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P'ville Farmers Market, Village Look for Answers to Manage Parking

By Ed Perratore

Representatives from Foodchester Inc., the Pleasantville-based nonprofit that runs the Pleasantville Farmers Market, reviewed ideas last week with village officials to improve the flow of vehicular traffic in the vicinity of the market at Memorial Plaza.

The market's operation in the village's busiest parking lot, adjacent to the Metro-North train station, can fray some shoppers' nerves, said Steven Bates, Foodchester's executive director of market operations.

Bates, along with Foodchester President Peter Rogovin, said adding two people to help patrons line up to park or to drive in and out of the lot safely should be considered. One of the two individuals should be a village police officer, Bates said.

"This officer would be primarily concerned with safety and keeping a clear right of way at the entrance and

the intersection of Memorial Plaza and Bedford Road," he said.

The other, which they called a "parking lot monitor," would help maintain the order of cars in the lot. As drivers look for spaces, the monitor would ensure the first car in the line gets the available spot and tell them to move the line forward, Bates said. The monitor would also direct drivers to nearby lots during the market's peak hours of 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

"That parking lot monitor is more of an emissary for the market, helping keep things calm so people don't come in with their nerves all frayed," Bates said.

The market operates at the north end of Memorial Plaza from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. virtually every Saturday from April until Thanksgiving featuring more than 50 vendors.

Bates referred to a Foodchester survey from last fall which revealed that 115 out of 125 negative comments concerned

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ED PERRATORE PHOTO

Pleasantville Farmers Market managers have reached out to the Village Board for help to improve traffic flow in the Memorial Plaza parking lot during the busy Saturday market.

Con Edison May Lift Natural Gas Moratorium in Westchester

By Martin Wilbur

Developers and officials throughout Westchester may be able to breathe a sigh of relief after Con Edison announced last Wednesday a plan that could increase natural gas capacity for much of the county.

The agreement with the owner of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline would upgrade the compression facilities on its system outside of the state to improve the natural gas supplies available to Con Edison, according to a statement released by the utility.

If Con Edison receives the required approvals, incremental capacity increases could occur by November 2023. The project would add 110,000 dekatherms per day of energy, enough to heat about 110,000 additional homes on

the coldest winter day, said Con Edison spokeswoman Ann Marie Corbalis.

The potential capacity increase would be done in conjunction with ongoing efforts to promote and advance renewable energy and alternative technologies.

"This agreement will help us meet the growing demand by providing uninterrupted (firm) natural gas service in Westchester County for a smooth, orderly transition to renewables while supporting new development and economic growth," Corbalis said.

The Tennessee Gas Pipeline, which is owned by Houston-based Kinder Morgan, Inc., will require approvals from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as well as state and local approvals.

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Bedford Town Justice Arrested on DWI Charge in Mount Kisco

By Martin Wilbur

Westchester County police arrested a Bedford town justice last week for DWI after the vehicle he was operating was traveling erratically on the Saw Mill Parkway and through downtown Mount Kisco.

Erik Jacobsen, 54, of Bedford Hills was also charged with resisting arrest early last Monday morning after he refused to comply with officers' instructions to step outside his car for a field sobriety test following the traffic stop on South Bedford Road, police said. Officers needed to taser Jacobsen in order to gain compliance.

A day following his arrest, Jacobsen was suspended indefinitely by the deputy chief administrative judge for courts in New York State outside of New York City. His cases were reassigned.

County police spokesman Kieran O'Leary said the department received a call at 11:54 p.m. on Apr. 21 from another motorist reporting that a car was being operated erratically on the northbound Saw Mill Parkway north of Roaring Brook Road. The motorist then told the police dispatch center that the car exited the parkway at Route 133.

Shortly after, an officer in a patrol car spotted the vehicle, a silver Mercedes-Benz, and followed it along Main Street through downtown Mount Kisco.

"He kind of observed a couple of instances where he failed to maintain his lane and went over the yellow line a little bit and they ended up stopping the vehicle by (Northern Westchester) Hospital," O'Leary said.

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New Castle Ponders Move to Hire its Own Airport Consultant

By Martin Wilbur

New Castle officials are weighing whether they should hire a consultant to study the factors behind excessive noise in town generated by aircraft landing at Westchester County Airport if the county decides against footing the bill.

A joint meeting last Tuesday evening between the Town Board and the town's Airport Advisory Board came a day after a sit-down with County Executive George Latimer to discuss airport-related problems that appear to be impacting New Castle more seriously than most surrounding communities.

In his recap of the Apr. 22 meeting with Latimer and other county and town representatives, Supervisor Robert Greenstein said the town was provided a letter that was sent to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recognizing new provisions in the agency's 2018 Authorization Act addressing airport noise. Latimer also agreed to share county noise monitoring data with New Castle and to set up a local meeting to address airport issues that are unique to the town and its residents along with having a meeting with an FAA representative.

Greenstein reported that the town's request of having the county pay for a consultant to address what has been New Castle-centric matters will be considered by the county.



New Castle officials said last week that County Executive George Latimer, right, shown here in a Town Hall forum in April 2018 with County Legislator Michael Kaplowitz, pledged to hold a meeting on Westchester County Airport noise in the town in the near future.

While communities surrounding the airport have long experienced disturbances, an avalanche of complaints from residents has markedly increased in portions of New Castle over the past two years.

"I think (Latimer) knows the problem and hearing it again and again, at this point we need action items," Greenstein said. "We don't need to talk about the problem and complain about it. He knows there's a problem. At this point, it should be about what's getting done in response – period."

Town Airport Advisory Board member Robert Fleisher, who also serves as the New Castle representative on the county's Airport Advisory Board, said the county

executive's office indicated it will report back to the town within a month to decide whether Westchester funds will pay for the consultant to study New Castle airport issues.

Fleisher and several other town Airport Advisory Board members stated that with multiple complicated variables that could be playing a factor in noise escalation, the town needs an aviation expert that can interpret data while looking out for New Castle's interests.

"You really want somebody who knows all the ins and outs and the full flexibility that you have in all these areas and someone who thinks creatively," Fleisher said.

While the number of total flights to and from the airport hasn't increased in recent years, some residents and local officials have wondered whether more private aircraft or changes in the types of aircraft used, changes in altitude of planes on approaches to the runways or myriad other factors have played a role.

Chappaqua resident Jim Smith said during the joint meeting that he recently unearthed FAA sound modeling data in the crowded corridor between Philadelphia and Boston from 2006 to 2008. It suggested that noise was likely to get worse.

