surgeries and rounds of chemotherapy.

With the help of her doctors and nurses, Caroselli has been cancer free for 22 years and is set to graduate from Pace next month. After graduation, she plans to help children fighting cancer.

The survivors and former or current caregivers were greeted with warm cheers and chants from other Pace students and community members.

Senior Samantha O'Rourke, one of the event's planners, said the students reached the pre-event goal of raising \$30,000 within the first hour. She said she has been involved with the charity since her freshmen year because it's fun and for a good cause.

"It's exciting to know that by the end of the event we will have more than enough proceeds," O'Rourke said.



JADE PEREZ PHOTO

Pace students lead the way during last Friday's Relay for Life to raise money for cancer research at the university's Goldstein Fitness Center.

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## Tuesday, Apr. 16

**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.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.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 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Earring Making.** Learn to make earrings while helping a good cause. For every pair of earrings you make, make another pair that will be donated to a battered women's shelter. Led by Joan Lloyd. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.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.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**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 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Empire State Trail/North County Trailway Safety Improvements Informational Open House.** A meeting to provide the public an opportunity to review and comment on the current design and schedule of the proposed work along Route 100. Sponsored and presented by the New York State Department of Transportation. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: Contact Project Manager Jason Wolfanger at 845-431-5726 or at [Jason.wolfanger@dot.ny.gov](mailto:Jason.wolfanger@dot.ny.gov) or Project Designer Cody Quinn at 845-431-5917 or at [cody.quinn@dot.ny.gov](mailto:cody.quinn@dot.ny.gov).

**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.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**Armonk Readers Book Club.** "Small Fry" by Lisa Brennan-Jobs will be discussed. Discussion led by Lisa Ragano. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:45 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

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**Legendary Tuesday Night Jam.** This jam has fostered many great musicians over the years. Some have gone on to tour, win Grammy Awards and achieve celebrity status. You never know who you'll hear. Come on down, play or listen, dance, drink and enjoy. All levels of musical talent are welcome. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. No cover charge. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-747-4740.

## Wednesday, Apr. 17

**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.

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

**"Golda's Balcony."** In 2007, "Golda's Balcony" was the longest-running one-woman show in Broadway history. Now six-time Emmy- and Tony-nominated actress Tovah Feldshuh's stunning stage depiction of powerhouse prime minister Golda Meir is a cinematic event of overwhelming power and inspirational triumph. This biographical drama is an intimate look at the extraordinary woman whose life uncannily seemed to intersect with every major event of the Jewish people in the last century. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. Noon. Members: \$11. Non-members: \$16. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**Book Group Discussion.** "Let the Great World Spin" by Colum McCann will be discussed. Led by Martha Iwan. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**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 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://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.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**DIY Chick Hatching.** Come in during spring break to create a few chicks to take home with you. For children three to eight years old. (Children under five must be accompanied by a caregiver.) Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Space limited; registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

**"Who Will Write Our History."** In November 1940, just days after the Nazis sealed 450,000 Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto, a clandestine group of scholars, journalists and community leaders committed to fight back. Led by historian Emanuel Ringelblum, who was known by the code name Oyneg Shabes, this secret band promised to defeat Nazi propaganda and lies not with guns or brute force but with pen and paper. This documentary features the voices of three-time Academy Award nominee Joan Allen and Academy Award winner Adrian Brody. Followed by a Q&A with producer Nancy Spielberg. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 5:10 p.m. Members: \$13. Non-members: \$18. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**Demystifying Medicare and Healthcare Coverage for Seniors.** This engaging, interactive program of the library system's Westchester Seniors Out Speaking is perfect for anyone trying to navigate the complicated healthcare system for older adults. It will help those who already have Medicare, as well as people soon to be 65, planning their retirement or assisting relatives and friends with their medical decisions. The workshop outlines the various parts of Medicare and lays out the costs associated with health insurance provided by the government and private companies. Topics include original Medicare, Advantage Plans, prescription drug plans (Part D), Medigaps (supplemental plans) and various cost-saving programs (MSPs, Extra Help, EPIC, etc.). Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave, Ossining. 6 to 9 p.m. Free. Walk-ins welcome; pre-registration preferred. Pre-registration: 914-231-3236. Info: Visit [www.westchesterlibraries.org/westchester-seniors-speaking-out](http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/westchester-seniors-speaking-out).

**Passover Humanist Seder.** A unique Seder with Rabbi Frank Tamburello, Expect good food, good humor and sociability with like-minded Jewish members and friends.

Presented by the Westchester Community for Humanistic Judaism. El Dorado Diner, 784 Central Park Ave., Scarsdale. 6:30 p.m. \$35. Make checks payable to WCHJ, c/o Olga Turovsky, and send to 84 Sprague Rd., Scarsdale N.Y. 10583.

**Great Books.** "He Sits on the Floor of a School for the Retarded" by Alden Nowlan and selections from "Democracy in America" by Alexis de Tocqueville will be discussed. Discussions led by Martha Alcott and Sally Scudo. New Castle Town Hall, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.org).

**The Effects of Addictive Substances and Behaviors on the Adolescent Brain.** A discussion that will help parents understand how alcohol, marijuana, vaping, prescription medications and other drugs of abuse affect the developing adolescent brain. Led by Dr. Stephen Dewey, neuroscientist and research professor at NYU School of Medicine. Dewey has studied virtually every drug of abuse and its impact on the human brain. Fox Lane High School's Mary Lou Meese Theater, 632 S. Bedford Rd., Bedford. 7 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail [thedapc@gmail.com](mailto:thedapc@gmail.com).