"What Jim just said seem to me that we need a consultant," said town Airport Advisory Board member Susan Comey. "The information is all out there."

Councilwoman Lisa Katz said the town should be prepared to send out a Request for Proposal for its own consultant.

But Councilman Jeremy Saland said that before the town considers that move it should reach out to the other communities surrounding the airport to learn of their most pressing concerns. Having multiple municipalities speak with one voice on the issue may have more impact for New Castle than moving forward on its own, he said.

Greenstein and other town Airport Advisory Board members also agreed to contact representatives from every level of government to enlist their support.

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parking in the Memorial Plaza lot. The impetus for adding the two personnel arose from the survey results.

Rogovin said the issue is part of an ongoing dialogue with the board on how to manage crowds. Parking can be difficult near the popular market, which can draw several thousand patrons on a Saturday.

"This is not just a farmers market issue, this is an example of tough parking in town and the need for signage and more

parking and better directions," he said.

Filling the two positions, however, may not be easy. Officers who have put in long hours during the week have not come forward to accept the offer of overtime to man the Memorial Plaza lot during market hours, Village Board members told Bates and Rogovin during the Apr. 22 board work session.

"Our best option is to take an officer that's already on duty and station that person there for those two hours, let's say, with the understanding that if there's

a call and they need to go, they need to go," said Village Trustee Joseph Stargiotti. "Their other priorities may take priority over this function at that moment."

The parking lot monitor could be an easier hire, but strong diplomatic skills would be essential, especially considering the activity in the area and that drivers frequently pull up to pick up family members at the station.

"This person is a highly visible representative of the Village of Pleasantville and the market, something which we don't currently have," said Bates. "That presence in the lot will simply keep people aware of norms. They'll realize, I can't sit here [in my car], I have to move on. There's a sense of fair play."

Bates and Rogovin stressed their desire to make shopping as enjoyable as possible for the market's patrons, which bills itself as the county's largest year-round farmers market. The visitor won't

return if the customer gets a parking ticket.

"What makes people complain is that they feel they have other options," Rogovin said, referring to neighboring markets and Whole Foods in Chappaqua. "They say, 'I came here from Scarsdale to buy \$100 in vegetables and you greet me with a ticket,' as if we saw you buying vegetables so we ran over and gave you a ticket. But that's the perception. The more effort they go to, and the more options they have to go somewhere else, the quicker they are to feel frustration."

The village is currently finalizing the job description for the parking lot monitor and may first consider applicants with school crossing guard experience.

"An unmanaged lot is an unmanaged environment," Bates said. "That's like going to the bank and there are no lines. It's like a free-for-all. People don't like free-for-alls."

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Jacobsen had made the left turn onto Route 172 when he was pulled over near 90 S. Bedford Rd., he said. When he was asked to get out of the car, Jacobsen refused. The officer, who by then was joined by a second officer, tried to physically remove him from the vehicle. However, Jacobsen "was gripping the steering wheel and he was struggling against them," O'Leary said.

During the encounter, the officers reported the smell of alcohol on Jacobsen's breath and slurred speech, he said. The officer was then forced to taser Jacobsen

in order to gain compliance.

Westchester EMS responded to assess Jacobsen at the scene and assist in removing the taser prongs. He asked that he be taken to Northern Westchester Hospital and was subsequently transported there by the Mount Kisco Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Jacobsen was issued a desk appearance ticket at the hospital charging him with DWI and resisting arrest. He is due to appear in Mount Kisco Justice Court this Thursday, May 2.



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The pipeline serves most of Westchester, cutting through the center of the county. Westchester's northernmost communities –Peekskill, Cortlandt, Yorktown, Somers, Lewisboro and North Salem – are serviced by the Algonquin Pipeline and have not been subject to the moratorium.

Con Edison's announcement came as there has been continued outcry from municipal and county officials that the moratorium, announced on Jan. 18 and put into effect on Mar. 15, has threatened to halt economic redevelopment throughout the county. During those

two months, Con Edison received 1,600 applications for gas service in the moratorium area, the utility noted.

Property owners who submitted those applications by Mar. 15 will have two years from that time to get their projects approved and built to receive gas service, Christine Cummings, general manager, project management and customer programs for Con Edison, said during a presentation last month in New Castle.

"Con Edison continually assesses opportunities to provide its customers with energy service that is safe, reliable, affordable and clean," Corbalis said. "As New York State has set new renewable energy goals and rejected various natural gas pipeline projects, Con Edison has sought alternatives to meet our customers' heating and cooking needs."

Two local supervisors said that the extra gas capacity will help, as many municipalities look to re-energize their downtowns. But they agreed that developing renewables is the long-term solution and will not help in the immediate future.

"I think everybody wants that but part of the problem is we're just not there yet," said New Castle Supervisor Robert Greenstein. "We're sort of being pushed there. The fact is that's where

the major problem comes in. In five, 10 years from now, renewables could be a terrific option but it's not there yet."

Greenstein said after the Town Board last week approved retaining the firm Kimley-Horn to revise its town code to help bring a more vibrant mix of retail and residential to downtown Chappaqua, the town may be in a position in about two years to redevelop a portion of the commercial hamlet but may not have the energy supply to make that happen right away.

Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi, whose town is just beginning the long review for North 60, one of the largest development proposals in the county in at least 30 years, said no one has mentioned how much more the increased capacity will cost customers.

Until there are viable and affordable renewables that are developed to supply a greater portion of the county's needs, some redevelopment plans could be delayed, he said.

"Without an energy source a lot of this is going to be put on a back burner," Fulgenzi said. "It could stifle a lot of progress for our communities."

Con Edison has pledged to continue implementing the company's \$223 million Smart Solutions program for customers who are interested in

alternatives to natural gas, the utility's President Tim Cawley said in a statement last week. Those alternatives include monetary incentives to electrify heating systems, upgrade HVAC controls, install geothermal heat pumps and weatherization.

A statement from the Business Council of Westchester said that Con Edison's announcement offers "a ray of hope" but incremental increases of natural gas in four-and-a-half years and the uncertainties of renewables and alternative technologies still present a difficult road.

"We applaud Con Edison for this initiative and other actions the company is exploring to alleviate the crisis," the Business Council of Westchester statement read. "However, the underlying energy shortage remains a serious issue that is already taking a toll and will continue to loom over the region and threaten our economic viability."

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Officials Back Bill to Battle Low Assessments of Private Golf Courses

By Abby Luby

At a rally outside Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor Sunday afternoon, local residents protested unfair low assessments so private golf courses could pay decreased taxes.