**Art Series: The Morgan Library and Art Collection.** In commemoration of his birth 182 years ago today, we are looking at the library and art collection in Manhattan that bears his name. One of the titans of American finance during the 19th and 20th centuries, Morgan's library and collection became a public institution in 1924 and has been an important part of New York's cultural landscape ever since. 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](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Clear Your Clutter, Clear Your Mind.** Professional organizer Andrea Deinstadt will offer tips on how to take control of your home and your life. New Castle Town Hall, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.org).

**Identifying Ferns of the Northeast.** Learn the distinguishing characteristics of the 30 most common ferns native to the region. Examine the shape of fronds, spore-bearing leaves, leaf veins and margins. Ferns will be illustrated by use of a herbarium, which allows for up-close views. Westchester Community College's Knollwood Center, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 7 to 9:30 p.m. \$65, plus \$5 materials fee (Payable to instructor). Info and registration: 914-606-6830 and press 1.

## Thursday, Apr. 18

**Third Thursdays Bird Walk.** Join naturalist Tait Johansson at this local migration hotspot for the second in a *continued on next page*



## Mt. Pleasant Sells Acre of Land to Add to Rockefeller State Park

By Sean Browne

The Mount Pleasant Town Board unanimously approved the sale last week of nearly an acre of land at Rockefeller State Park Preserve to the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

"We have been working with New York State for a while on this and we are very happy that it came about," said Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi. "The town will be selling some property that borders Rockefeller State Park over by Phelps Hospital."

Included in the transaction is a parking area directly across the street from the hospital, which accounts for 0.52 acres, and 0.47 acres to accommodate an entrance across the street from the other side of the lot. The area is part of the Rockwood Hall portion of the park.

The \$200,000 the town will get from the sale will go directly into the general fund, officials said.

Linda Cooper, regional director of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, said the state plans to

overhaul the entryway to that area of the park to make it more noticeable for hikers.

"We want you to know that you are coming into the state park," Cooper said. "That is what the goal (is) for us here."

For that to happen, the state plans to erect a sign at the Rockwood Hall entrance. Cooper said she believes that will be more welcoming to residents entering the park.

Despite the planned changes, Fulgenzi said the area will otherwise not change.

"The beauty of this is that even though we are selling this property it is still open to the town," Fulgenzi said. "It's benefiting the town and this is benefiting the parks."

Cooper shared the same sentiment as Fulgenzi, describing the acquisition as a "win-win."

The next step will see an appraisal and a title search completed before work can get underway at the park. Cooper did not have a firm estimate when the work will be completed but that it will be done in the near future.

## Hair Salon and Wine Bar Owner P'ville Business Person of the Year

The Pleasantville Chamber of Commerce last week named Paul Paljevic, owner of Euro Spa Hair Salon and Flights Wine & Whiskey Bar on Marble Avenue, as its 2018 Business Person of the Year.

Paljevic emigrated from the former Yugoslavia in 1984, gaining skills as a hair colorist and stylist. He opened his first successful hair salon in 1990 in the Bronx. He and his family still live in the Pleasantville home they bought in 1993.

To celebrate, the chamber will be holding its annual Business Person of the Year and Annual Event next Wednesday, Apr. 24 at Tesoro D'Italia Restaurant, located at 160 Marble Ave. in Pleasantville from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The reception will include appetizers, dinner and beverages. Tickets cost \$45.

To buy tickets to the event, visit [www.pleasantvillechamber.com](http://www.pleasantvillechamber.com) or mail a check made out to the Pleasantville Chamber of Commerce to P.O. Box 94, Pleasantville, N.Y. 10570. For more information, contact Chamber of Commerce President Bill Flooks at 914-769-0001 or e-mail [info@pleasantvillechamber.com](mailto:info@pleasantvillechamber.com).



Paul Paljevic, owner of Euro Spa Hair Salon and Flights Wine & Whiskey Bar, is the 2018 Pleasantville Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year. An Apr. 24 chamber event at Tesoro D'Italia Restaurant will honor Paljevic.

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**new series of bird walks.** A great way to hone your birding skills and mark the passing of the seasons and birds. Maple Avenue, Katonah. 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Susan at 914-302-9713 or e-mail [info@bedfordaudubon.org](mailto:info@bedfordaudubon.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.

**Lifeline Theater Music Program.** An outlet for unlocking the potential of children and adults with special needs through integrated arts and life skills programs. Drop in anytime and join founder Billy Ayres as he uses singing, dancing, creating plays, artwork and gardening to help participants realize their strengths and potential contributions to their communities. Ayres has created a technique called improvisational integrated music/drama. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: Visit [www.lifelinetheaterinc.org/index.html](http://www.lifelinetheaterinc.org/index.html).

**Poem in Your Pocket Day.** Come and pick a poem for your pocket. For all ages. North Castle Public Library, 100 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.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](http://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](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**Bridge for Intermediate Players.** This class is for people with some knowledge of the game. Led by Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.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](http://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](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**Mobilizing Media: Journalism for Social Change.** Manhattanville College will host Ella Baker Day to honor the legacy of the unsung Civil Rights Movement activist and the continuing social justice work of women of color. The event features two keynote speakers who are journalists, activists and authors who report and write on social injustice. Keynote speakers are Akiba Solomon and Kenrya Rankin, the head editors of Colorlines. Manhattanville College's Reid Castle, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 6:30 p.m. Free. RSVP encouraged. RSVP: [bit.ly/EllaBakerDay2019](http://bit.ly/EllaBakerDay2019). Info: Contact Eric Slater at 914-798-2732 or [eric.slater@mville.edu](mailto:eric.slater@mville.edu).

**Agape Meal and Service of the Shadows.** To mark Maundy Thursday. Katonah United Methodist Church, 5 Bedford Rd., Katonah. 6:30 p.m. Info: 914-232-4094 or visit [www.katonahumc.org](http://www.katonahumc.org).