About 45 residents from Ossining and Briarcliff and members of Indivisible Briarcliff-Ossining heard state and local officials explain two pending pieces of legislation that, if signed into law, would arm municipalities with the power to end inequitable assessment practices that favors private golf courses in Westchester and throughout the state.

"We are looking to pass legislation to protect property taxpayers and school districts," said state Sen. David Carlucci (D-Clarkstown) who is sponsoring the Senate's version of the bill (S.4420). "We want to make sure golf courses throughout Westchester and the state are paying their fair share of taxes. We are trying to close the loophole that currently exists."

The legislation was originally introduced by Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) last year, but her bill stalled in the Republican-controlled Senate. This year, Galef's bill was approved by the Assembly's Property Tax Committee on Mar. 19. It will also be reviewed by two committees, Codes and Ways and Means. Carlucci's bill was



State Sen. David Carlucci, Briarcliff Manor Village Manager Bill Zegarelli and Westchester County Legislator Catherine Borgia outside Trump National in Briarcliff Manor to support legislation that would end the suppressed assessments of private golf courses.

proposed in March and is currently in the Senate's Local Government Committee.

"We have a real big problem," Galef told protesters. "We have a multimillion-dollar problem. How do we go about solving it?"

Galef seeks to model the new law after New Jersey's current assessment policy, which states that golf courses can be

assessed based on the highest and best use.

The legislation was re-energized when Trump National Golf Club sought to slash its property taxes by 72 percent over four years. Currently, it owes the Town of Ossining \$487,000. Trump National claimed the course was worth \$14 million while its financial disclosure valued the course at \$50 million. The 40-acre course, with its 75,000-square-foot clubhouse, charges initiation fees of about \$50,000 and annual dues of \$20,000.

Similarly, the Apawamis Club in Rye and Harrison reduced its tax bill by half in 2017. The club received refunds of about \$900,000 after its taxable value dropped from \$23 million to \$14 million. Apawamis' membership initiation fee is about \$69,500.

The pending legislation, if enacted, is an opt-in law that would allow municipalities to assess different clubs and courses in their jurisdiction according to how they are used.

"It would give communities the ability to have public hearings to determine a fair evaluation of a golf course and hear all sides, pros and cons," Galef said. "Then the Town Board would decide if they wanted to move forward and adopt the legislation. I think every community will do something different."

Along with Carlucci and Galef, Briarcliff Village Manager Philip Zegarelli, Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti (D-Pleasantville), Ossining Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg and Westchester County Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) also attended.

Golf course owners have opposed the legislation, claiming it would put some courses out of business. Proponents include the New York State Club Association and national organizations like We Are Golf.

However, other legislators, including Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale) and state Sen. Shelly Mayer (D-Yonkers) are wary of the measure.

"We're not trying to put anyone out of business," said Carlucci. "The current law uses the same calculations to assess municipal golf courses as it does more opulent, private golf courses, such as Trump National. The reality is this legislation gives towns and villages options to assess golf courses and country clubs at an equitable rate."

The rally had significant political overtones mostly expressed by Indivisible Briarcliff-Ossining.

"I believe that private golf courses such as Trump National should pay taxes based on the real property value," said Indivisible

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Butterfly Expert Highlight's Mt. Kisco Earth Day Celebration

The Mount Kisco Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) has scheduled a full slate of Earth Day activities for all ages and interests for this Saturday, May 4, including a morning hike and the planting of a pollinator-friendly garden in the afternoon.

At the library, starting at 1 p.m., bird and butterfly expert Sandy Morrissey will present a talk titled "Pollinator Pathways and the Survival of Monarch Butterflies." Morrissey has been an avid birder for 40 years, since she hung out a birdfeeder at her first home in Hartsdale. She is currently president of the Bronx River-Sound Shore Audubon Society.

Morrissey is a defender of healthy habitats for all kinds of pollinators and says that Monarchs are under tremendous pressure from the loss of habitat and the negative impacts of climate change. She points out that butterflies pollinate a wide range of wildflowers and other plants and are an important food source for birds and small animals.

"This year we are focusing on bringing back birds and butterflies," said CAC Chairman John Rhodes. "They are essential for a healthy natural environment. Many of us moved here to enjoy nature's beauty, but pollution and over-development have decimated our area's population of helpful insects and birds."

The CAC is a Hudson to Housatonic partner, supporting the Pollinator Pathway



COLLEEN CARPENTER PHOTO

Mount Kisco looks to bring back the butterflies. Sandy Morrissey will lead a discussion on butterflies this Saturday afternoon at the Mount Kisco Public Library in conjunction with the village's Earth Day celebration.

initiative, a grassroots effort of 25 local communities working together to restore a corridor of pollinator-friendly habitats for

butterflies and other essential wildlife across Westchester, Fairfield and Putnam counties.

Mount Kisco's Earth Day celebration is organized by the CAC in conjunction with

the village's Tree Preservation Board, Arts Council and Historical Society.

For more information, e-mail EarthDayMK@gmail.com.

Hudson Chorale to Perform in Pleasantville May 17, 19

Hudson Chorale, the area's largest chorus, will present an evening and matinee performance of its spring concert on Friday, May 17 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m. at the Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, located at 400 Bedford Rd.

The program features works by Johannes Brahms, Igor Stravinsky and Béla Bartók, composers who left us an unforgettable collection of songs spanning the 19th and 20th centuries.

In addition to including his often-performed and well-loved "Liebeslieder Waltzes" (Lovesong Waltzes), the program will also feature Brahms' "Quartets," which many audience members will have the pleasure of experiencing for the first time.

Stravinsky continues to be one of the most towering and influential composers of the 20th century. His "Symphony of Psalms" is a beautifully structured work that conveys the religious nature of the piece through compositional techniques. Stravinsky's groundbreaking style was a severe reaction to the romanticism of composers – such as Brahms – which pushed him to move in

the neoclassical direction, the Psalms being a prime example of that movement. The chorus will perform the piece with thrilling four-hand piano accompaniment.

A lover, collector and composer of folk songs, Bartók made significant and lasting contributions to choral music. His "Four Slovak Folk Songs" is an excellent example of the lasting gift he has left us. Composed for only piano accompaniment, the instrument becomes a part of the colorful harmonies and textures of the songs that make it a sophisticated piece of music.

Following the concert, the audience is invited to an informal reception to meet and chat with the conductor, soloists, orchestra and chorus members while enjoying delicious refreshments, a longstanding Hudson Chorale tradition.

Tickets are \$25 for advance sale, \$30 at the door and \$10 for students. Advanced sale tickets can be purchased online at www.HudsonChorale.org or by calling 1-800-838-3006. Handicap parking is available at the venue. For additional chorus or event information.