**An Evening With Robert Klein.** Twice-nominated for a Grammy for Best Comedy Album of the Year for his albums "Child of the Fifties" and "Mind Over Matter," brings his relevant, biting intelligent and edgy humor to the Playhouse stage, along with some very entertaining musical parodies. Come for an unforgettable evening of jokes, songs and stories with a legend. Followed by a cocktail reception. Bedford Playhouse, 633 Old Post Rd., Bedford. Show at 7 p.m. \$95. Info and tickets: 914-

234-6704 or visit [www.bedfordplayhouse.org](http://www.bedfordplayhouse.org).

**"The Biggest Little Farm."** The winner of no less than five audience awards on this year's festival circuit and opening night of DOC NYC, this is one of the hottest documentaries of the year. Chronicling eight years of daunting farm work and outsized idealism, the film is a testament to the immense complexity of nature and an inspirational story about a young couple who leave their tiny Los Angeles apartment and move onto 200 acres in the foothills of Ventura County to build one of the most diverse farms of its kind. Followed by a Q&A with Stone Barns Farm Director Jack Algieri and a reception. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$15. Non-members: \$20. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**Hope on the Hudson Documentary Series.** A screening of all three films from Jon Bowermaster's latest Hope on the Hudson trio: "Source to Sea," "Growing the Grain" and "Undamming the Hudson." Bowermaster and George Jackman, Riverkeeper's habitat restoration manager, will then discuss the river and the films. The Sing Sing Kill Brewery will also unveil its newest custom beer, The Keeper and the Kill. Free light refreshments will be served. Sing Sing Kill Brewery, 75 Spring St., Ossining. 7:30 p.m. Free. Anyone making a \$20 donation to Riverkeeper can purchase

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the commemorative new beer at half price. Info: Visit [www.OssiningDocumentaries.org](http://www.OssiningDocumentaries.org).

**Tusk: The World's #1 Fleetwood Mac Tribute.** No wigs, no backing tracks, no gimmicks, just five musicians recreating the music of Fleetwood Mac to perfection with note-for-note renditions that no other Fleetwood Mac tribute band on the touring scene can come close to duplicating. Tusk, which has been making music together in various combinations and styles for more than 25 years, covers all of the greatest hits. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$26, \$32 and \$36. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

**"The Color of Light."** A tender story of art, spirituality and love based on the real-life relationship between world-famous artist Henri Matisse and a young nursing student written by Jesse Kornbluth. The play explores how Matisse came to create what he called his masterpiece – the design and building of Chapelle du Rosaire in Vence, France. The simple love that develops between becomes the driving force behind his final and perhaps greatest work. The depth of their intimate friendship raises questions of art and religion, love and mortality, all brushed

in the hues, tints and shades of Matisse's colorful pallet. Directed by Bram Lewis. The Schoolhouse Theater and Arts Center, 3 Owens Rd., North Salem. 8 p.m. \$38. Seniors: \$35. Also Apr. 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and Apr. 20, 21 and 27 and 28 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-277-8477 or visit [www.schoolhousetheater.org](http://www.schoolhousetheater.org).

### Friday, Apr. 19

**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](http://www.amyolin.zumba.com).

**Good Friday Service.** Combined worship with the Katonah United Methodist Church. United Methodist Church Mount Kisco, 300 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. Noon. Info: 914-666-5014 or visit [www.mountkiscochurch.org](http://www.mountkiscochurch.org).

**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

Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Every Friday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Friday Night Film Series: "Year in Champagne."** This documentary presents an inside look at the people, traditions and culture of Champagne. It looks at the terroir as well as the wine itself and the winemakers, presenting a tremendous perspective on the passion that goes into making one of the world's premiere wines. Visit six different houses in Champagne, from the small and artisanal to the world class house of Bollinger. In English. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

### Saturday, Apr. 20

**Pleasantville Farmers Market.** The market is in the heart of Westchester County and centrally located in our beautiful, historic walking village. Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" five years in a row from 2014 to 2018. With over 50 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rain or shine. Please note the market is a dog-free environment. Saturdays through Nov. 16. Info: Visit [www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org](http://www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org).

**Chappaqua Farmers Market.** Locally-raised and produced food to the community creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. First Congregational Church of Chappaqua, 210 Orchard Ridge Rd., Chappaqua. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: Visit [www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org](http://www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org).

**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. 10 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.

**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.

**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](http://www.addie-tude.com). Call or visit website because classes are subject to change.

**Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Rich Vos.** This comedian and actor, has had more than 100 television appearances including four Comedy Central specials as well as HBO, Showtime and Starz appearances. He produced and starred in an award-winning comedy movie "Women Aren't Funny" alongside Bonnie McFarlane, Chris Rock, Rosie O'Donnell and many more. He is also a two-time Academy Awards writer and a regular on Sirius XM radio. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 6 and 8 p.m. \$20 online. \$25 at the door. Info and advance tickets: Visit [www.lucyslaughs.com](http://www.lucyslaughs.com). Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

**"The Triplets of Belleville."** A fantastical caper involving the Tour de France, the French Mafia, a kidnapping and a wily grandmother and her faithful dog becomes a wild spectacle featuring dancing, singing, sound effects and the original hot swing score performed live by its composer, Benoit Charest, and his nine-piece Orchestre Terrible de Belleville band. The film was nominated for two Oscars (Best Animated Feature and Best Song) in 2003 and is among the most bizarre and enchanting films ever made. Along with the Oscar nod, the score won the Berklee-trained Charest a Cesar Award for Best Music Written for a Film, a Los Angeles Film Critics Award for Best Music and a Grammy nomination. Recommended for ages 10 and up. Purchase College's PepsiCo Theatre, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$20 to \$40. Children (16 and under): \$11.25 to \$21.25. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or [www.artscenter.org](http://www.artscenter.org).

**Dimmer Twins.** Paterson Hood and Mike Cooley (a.k.a. the Dimmer Twins) formed the Drive-By Truckers in Athens, Ga. in 1996, though their musical collaboration begin in the 1970s with the band Adam's House Cat. The name Dimmer Twins is a nod to Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, who are sometimes know as the Glimmer Twins. This stripped-down duo setting features original solo and duo material penned by Hood and Cooley and also some Drive-By Truckers songs that they've written. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$30, \$35 and \$40. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

### Sunday, Apr. 21

**Easter Sunrise Worship.** A combined service with the United Methodist Church of Mount Kisco and the Katonah United Methodist Church to rejoice in Christ's resurrection. Service will last about 30 minutes. All welcome. Carpooling recommended. Cross River Reservoir

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## THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

### A vocabulary-building quiz By Edward Goralski

**It's All Mental.** The quiz this week is based on the Mental Floss/vocabulary.com list of "10 Words with Difficult to Remember Meanings." The list contains some "words that you've seen, read and maybe even used in conversation whose meaning you can never keep straight." Hopefully, you will not find this quiz too difficult.

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. <b>cachet</b> (n.)          | A) a hiding place             | B) a core group             | C) prestige                |
| 2. <b>unabashed</b> (adj.)     | A) not embarrassed            | B) not liable to doubt      | C) without warning         |
| 3. <b>indefatigable</b> (adj.) | A) inexcusable                | B) untiring                 | C) flawless                |
| 4. <b>martinet</b> (n.)        | A) one who demands conformity | B) a great sufferer         | C) a good luck charm       |
| 5. <b>uncanny</b> (adj.)       | A) not under constraint       | B) never ceasing            | C) surpassing the ordinary |
| 6. <b>nonplussed</b> (adj.)    | A) showing a lack of interest | B) filled with bewilderment | C) having no equal         |
| 7. <b>dilatory</b> (adj.)      | A) fallen into disrepair      | B) painstaking              | C) wasting time            |
| 8. <b>inchoate</b> (adj.)      | A) not decent                 | B) imperfectly formed       | C) incapable of control    |

- ANSWERS:**
1. C. An indication of approved or superior status; prestige  
2. A. Not embarrassed; unapologetic  
3. B. Showing sustained enthusiastic action with unflagging vitality; untiring  
4. A. Someone who demands exact conformity to rules and forms  
5. C. Surpassing the ordinary or normal  
6. B. Filled with bewilderment; perplexed  
7. C. Wasting time  
8. B. Being only partly in existence or operation, especially imperfectly formed or formulated



# New Castle Participating in New Clean-Up Challenge: #Trashtag

By Martin Wilbur

Most municipalities have their annual clean-up day this time of year, typically a weekend that is immediately before or after the Apr. 22 celebration of Earth Day.

This year, New Castle has decided to devote energy to expanding their clean-up effort by encouraging residents to start cleaning their street or neighborhood beforehand.

At the behest of the Beautification Board, the town is participating in the #Trashtag challenge, a global movement that was launched a few years ago but more recently went viral on social media.

The idea behind the #Trashtag challenge is a simple one. A person or group can choose a street or neighborhood to clean, snap a before photo, pick up the trash and leave the bags for curbside collection. New Castle participants can then post photos on

social media of the same area after it's been cleaned using #TrashtagNewCastle. Hopefully, it will inspire fellow residents, including many students and Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to join in.

Best of all, residents don't have to wait until Clean-up Day to start cleaning up.

"In the past, we've done spring Clean-up Day in a single day and we've been trying to figure out a way to build some interest in it and really build interest in the youth of the community," said Councilwoman Ivy Pool.

Sharing of photos on social media could be a strong motivating factor for people in the community, she added.

Teams can choose to join and challenge themselves to see how much garbage they can pick up or two different groups can challenge each other in a friendly competition to see who collects more. At the end of the month, the team that picked up the most garbage will be



Members of the New Castle Beautification Board are getting the word out that the town is participating in the #Trashtag challenge, a worldwide movement that has gone viral.

announced.

Residents involved in the challenge can obtain plastic garbage bags at Town Hall, the Recycling Center, Chappaqua Paint & Hardware and Millwood Hardware.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein said late

last month he received an e-mail from Beautification Board Co-chair Phyllis Furnari suggesting that New Castle be part of the challenge as a run-up to Clean-up Day and spur interest.

After this initial trial run with #Trashtag, Pool hopes it can be expanded for the entire month of April.

While the challenge presents a new twist to this year's Clean-up Day, for those who are used to the one Saturday in April – this year it's Apr. 27 – that will remain largely the same, said Beautification Board Co-chair Monica DeJanosi. Residents can pick up the plastic bags at the same four previously mentioned locations or go to Starbucks in Chappaqua or DeCicco's in Millwood on the day of the event to pick up the bags that will be handed out by scouts, DeJanosi said.

## Happenings

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Dam, about a half-mile off Route 22 on Reservoir Road, Katonah. 6:30 a.m. Info: 914-666-5014 or visit [www.mountkiscochurch.org](http://www.mountkiscochurch.org).

**Easter Celebration.** Worship with special music followed by brunch and an Easter egg hunt for the kids. All welcome. United Methodist Church Mount Kisco, 300 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:15 a.m. Info: 914-666-5014 or visit [www.mountkiscochurch.org](http://www.mountkiscochurch.org).

### Monday, Apr. 22

**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](mailto:tinacampbell@masternetworks.net) or drop in.

**Foreign Policy Discussion Group: The Rise and Fall of the "Pink Tide."** Guest speaker (via Skype) Mark Weisbrot is co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington, D.C. He is author of the book "Failed: What the 'Experts' Got Wrong About the Global Economy" and he writes a regular column for The Hill, a political website, as well as a column on economic and policy issues that is distributed to more than 550 newspapers. Facilitated by Don Shields. Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.org).