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, GRANTEES, 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,

and JOHN DOE, Defendants.

To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND

FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable Helen M. Blackwood, Acting Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 20th day of March, 2019 in the County of Westchester, New York.

The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: Tax I.D. No. 135.67-2-1

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 Registrar'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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BEGINNING at a point in the southeasterly side of Ridge Street where the same is intersected by the division line between Lots 6 and 63, Block C-D shown on said map;

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THENCE along the division line between Lots 7, 8, 9 and 63, Block C-D South 11' 54" West 75.00 feet to a point; **THENCE** through Lot 63 on a course North 78 degrees 06' West 84.34 feet to the southeasterly side of Ridge Street; **THENCE** along the same, North 35 degrees 12' 30" East 81.67 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

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Board of Education Races Set in Local School Districts

By Martin Wilbur

Three area boards of education will have contested races in next month's school board elections while Byram Hills and Pleasantville will be uncontested.

The Chappaqua School District will see a relatively crowded field of five candidates vie for the two available seats. Incumbents Jeffrey Mester and Warren Messner, who will look to retain their seats, will be challenged by Cailee Hwang, Hilary Grasso and Leah Heiss.

Another five candidates submitted petitions to get on the ballot for three seats in the Bedford Central School District. Incumbents Michelle Brooks, the board's current vice president, and Beth Staropoli will face Jessica Cambareri, Joseph Malichio and John Boucher. A third

incumbent, Pam Harney, will not seek re-election.

In another race for two seats in Mount Pleasant, incumbents Christopher Pinchiaroli and Vincent Graci will seek re-election against challenger and former trustee Thomas McCabe.

Mount Pleasant will hold a school board candidate's night forum on Wednesday, May 1 at Westlake High School at 7:30 p.m.

The uncontested election in Byram Hills will have current trustees Mia DiPietro and Lara Stangel return to the board and be joined by Jason Berland, who has been serving as chairman of the district's education foundation. Three-term board members Robin Glat has decided against running for another term. DiPietro are both currently completing their first term.

The Pleasantville Board of Education, which has only one seat up for election this year, will see the return of Shane McGaffey who was the only candidate to submit a petition.

Calls placed to the district office in the Bedford School District to find out the candidates in that Board of Education were not returned.

In addition to the board elections and budget votes in each district Pleasantville and Chappaqua will also have propositions on the ballot. Pleasantville voters will decide on an \$8.9 million bond to pay for various facilities improvements in all three of the district's schools.

Chappaqua School District residents will have two propositions to weigh. One asks for voter approval to transfer

up to \$1,350,000 from the current year's unassigned fund balance to the capital fund to upgrade security at Douglas Grafflin, Roaring Brook and Westorchard elementary schools and Bell and Seven Bridges middle schools.

The second proposition would authorize the district making \$390,000 in improvements in the Bell School cafeteria. The district plans to move \$190,000 from the fund balance of the district's lunch fund to its capital line on June 30, then take \$100,000 each from the current year's and 2019-20's general fund.

Voting in all districts will be held on Tuesday, May 21. Check each school district's website for voting hours and polling locations.

Gift Company Donates Sale Proceeds to NWH's Caregivers Center

Two's Company, the 50-year-old Westchester-based gift company, has donated \$12,500 – the proceeds of its annual warehouse sale – to Northern Westchester Hospital (NWH). The gift was presented by Tom Gottlieb, who runs the company with his mother, Bobbi, and his wife, Jill, who is coordinator of the Replication Program at the Ken Hamilton Caregivers Center, the gift's beneficiary.

"We are so appreciative to Two's Company for its extraordinary generosity," said Keeva Young Wright, president of the NWH Foundation. "This gift will help the Ken Hamilton Caregivers Center continue doing its important work of caring for caregivers."

The center is dedicated to caring for the family caregiver and serves as a private sanctuary for people who are caring for a loved one, regardless of whether they are hospitalized at NWH, at another facility or at home. The center offers a friendly, tranquil atmosphere where caregivers can come for respite.

The center's Caregivers Support Program provides counseling from



JOHN VECCHIOLLA PHOTO

Pictured, left to right, are Jerri Rosenfeld, program director of the Ken Hamilton Caregivers Center at Northern Westchester Hospital; Maria Hale, vice president, patient advocacy and patient-centered support services; Tom Gottlieb, founder Two's Company; Marian Hamilton, founder, Ken Hamilton Caregivers Center; and Jill Gottlieb, replication coordinator.

social workers and referrals to community resources. A team of trained caregiver coaches provide support and encouragement to caregivers. It also offers comfortable places to rest and reflect, space for private conversations, a desk area with computers and a

kitchenette with healthy snacks.

The center's work is so effective, that 17 sites have replicated its work in supporting family caregivers.

"Giving back to the community is an important part of our company's philosophy," said Gottlieb. "I have seen the work of the Ken Hamilton Caregivers Center first-hand and we're delighted to be able to support such an important organization."

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Dr. Hrubes has worked with multiple dance and theater companies and is on the board of the Performing Arts Medicine Association. She is also an active member and serves on committees of the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine, American College of Sports Medicine, International Association for Dance Medicine, and American Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

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Obituary

Kevin Roberts

Kevin G. Roberts, or Poppy as he was called by friends and family, died peacefully in his sleep on Apr. 22. He was 73.

Roberts was born on May 10, 1945, in Lincoln, Neb., the son of the late George E. Roberts and Cecelia Mahoney Roberts of Pleasantville. He was a father to five, grandfather to four, one of seven siblings and an uncle to countless nieces and nephews whose branches, roots and leaves grow throughout the Village of Pleasantville.

He typically graced The Black Cow, where he was presented with an honorary desk name plate from the village mayor. This was where Kevin did the bulk of his writing. He had published one novel, "Decker," and was working on a second. Over the years he published several featured op-ed pieces in The New York Times, a feat of which he was quite proud.

Roberts enlisted in the U.S. Marines after graduating from Pleasantville High School in 1963, and was a member of the 1st Battalion Ninth Marines, known as the "Walking Dead," which comprised the first U.S. combat troops in South Vietnam, landing on the beach of Da Nang in 1965. He returned from the war with spiritual scars that lasted a lifetime.

But he was a fighter, a survivor who prevailed and beat the odds.