**Baby Time.** A fun interactive lap-sit

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

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

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

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

**Learning Chinese Calligraphy From Oracles.** A two-hour workshop with international expert Yun Ying Lin where participants can write and create their own oracle using calligraphy. During

the last 100 years, much of the origin of Chinese characters, which are fossils of human history, have been revealed, giving a glimpse of how people used to think, live and interact. All materials provided. Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 2 p.m. Free. Space limited; registration required. Info and registration: 914-238-4779 and press menu option 2 or at the Chappaqua Public Library's information desk.

**"Life of Brian."** Returning to cinemas for its 40th anniversary, Monty Python delivers a scathing, anarchic satire of both religion and Hollywood's depiction of all things biblical in this 1979 film. Highly controversial upon its original release and banned in several countries, it is now frequently ranked as the greatest comedy feature of all time by magazines and media outlets around the world. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 and 7 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

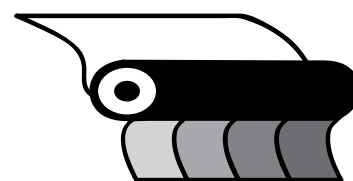
**Robert the Guitar Guy.** For children four to eight years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**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](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Throw and Grow Seed Bombs.** Seed bombs are balls made from clay, seed and dirt that will explode with beautiful flowers when planted or thrown into dirt areas. A story time and hands-on activity to celebrate Earth Day. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Build a Fairy House for Earth Day.** Use

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09/13/2010. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **1707 EAGLE BAY DR OSSINING, NY 10562. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

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# Observations From the Just Concluded 2019 Tax Season

As many of my readers know, I am a tax accountant as well as an elder law and estate planning attorney. Many of my legal clients become tax clients to maintain a well-balanced relationship throughout the years.

The concept is that by using me to prepare your tax returns, you have access to your attorney at least once a year to discuss relevant changes in your life. Often, clients just drop in to say hello. Other times, there could be something to discuss. Sometimes it's serious.

For instance, this year, one of my legal clients for whom I've been preparing tax returns for several years dropped off her tax papers and asked to spend a few moments with me. She proceeded to tell me about her husband's cognitive decline. Immediately, I was able to put the wheels of elder law planning in motion to ease the family's distress. They now have access to support services and a plan to protect their assets while paying for the cost of care.



By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo, Esq.

This month, I thought it would be a good idea to write about some of my experiences this tax season that might interest you.

Many people were worried about the impact of the new tax law, especially here in New York, where the state and local tax deduction is now limited to \$10,000. When I look back at my clientele, most people were unharmed by the new tax law. If you analyze a return that is

relatively unchanged from 2017, you will most likely see that your total tax liability decreased. Not by much, but it decreased.

You must then be asking, "Why is my refund less than 2017?" or "Why do I owe more than last year?" The was the surprise for many this tax season. When the tax laws changed, the payroll tax withholding tables also changed. By way of example, claiming married "0" for payroll tax purposes now produces a deduction of \$75 per paycheck in federal taxes instead of \$100. While it

put more money in your pocket on a monthly basis, most, if not all, of my clients didn't recognize it since it was such a small adjustment.

On an annual basis, however, the number became thousands of dollars, which resulted in smaller refunds or larger amounts due. I predict that this is going to have a negative impact on the economy this summer because many people rely on their refunds for vacations. I received a phone call the other day from a client asking for an explanation, and at the end of our conversation, she told me she was going to cancel her summer vacation.

Because of the \$10,000 state and local tax limitation, many clients are no longer itemizing their deductions. A common mistake, however, is that clients stopped providing their itemized deductions. While you may no longer itemize on a federal tax return, you might still be able to itemize on the state tax return. I had the opportunity to review a few returns prepared by other accountants, and the New York itemized deductions were ignored simply because the standard deduction was taken on the federal return.

Each tax season, I gain new clients and in doing so I have the opportunity

to review prior returns. For those who receive government pensions, make sure that your pension income is excluded from your New York return. This mistake saved one of my new clients nearly \$3,500 this year alone.

Also, did you know that if you paid privately for care in a nursing home that you are entitled to a credit for certain taxes paid to the nursing home? The amount is generally 6.8 percent of the daily rate. This could be a really big number, and if your accountant is unfamiliar with elder law matters, that's lost money.

One of the things that certainly rings true from this past tax season is that the preparation of tax returns did not become simpler, despite simplification of the first two pages of Form 1040. In fact, things became more complex, which necessitates the use of a professional.

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## Happenings

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your imagination to make fairy houses using egg cartons, soil and other materials. For children six to 12 years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Space limited; registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

**Hand-Painted Coasters.** These coasters are beautiful and easy to make. All supplies provided. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-273-3887 ext. 3.

**Just Write!** A creative writing club led by published poet and librarian Mary Johnson. Come and create your writing in a friendly, encouraging environment. Open to adults 16 and up. New members and writers of all levels welcome. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**"WASTED! The Story of Food Waste."** To commemorate Earth Day 2019, The Picture House and EcoPel will host a screening of this documentary followed by a panel discussion and Q&A with local sustainability pioneers Thomas McQuillan, vice president, corporate strategy and sustainability at Baldor Specialty Foods, and Adam Kaye, founder of The Spare Food Co. The film aims to

change the way people buy, cook, recycle and eat food. Through the eyes of chef-heroes like Anthony Bourdain, Dan Barber, Massimo Bottura and Danny Bowien, audiences will see how the world's most influential chefs make the most of every kind of food, transforming what most people consider scraps into incredible dishes that create a more secure food system. The Picture House, 175 Wolfs Lane, Pelham. 7 p.m. Free. Info and tickets: Visit [www.thepicturehouse.org/show/earth-day-wasted](http://www.thepicturehouse.org/show/earth-day-wasted) or at the box office.