He married his high school sweetheart, Linda Lewis of Armonk, in 1969 with whom he had two children, Tara Day and Kevin Jr., who both reside in Pleasantville with families of their own. He was married again in 1980 to Dianne Ripley of Pleasantville. That marriage produced three children, Elizabeth, Mary and Douglas. Elizabeth pre-deceased him in 1995. Roberts had the unique gift of being able to remain close friends with both of his former wives and they join their children and extended families in mourning and celebrating this very special man.

In 1987, he built a painting business from the ground up. His maroon swash signs could be seen all over town throughout the years and they remain standing even now as his son, Kevin Jr., took over the business several years ago when his father retired.

Roberts had a way of going full bore in his endeavors, be it teaching himself yoga, learning to play the saxophone at age 55 or becoming a full-on bicycle nut when he was in his late sixties. He returned to Vietnam for a Habitat for Humanity project in 2009 that he found

very healing. He had an insatiable ear for music, old and new, and he realized his dream of becoming a disc jockey, hosting the weekly "Brother Kev's Killer Soul Show" on WVKR Vassar College radio. His humor was wry and spot on, his laugh contagious, his temperament even, his empathy deeply felt, his smile always at the ready. His passion inspired many. He loved his children fiercely.

Roberts is also survived by his sisters, Karen Bucci (Marshall), Christine Natlo (William) and Cecelia Passabet (James), and his brothers, George and Jerry

(Suzanne). He was predeceased by his sister, Kathleen. Other surviving family are his daughter-in-law, Carrie Roberts, wife of Kevin Jr. and mother to grandsons George and Cian Roberts, and his oldest grandsons Samuel and Harrison Ermark, sons of Tara Day Roberts.

The family will receive friends at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville on Tuesday, Apr. 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Burial with military honors will be on Wednesday, May 1 at 11 a.m. at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla.

Police Blotter

County Police/Mount Kisco

Apr. 22: A Stewart Place resident reported being locked out of his apartment at 10:46 p.m. Officers were able to locate the building superintendent to let the tenant in.

Apr. 23: Store security at Target on North Bedford Road reported at 12:39 p.m. that two teens were trying to steal a cell phone and an Apple watch. Security officers advised that they observed the teens trying to remove anti-theft devices attached to the items. County police detained the youths as they left the store but determined they had not taken anything. Management advised the teens to stay out of the store in the future.

Apr. 23: Police responded to South Moger Avenue at 6:35 p.m. on a report that an eight-year-old boy was missing. The child, who became separated from his mother while she shopped, was located as officers arrived.

Apr. 24: Report of a man screaming obscenities at passersby at the Mount Kisco train station at 3 p.m. As officers arrived, the man boarded a train that left the station. The MTA was notified and the man was detained in Pleasantville by village police. County officers, who had other interactions with the man earlier in the day, arrived to take the man into custody and brought him to Northern Westchester Hospital for psychiatric evaluation.

Apr. 25: Police responded to Moore Avenue at 1:39 p.m. on a report that a 79-year-old man was having a stroke. The man was taken by ambulance to Northern Westchester Hospital.

Apr. 25: A Foxwood Circle resident reported at 7:47 p.m. that her dog was bitten by a neighbor's dog.

Apr. 26: Police responded to West Street Extension at 1:30 p.m. after a woman reported she found a lost Chihuahua. A mailman told the woman where the dog lives but no one was

home when she and an officer went to the residence. The woman left a note on the door at the residence and said she would care for the dog until the owner came for it.

North Castle Police Department

Apr. 19: Report of an unruly person at La Quinta Inn on Business Park Drive at 10:22 p.m. An unruly female refused to leave the premises. The responding officers reported the matter was adjusted.

Apr. 20: A caller reported at 8:39 a.m. that a 35-year-old female fell in the shower and received a laceration to her foot due to glass breaking. The party was transported to Northern Westchester Hospital.

Apr. 22: Report of an alarm at the Amoco on North Broadway at 1:29 a.m. after there were activations from store and office motion. The responding officer confirmed a burglary at the location.

Apr. 22: A caller reported a tractor-trailer stuck in a ditch and is blocking a lane on Route 120 at 3:14 p.m. Officers responded and reported the vehicle was assisted by another vehicle and left under its own power.

Apr. 23: An E911 call from Westchester County Airport reported at 2:05 p.m. that a male in his late twenties had a machine run over him. The party suffered injuries to his foot at Landmark Aviation on Airport Access Road. County police were notified.

Apr. 26: Report of an active fire in the basement of a home on Church Street at 2:55 a.m. All occupants were able to exit the house without incident. The fire was extinguished by fire department personnel from North White Plains, North Castle, Thornwood and West Harrison. The Valhalla Volunteer Ambulance Corps also responded. The county Cause and Origin Team preliminarily determined the fire was accidental.

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Organ Donors, Recipients Celebrate W'chester Med Center Transplants

By Jade Perez

Last year, Crystal Sparks knew her husband, Rob, was suffering through his regular and debilitating dialysis sessions.

He has battled diabetes since he was 26 years old and when he came home to tell her that he needed a kidney transplant, Sparks had no idea at the time that she would be his donor.

But through "the grace of God," doctors determined she was a match, she said.

"We were both excited, hugging each other and crying," Sparks.

Last Friday, Sparks and two other sets of kidney recipients and donors along with the doctors and staff at Westchester Medical Center's Transplant Center gathered at the Taylor Center Pavilion on the hospital's campus in Valhalla to celebrate the new leases on life in recognition of Donate Life Month.

Medical teams at Westchester Medical Center, the Hudson Valley's only transplant center, have been performing kidney transplants for 30 years, liver transplants since 1996 and heart transplants since 2001. In 2018, the center successfully completed 162 organ transplants.

The neighboring Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, also part of the WMCHHealth network, has pediatric



JADE PEREZ PHOTO

Medical staff members stand with kidney donors and recipients last Friday at Westchester Medical Center to recognize those responsible for the hundreds of successful transplants at the hospital's transplant center.

kidney, bone marrow and corneal transplant programs.

"At any given time, there are more than 120,000 people nationwide waiting for an organ, and in New York State alone – the state with the lowest organ donation rate nationally – a person dies every 18 hours while waiting for a transplant," said Dr. Thomas Diflo, chief of intra-abdominal organ transplantation at Westchester Medical Center.

Westchester Medical Center not only recognized the contributions of kidney donors as well as recipients on Friday, but sought to raise awareness about the critical need for organ donation locally

and nationally.

Since his transplant last fall, Rob Sparks said he is feeling better than ever and feels like he "could conquer the world."

"I watched him go through a lot of trauma seeing his mother face the same ordeal and I knew that I didn't want to see him go through the same thing," said Crystal Sparks, 43, the same age as her husband. "So I told him that I was willing to get tested and see if I can be a possible donor for him."