**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](http://www.josiedance.com).

### Tuesday, Apr. 23

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**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](http://www.mountkiscoliberal.org).

**"Of Father and Sons."** After his award-winning "The Return to Homs," documentarian Talal Derki returned to Syria, where he gained the trust of a radical Islamist family and shared their daily life for two years. Derki focuses primarily on their children, providing an extremely rare look at what it means to grow up with a father whose only dream is to establish an Islamic caliphate. Winner of the Grand Jury Prize for World Documentary at the Sundance Film Festival and nominated for a Best Documentary Oscar, this film captures the chilling moment when jihadism is born. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$9.

Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

### Wednesday, Apr. 24

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**LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE OF TENTATIVE COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL** (Pursuant to Sections 501, 506 and 526 of the Real Property Tax Law) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessor of the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam, has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy will be available at the Assessor's Office, Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York 10579, where it may be examined by any person interested, starting on or about May 1, 2019 daily between the hours of 8AM - 4PM, May 8, 2019 between the hours of 6PM - 9PM and May 11th, 2019 between the hours of 8AM - noon until the 28th day of May, 2019 and that on such day the Board of Assessment Review will meet at the Putnam Valley Town Hall at 6PM to hear and examine all verified written complaints in relation to such assessment on application of any person believing his property to be over-assessed. A publication containing procedures is available at the Assessor's Office at the Putnam Valley Town Hall or online at <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/contest/grievproced.htm>.

**TOWN BOARD MEETING Town of Putnam Valley April 17, 2019 6 PM** 1. **Pledge** of Allegiance 2. **Departmental Reports** 3. **Supervisor's** Opening Comments 4. **Proclamation** for Giovanni Antonio Silvestro 5. **Legislators' Report** 6. **School Report:** Dr. Wills 7. **Approve** minutes 8. **Accept** Estimate from Newtech Recycling for E-Waste 9. **Authorize** Supervisor to sign Change Order #1, Town Generator Installation. 10. **Vote** on Marijuana Moratorium 11. **Set** public hearing for special use permit for cell tower: May 1, 2019 **Districts** 12. **Appoint** Lake Peekskill Beach Monitors. 13. **Authorize** Mike

and Chrissy Hritz to attend the NYSFOLA conference. 14. **Appoint** Lake Oscawana Harvester Operator 15. **Appoint** Roaring Brook Lake Superintendent. Building Department 16. **Daily** fee report for March, 2019. Parks and Recreation 17. **Request** for approval of the 2019 lifeguard pay scale. 18. **Personnel** changes. 19. **Budget** Transfers 20. **Public Comment** 21. **Audit of Monthly Bills**

NOTICE is hereby given to interested parties that a Public Hearing will be held by the Putnam Valley Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday April 25, 2019 at 6:30 at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road for the purpose of considering the following petitions and requests together with all other matters that may properly come before the Board at this time. **AGENDA Held Over 1. Correia, Carlos, 1135 Williams Street-84.-2-48; CD** Request front yard setback variance and 280A variance for two lot subdivision. **Decision 2. Homeland Towers, LLC, 265-273 Oscawana Lake Rd.-72.16-1-23;CN** Request variance under Section 165-61 I 1 setback from the property line 210 ft. Request variance under Section 165-61 I 12a2 setback 750 ft. from a dwelling and public assembly. **New Application 3. Powers, James, 202 Canopus Hollow Road, -61.-2-40; R-3** Request front yard setback variance for generator and propane tank. **4. Quick, Jennifer, 18 Pembroke Ct, 92.-1-45; R-1** Amendment to previously approved Decision & Order. **5. Perez, Octavio, 55 Ridgecrest Road- 83.56-1-5,6 &7; R-1& LP** Request for side and front yard setback variance for the construction of a single family residence. **6. Babington, Peter, 72 Dunderberg Road,-62.14-1-47; R-3** Request side, front, lakefront and rear yard setback variance, and variance under Section 165-44 a (1) & (2) of the Zoning Code, and lot coverage variance for deck and addition to existing residence. **7. Steger, Kurt, 330 Lake Drive, 83.66-1-2; LP** Request lot coverage and side yard setback variance for detached workshop. **8. Fiorio, Robert, 66 Lee Ave, 62.18-1-33; R-3** Request lot coverage and side yard setback variance for extending and reconfiguring existing deck. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL CHAIRMAN**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL MEETING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** on May 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM the Putnam Valley Town Board will conduct a Discussion/Informational Meeting to hear public comments on the topic of AIRBNB's in the Town of Putnam Valley. **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING** the Putnam Valley Town Board will be holding the regularly scheduled work Session Town Board Meeting. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD** Sherry Howard Town Clerk Dated: 04-12-2019

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE,** the Putnam Valley Town Board will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall located at 265 Oscawana Lake Road in Putnam Valley, NY. The Public Hearing shall be held for the purpose of granting a Special Use Permit for Cell Tower. **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING** the Putnam Valley Town Board will hold their Regular monthly Town Board Pre-Work Session Meeting. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD** Sherry Howard, Town Clerk Dated: 04-12-2019

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# Some of a Travel Writer's Favorite Places and Things

When I tell folks I'm a travel writer, they often say, "Oh, I'm so jealous." Since I can't invite you on my next trip, I thought I'd share my favorite places and things from New York and around the world.

**Hotel Adlon Kempinski:** Finest 5-Star hotel in Berlin. Views of Brandenburg Gate next door. Lorenz Adlon Esszimmer, a 2-Star Michelin Restaurant, my favorite in Berlin.

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**Curacao:** Unequivocally the best

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**Russ & Daughters:** Whether it's the store on East Houston Street or the café on Orchard Street, the best smoked fish and old-fashioned delicious Jewish treats that I grew up with.

**Lodge at Woodloch Spa:** Getaway for a weekend in Hawley, Pa. Recharge your batteries with OMG! massages and spa cuisine.

**Shelter Island:** Escape for a seaside weekend and travel back 200 years. Stay at Ram's Head Inn. Classic luxury.

**Casini Firenze:** Unequivocally the finest and most fashionable leather store in Italy. Buy something for your significant other.

**Jet Blue:** I go out of my way to fly them. They treat you like family. No airline comes close.

**Harvest on Hudson Restaurant:** The best restaurant and scenic views of the Hudson in Westchester. Located in Hastings-on-Hudson, but more like being in Bellagio on Lake Como.

**Spinoza Café & Restaurant, Budapest:** Try the three-course goose dinner with Klezmer concert. The New York Café is the most beautiful art deco

café in Europe and the "Shoes on the Danube" is such a moving memorial.

**Atlantis Hotel, Bahama:** Actually, stay at Comfort Suites next door. Affordable and includes Atlantis facilities free. Best deal in the Caribbean.

**Ricardo, Beverly Hills (Luggage):** Cupertino is my favorite carry-on luggage. Two handy sleeves outside and the interior design is genius. Has a USB port, super light with magical wheels. Great price.

**Majorelle Restaurant:** New York City's best kept dining secret. One of the finest restaurants in the chic Lowell Hotel. RSVP required.

**Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni:** My favorite luxury 5-Star hotel in Italy and Europe. Breathtaking views of Lake Como surrounded by Italian Alps. Splurge, life is short.

**Firstleaf Wine Club:** The best wine club. Very affordable. Every bottle is spectacular – and not just the first promo.

**Cambodians:** My favorite people, always smiling, happy, yet endured wrath of Khyber Rouge who murdered three million while the world did nothing.

**Lobster Roll:** Luke's Lobster, New York



By Richard Levy

City. Mounds of claw.

**Cote d'Azur:** La Colombe d'Or outdoor restaurant, hotel above Nice, walls covered with Legers. Where Chagall and other artists bartered paintings for room and board.

**Peter Luger Steak House:** Located under the Williamsburg Bridge, the best steak in New York.

**The High Line:** My favorite place to escape New York City madness. A true oasis. Walking mindlessly on it is like a dream.

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*Hastings-on-Hudson resident Richard Levy is a former advertising "Mad Man" creative director and now prolific travel writer. He's also an inventor of innovative new products and is writing and illustrating a new children's book. You can contact him at RichardLevyTravelWriter@gmail.com.*

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# 'The Bodyguard' Set for Three-Week Engagement in White Plains

By Neal Rentz

"The Bodyguard" made a film star of Whitney Houston and the 1992 film, which co-starred Kevin Costner, was a box office hit that earned over \$400 million.

In December 2012, only months after Houston's death, a musical stage version of the film opened in London.

The musical will be staged from Apr. 26 through May 12 at the White Plains Performing Arts Center (WPPAC). The star of the upcoming show is LaToya London, a finalist on "American Idol" in 2004.

Stephen Ferri, executive producer

of WPPAC and music director of "The Bodyguard," said he likes to present shows that you can't get anywhere else. "The Bodyguard" fits that bill.

"(It) not only was a show that fit that category making this the first regional production in the U.S., but the music and movie are iconic which makes for a great night of entertainment finishing off our 2018-19 season," he said.

Ferri said following its opening in Great Britain the musical was performed in Europe for a few years then went on tour.

"This stays pretty true to the movie with a few twists to make it work better for stage," said Ferri. "If you love the movie and Whitney Houston's music, you won't be disappointed."

The play features all the songs from the original film, including Houston's megahit "I Will Always Love You," along with "I Have Nothing," "I Wanna Dance With Somebody," "Run to You" and "Saving All My Love."

"As we began rehearsal it was amazing to see truly how many hit songs she had as an artist over her career and how iconic these songs have become to people all over the world," Ferri said. "There really isn't a bad song in the show."

The most challenging aspect of the show is taking a movie and translating it to stage. There are some things that aren't



LaToya London, an "American Idol" finalist five years ago, stars in the White Plains Performing Arts Center's production of "The Bodyguard."

possible to do live that can be done in a movie, he said. The goal is to translate to the audience that this production isn't attempting to recreate Houston's performances but to pay tribute to them.

"We have done our best to make the show feel as cinematic as possible with the staging, projection and set design, while still keeping it true to being a live stage show," Ferri said.

London was chosen for the lead role of Rachel, which is a marathon for any performer, he said. She she sings more than a dozen songs during the two-hour

show.

"We wanted someone who not only had the vocal ability to do those songs justice but also give an outstanding acting performance for a story as memorable as this, Ferri said. "LaToya's career path is very similar to that of the character she plays, which brings a whole other level of authenticity to the piece that you can't teach to someone who hasn't had those career milestones as she has."

London, a California native, grew up highly familiar with Houston's work

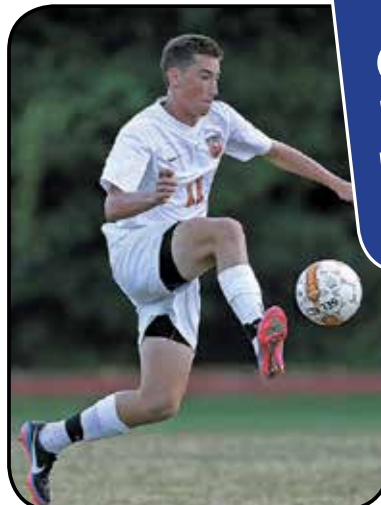
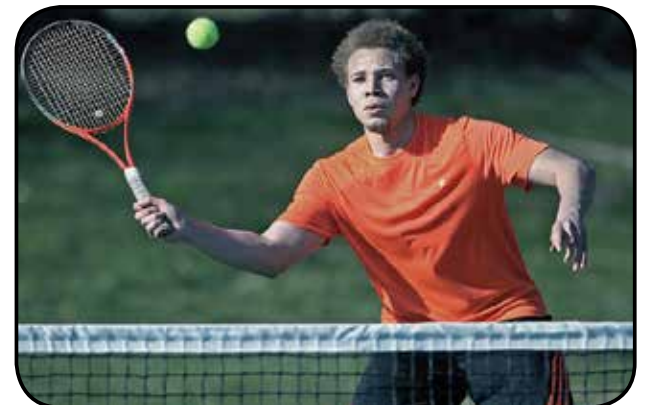
"I grew up listening to Whitney Houston since her debut 1985 (album). I loved her and still do, so it's an honor to play her character in 'The Bodyguard,'" London said.