Also attending the ceremony was Elizabeth Durkin, 40, who donated her right kidney to her then-seven-year-old

cousin, Liam Brady, last August after he developed chronic kidney disease.

Liam's mother, Stephanie Brady, recalled how relieved she was after finding out that Durkin was a perfect match.

"It brought tears to my eyes. I had originally gone to get tested and I wasn't a match for him and my husband, who has medical issues, wasn't able to be tested," Brady said.

Since the procedure, Brady added that Liam has been able to get his weight up to a healthy level and is doing well.

For Durkin, the importance of organ donation is a no-brainer for Durkin.

"It's weird to say that you're saving someone's life, but you really are and you're changing someone's quality of life," she said. "There's no more of a reason than that to do it. People on TV always preach about what can we do to change the world. This is something that can directly and instantly impact someone's life. What is stopping me? And that's how I felt when I found out I could help."

For more information on Westchester Medical Center's Transplant Center and links to ways to become an organ donor, visit <https://www.westchestermedicalcenter.com/transplant>.

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Pleasantville Approves 2019-20 Village Budget With 2.2% Tax Increase

By Ed Perratore

Pleasantville officials last week unanimously approved the \$16.6 million general fund budget for 2019-20 that will raise village taxes by about \$90 for the average homeowner.

The tax rate increase for the next fiscal year is 2.23 percent and complies with the state-imposed tax cap.

Spending will rise by about \$178,000, about a 1 percent increase, in the general fund, which represents almost three-

quarters of the village's total operating budget.

No changes were made since the Village Board last discussed next year's spending plan.

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.

There will also be partial funding toward the village's Manville Road streetscape and civic space projects.

The board last Monday also approved refuse rates – what residents pay to have their trash hauled away – and water rates for the coming fiscal year.

The annual rates per condominium unit will be \$353.46. For a single-family home, the new rates will rise by about \$11 to \$471.28, still "less expensive than a private carting company," said Village Administrator Eric Morrissey.

For two-family homes, the new rates are \$706.92 and for three-family homes



ED PERRATORE PHOTO

The Pleasantville Village Board approved the municipality's \$16.6 million general fund operating budget for 2019-20 at its Apr. 22 meeting.

next year's rates will be \$1,060.38

Water rates for 2019-20 will remain unchanged from the current year, Morrissey said. Residents will pay \$64.74 per 1,000 cubic feet. For non-district residents, the rate is \$82.80 while other nonresidents will pay \$97.33. Other rates apply for meter maintenance, sprinkler systems and unit dwellings.

The village's new fiscal year begins on June 1. For more details on the approved 2019-20 Pleasantville village budget, visit www.pleasantville-ny.gov.



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Everclear, Soul Asylum Lead 2019 P'ville Music Festival Lineup

By Martin Wilbur

For the 15th consecutive year the Village of Pleasantville will pull off its improbable annual foray into the big-time music scene with the 2019 edition of the Pleasantville Music Festival.

This year's event, set for Saturday, July 13 at Parkway Field, will see alternative rock bands Everclear and Soul Asylum lead the nine-hour lineup of music on three different stages.

The Portland, Ore.-based Everclear had late '90s and early 2000s hits with "Santa Monica," "Wonderful Now," "Father of Mine" and "I Will Buy You a New Life." Soul Asylum, which came out of Minneapolis in the early 1980s, is best-known for their megahit "Runaway Train," which earned them a Grammy Award for best rock song in 1994.

"This thing is too big for us to do and too great not to," said Mayor Peter Scherer who attended the lineup announcement party at Lucy's Lounge Sunday evening. "Like so many things in Pleasantville we compete in and win above our weight class."

Other Main Stage acts will be Aimee Mann, who made her mark with the band 'Til Tuesday in the 1980s and has gone on to have a successful solo career; Bailen, a New York City-based group consisting of twin brothers and a sister; and the White Plains band and local

favorites Swahoggie.

There will be something for almost every musical taste throughout the day. The Chill Tent, featuring acoustic singer-songwriters, will see Dean Friedman, Matthew Sweet, The Bruce T. Carroll Band, singer-songwriter and violinist E'lissa Jones and alternative folk artist Alex Cano.

The Party Stage will feature mainly indie rock bands, including Micky James, the reggae-infused Tales of Joy, the soul-pop collective Melt, psychedelic-pop band Color Tongue and an all-female trio from Nashville called The New Respects.

"I'm trying to get as many people as happy as possible," said festival Executive Director Bruce Figler following the lineup announcement. "I didn't hear any boos in there."

Many of the bands, particularly on the Chill Tent stage and the Party Stage, have local connections, he said, which is part of the allure. The first band on each of the three stages will feature the festival's annual Battle of the Bands contest winners, which will be decided over the next two weekends.

Figler said putting together the lineup becomes more challenging every year because of growing competition domestically and abroad.

"The biggest challenge is we are



The Pleasantville Music Festival returns Saturday, July 13 with another day of great music.

when they had other offers come in, he said.

For the musicians who will perform at the Pleasantville Music Festival, it will be an unforgettable experience. Bruce T. Carroll, a folk-rocker whose band will perform in the Chill Tent, said he's attended the festival and loves the vibe.

"It's great. I've spectated at a couple of festivals, I love the set up," Carroll said. "It's a great day."

Bill Lawrence, the bassist for Swahoggie, which will be the second act on the Main Stage, said to share the same stage with national acts is a thrill.

"This is such a dream opportunity just to be out with all the incredible musicians and be on the same stage with them," Lawrence said. "It's a dream come true."

Tickets to the Pleasantville Music Festival are \$50 for adults, \$30 for seniors (65 and up) and students (12 to 21 years old) and free for children under 12 who are accompanied by an adult with a paid ticket. They can be purchased online at www.pleasantvillemusicfestival.com or by visiting the Pleasantville Recreation Center at 48 Marble Ave. outside Parkway Field from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday nights and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

competing with more and more festivals every year and now it's not just the United States, every city in Europe has a music festival," Figler said. "I would say a good 30 percent of the bands we went after this year are touring Europe at that time and it's a little expensive to fly them back for one night."

At least two other bands that Pleasantville had sought and had informal commitments from backed out

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Guest Column

Some Great Suggestions Everyone Can Try to Relieve Stress

Stress is a daily part of life but, left unchecked, can be bad for the body, mind and soul. Here are five great ways to reduce tension, relieve stress and feel better.

- Practice Yoga. Yoga is a powerful stress reliever as it combines the benefits of stretching, meditation, controlled breathing and exercise all in one package. It's as simple as unfurling your yoga mat when stress runs high. While studios are easy to find these days, there are plenty of free videos you can find on YouTube when you need to de-stress on your own schedule and at home.
- Play music. Music can reduce stress, particularly when you are the one playing it. But first you need the right gear. Consider this: these days, you don't need a grand-sized home to get the grand piano experience. The slim design of digital pianos makes it possible to get the feel and sound of a grand piano in a compact design. And integrated Bluetooth audio lets you connect your device wirelessly to this particular model, so you can also kick back and relax and listen to your favorite music through its powerful stereo amplification system.
- Laugh. Laughter reduces physical and mental tension. So when you're feeling stressed, spend time with friends who make you laugh, turn on your favorite television show or see some stand-up comedy. Even just smiling can trick you into feeling happier, so if the real laughter isn't forthcoming, consider the old adage -- fake it 'til you make it.
- Take a hike. Spending time in nature can reduce stress, ease anxiety and boost feelings of happiness, according to the American Heart Association. What's more, the exercise you get on a hike or other outdoor adventure will boost endorphins, working

to trigger positive feelings. Just be sure you take along tools to help you navigate the trail and avoid bad weather. High-tech wearables will keep both hands free for ease on the trail.

- Tackle your to-do list. Is the source of your stress a growing to-do list? Pick an item, any item and tackle it today. You'll feel so much better afterward. There is nothing more satisfying than crossing an item off your to-do list. If it helps, start with the easiest item first. The sense of accomplishment will motivate you to keep going.

Whether it's playing music or going on a nature walk, reducing stress will help you feel happier and boost your sense of well-being.

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Letters to the Editor

There Are the Resources Available to Wipe Out Malaria Globally

Every two minutes, a child dies from malaria, a preventable and treatable mosquito-borne illness. In 2015, there were 212 million new cases of malaria worldwide and 429,000 deaths, 70 percent of which were children under five.

I've had malaria twice. After visiting several sub-Saharan countries, I was feeling exhausted and sluggish, symptoms that I didn't believe could be attributed to jetlag. I went to the doctor and sure enough, it was malaria. My family and I got worried but I took the medicine and after a few days of rest I was up and running.

This was a completely different experience than the one faced by many in sub-Saharan Africa. In an age where we have all this technology at

our fingertips, it is unacceptable that mothers still lose their children to this preventable disease. Since her seventh birthday, my daughter Naomi has been fighting malaria. We've taken trips with her to orphanages to distribute books, donated stuffed animals and worked to raise funds to send life-saving insecticide treated bed nets to children in malaria endemic countries.

From 2000 to 2015, thanks to interventions like these bed nets, malaria cases in sub-Saharan Africa were reduced by 40 percent. By 2015, about 54 percent of the population in sub-Saharan Africa was sleeping under bed nets, up from less than 2 percent in 2000. Last year, 46 countries – almost half of all malaria-affected nations – reported fewer than 10,000 cases. Last

June, Paraguay became the first country in the Americas to eliminate malaria in 45 years.

We need U.S. legislators to help protect more people from malaria around the world by providing adequate funding for malaria prevention and elimination programs like the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) and The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. We must continue to call on leaders across government, business, science, civil society and beyond to accelerate progress towards a malaria-free world. Anyone can join the fight. We can be the generation to defeat malaria.

Edson A. Kodama
Hartsdale

Holy Innocents is Welcoming Again With New Pastoral Leaders

In his Apr. 23 letter, Rev. James Sheehan of the New York Archdiocese claims that in his recent visit to Holy Innocents Church in Pleasantville, the church was no longer "welcoming."

I believe this was a veiled criticism of the new pastor who is not a social justice activist. Yes, Holy Innocents was very welcoming under the previous leadership – as long as you agreed with the pastor's political views. The new pastor, Fr.

Bernard Timothy, and his vicar, Fr. Joseph Scordo, are warm, wonderful and, yes, welcoming priests in the best tradition of Catholic clergy.

As a young man who grew up in Indonesia, Fr. Timothy needs no lectures about welcoming strangers. Fr. Scordo, a former navy chaplain, also knows about comforting people in a strange setting. Fathers Timothy and Scordo preach the gospel, not their political views. I have

no idea where they stand on the partisan political issues of the day, and that is how it should be.

For the first time in years, I feel welcome again at Holy Innocents.

Paul L. Cardi
Pleasantville

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SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

Pace Panel Discusses Combatting a Broken College Admissions System

By Martin Wilbur

The breadth and depth of the recent college admissions scandal took some Americans by surprise.

For Shirley Acevedo Buontempo, it helped reinforce why seven years ago she founded Latino U, a nonprofit organization that works to increase college enrollment and graduation rates for first-generation Latino students who are high achieving but come from lower-income households.

"As an organization, our focus was to help students through this complex process and to help students find the resources that more affluent families or second-generation families have access to," Buontempo said.

Last Thursday at Pace University, Buontempo was part of a 10-member panel of educators, students and admissions officers that discussed the problems and inequities of the current system and what can be done to combat the problems.

Pace President Marvin Krislov said even before the scandal broke, roughly 40 percent of the country didn't think the college admissions process was fair, one study concluded. It's not only about access to money and having a strong GPA and test scores, but the system favors students and families who know which buttons to push for their benefit, he said.

"There are a lot of built-in advantages for people who have connections and understand the system and know how to work the system," Krislov said.

Buontempo said even a \$300 test prep class for a student can be too much for financially struggling families to absorb. She encounters many families where that money needs to be used to put food on the table, she said.

For students from minority families, particularly those who are the first in their family to go to college or with parents who have immigrated from another country, the challenges can be daunting. White Plains High School senior Michelle Maheda Perez said as a first-generation student – her parents immigrated from Colombia – she has sometimes felt the pressure to work to help her family make ends meet instead of studying or preparing for an important exam.

"That's just not a luxury that we have," said Perez, who will be going to the University of Pennsylvania next fall. "There are others just like me that can achieve great things. They just don't have the money."

Lisdy Contreras-Giron said making colleges more affordable and having more merit-based scholarships would help strong academic performers be able to attend the college of their choice regardless of means. Contreras-Giron, a Pace senior



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

A 10-member panel, led by Pace President Marvin Krislov, explored problems with the college admissions process last week at the Pace's Pleasantville campus.

who will go on to law school in the fall, said she had to work two and three jobs while going through her undergraduate studies.