The most challenging part of the performance is the dancing since there are a lot of intricate parts, she said.

London also recalled her time on "American Idol."

"It was a great experience. I learned so much about what goes on behind the scenes of a live television production," she said. "I was very nervous because of the competition aspect but I had fun, met great people and continue to do what I love because of the platform it provided."

To purchase tickets for "The Bodyguard," call 914-328-1600 or visit [www.wppac.com](http://www.wppac.com).



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# Coping With the 21st Century Paradigm of Brevity



By Nick Antonaccio

It's been creeping up on me. The influence of the webosphere has been slowly gnawing away at my enjoyment of immersing myself in long, languid, flowery prose full of multisyllabic descriptions and a syntax that draws out deep, carefully constructed ethereal emotions.

Each day the vicissitudes of the soundbite era pull me deeper into superficial strings of words, many of which attempt to communicate to me with nary a verb in each abbreviated sentence. News stories, web messages, e-mails from friends, longer than the unwritten rule of the three-minute attention span limit, constantly bombard me.

How I long for the pre-Facebook/Twitter era when proper grammar was highly valued and expected and when acronyms were used exclusively in the military and the corporate world. The Twitter police force me to encapsulate my thoughts and messages in 280 characters, although I seem somewhat the outlier since the average Tweet is only 33 characters.

So I've resorted to compromising my communication style by retaining my

old school sensibility while occasionally resorting to the new school paradigms. I've been able to remain enmeshed in 21st century conversations, written and verbal.

However, yet another societal influence has blindsided me. Why communicate a concept, principal or other cogent argument employing words when one can resort to a numerical expression? Which expression do you prefer? "Medical concerns abound over rising alcohol consumption in America" or "5%, the increase in alcohol consumption from 1999 to 2019."

Which statement carries an intellectual effectiveness and which merely expresses a statistic, devoid of a context? I encounter this in every media outlet. In a number of instances, I've encountered newspaper reports that place as much emphasis on raw facts and stats as on measured analysis.

Oftentimes, these facts and stats ring hollow, lacking context for the meaning of the data. "Americans prefer wines produced domestically." "25% of wines Americans drink are imported, principally from Italy."

I encountered the following report last week. My perspective in evaluating this report: Statistics don't lie, but they don't always tell the truth. And its corollary: 99 percent of all statistics only tell 49 percent of the story.

The Top 10 wines imported into the

United States in 2018, and their market share, based on sales, not volume:

1. Italy, 32.9 percent; 2. France, 29.2 percent; 3. New Zealand, 7.8 percent; 4. Australia, 6.4 percent; 5. Argentina, 5.9 percent; 6. Spain, 5.7 percent; 7. Chile, 3.8 percent; 8. Portugal, 2.4 percent; 9. Germany, 2.1 percent; 10. South Africa, 1 percent.

At first glance, the report seems very informative. Italy and France have captured the majority of the import market, which represents about 25 percent of overall American wine sales. While other countries have gained a foothold, they trail far behind. Would you have guessed New Zealand and Australia are ahead of Argentina and Spain? Not I.

What the statistics don't tell us:

1. The impact of the price range of the wines. The average price of a bottle of Italian wine is one-third less than a French bottle. How does that influence the market share? Italy would hold strong at 34.2 percent, but France drops to 18.3 percent. Australia jumps to third place, with Chile and Argentina in hot pursuit. New Zealand drops to seventh place.

2. The geographic concentration of the

imported wines. Do consumers in New York have the same buying habits as those in the Midwest? Most likely not.

3. The impact of grape preferences. The popularity of Italian Pinot Grigio and New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc significantly influence the rankings of those countries.

4. The impact of individual brand names. It would seem logical that the sustained popularity of Yellow Tail has buoyed Australia's position in fourth place. Likewise, the impact of Santa Margarita Pinot Grigio on Italy's ranking.

How to assess this particular report? As with most data with which we are bombarded, we must place it in the context of the factors that inform our unique decisions. Above all, don't succumb to today's

trend of internet marketing: don't ask what consumers want, tell them what they need.

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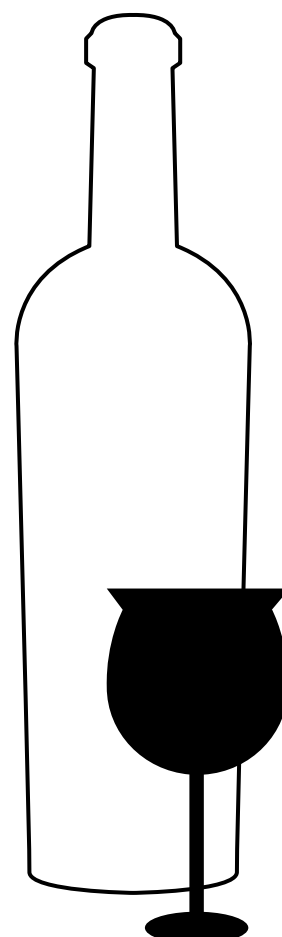
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