Andre Cordon, an enrollment manager at Pace, said finding the college that is the right fit for the student can be critical. Many students feel pressured going to a school with a prestigious name but might be better served finding one that fits their talents and interests.

"You might not be the right fit for USC or Harvard or Yale," Cordon said, "They are great schools but there are schools where you can fit in well and be so successful."

While there is unnecessary stress for students who are pressured into being accepted and to attend a big-name school,

there are students on the other end of the spectrum, typically students of color or from lower-income families, where expectations are lowered, said Robina Schepp, Pace's vice president of enrollment management.

Contreras-Giron said she experienced that in high school. Despite being a strong student, guidance counselors and teachers consistently recommended she go to community college. While that is a good choice for many students, Contreras-Giron said, she was motivated to push herself.

"It's this idea that there could be more and they didn't believe in me," she said. "I didn't go back to my guidance counselor until I had my acceptance from Pace."

"It's good to reach higher in terms of pushing yourself out of your comfort zone, and that might be going to a different place geographically," Schepp added. "It might mean studying something that's a more difficult subject for you. It might mean getting more involved on campus. I think it's good for students to reach but I don't think that necessarily means that you have to gain admission to a highly, highly selective institution."

Buontempo said it's also important for many students to identify schools where scholarship money or financial aid is more readily available.

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Latimer Terminates Playland Deal Triggering Fears of Litigation

By Martin Wilbur and Jade Perez

County Executive George Latimer has terminated the county's agreement with Standard Amusements to operate Playland accusing the company of failing to properly invest money into the park and for "material breach of our contract."

In an extended statement released late Sunday, Latimer said he reached the decision, in part, to abort the 30-year deal because in December Standard Amusements had claimed to have invested \$5.7 million into the facility and about \$7.7 million by last month.

A county audit revealed that the money was spent on salaries, meals, travel, advertisements, marketing, consulting and legal fees. Meanwhile, Westchester was committed to spending \$125 million on Playland but Latimer said he was uncertain whether Standard Amusements was committed to seeing the park succeed.

"We are unhappy with the way this has all turned out; we never wanted this kind of conflict," Latimer said in his Sunday statement. "However, we are simply not satisfied with what we have been seeing. We wanted to see the energy, excitement and drive in Standard Amusements' vision for Playland – we didn't want just a real estate deal."

Latimer's action gives Standard Amusements 30 days written notice. The agreement will end on May 28.

Answering questions at a Monday press conference, the county executive said he hoped that the county had a partner in Standard Amusements with a vision to remake Playland into a similar destination such as the revitalized Coney Island or the new Legoland Park in Orange County.

Efforts to restructure the agreement have been unsuccessful, Latimer said.

Last Dec. 7, the county sent a letter to Standard Amusements to point out the material defaults, including how the company claimed to have spent \$5.7 million on the park. It also outlined how the county is entitled to audit the corporation, however, Standard Amusements has blocked those efforts.

"I just think that the corporation's expertise is not in managing these parks," Latimer said Monday. "They have a couple here and there that they're involved in. But they've had to contract out for the services to do these things. Well, I can contract out and do that too, if that's what the game is," Latimer said.

On Monday, Standard Amusements aggressively fired back with its own statement, hinting that unless the termination is rescinded a lawsuit



The Dragon Coaster at Playland. On Sunday, County Executive George Latimer terminated the County's 30-year agreement with Standard Amusements to operate Playland.

is likely. The company pointed to having invested nine years and more than \$10 million to save Playland but mismanagement on the part of the Latimer administration has jeopardized its commitment.

"It exposes taxpayers to hundreds of millions of dollars in losses from

Playland's extensive capital needs and needless litigation. The Administration has been negotiating in bad faith and, despite numerous requests, Mr. Latimer has been unwilling to meet with Standard Amusements since November 2018," the Standard Amusements statement read in part.

Standard Amusements pointed to the county's mishandling of food, failure to secure the wooden Dragon Coaster and the lack of fire suppression safety as threats to public safety.

To highlight the deteriorating relationship between the parties, an 11-page letter on Jan. 31 from Standard Amusements accused the county of breaching the agreement.

Latimer and County Attorney John Nonna were mum on the chances for litigation.

"As a lawyer, I don't believe it's my role to litigate disputes publicly," Nonna said. "My role is to litigate them in court, if necessary, or by negotiation through alternate dispute resolution, mediation or direct negotiation, which we have tried to do in this particular case."

Reaction from county legislators varied but all had questions. Minority Leader John Testa (R-Peekskill) predicted after the Apr. 11 State of

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Transforming the Laundry Room From a Dungeon Environment

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"Don't you use bleach when you wash them," she asked?

Very honestly, I was never big on household chores and I think I just threw in one of those laundry cakes at the corner laundry and never thought about bleach for my whites.

At the same time, from when we married, I never did another load of laundry. It wasn't that I didn't do a lot of other chores around the house. The industry didn't produce a rainbow of color underwear at that time to save me from the embarrassment. It's just that laundry and cooking were two big ones my wife insisted upon doing. From that point on, I never stepped into the kitchen except to raid the refrigerator, and to this day, I don't know how to operate a washer or dryer.



By Bill Primavera

It is reported that Americans spend more time in the laundry room than in the bathroom, an average of eight hours a week, collectively doing some 35 billion loads of laundry a year. While bath design has evolved into a discipline of its own, the laundry is often relegated to a basement, separated from the rest of the home.

In my last home, an historic colonial with a dungeon-type basement, our washer and dryer were not in the most inviting destinations in the house. Today, living in a nice condo, we have a stacked

washer-dryer subtly and conveniently hidden in a closet.

Today, however, homeowners are creating laundry rooms that are as integrated as a bathroom or kitchen. In fact, they are frequently in a bath or kitchen. With our busier lives, we need to multitask and a first-floor laundry room can serve as a command center – a nook near the family room, where parents can keep an eye on the kids while folding, or just off the back door, where it can double as a mudroom, home office or hobby area. On the second floor, stackable, whisper-quiet front-loaders can tuck into a hall closet, just a shirt toss from the bedroom.

Because of its double- or triple-duty potential, a laundry room remodel can be a good investment. After the purchase of a washer-dryer, think about installing some built-ins in the laundry room for cleaning necessities. If you still have room to spare, there are other ways the area can be used, and corners, cabinets and shelves can be set aside for other purposes. Once all the functional aspects are out of the way, you can think about using the room for other purposes as well.

Built-ins can accommodate shelves and cabinets to store supplies like hangers, clothespins, sewing kits, irons and detergent as well as storage for pet accessories and seasonal items. To ensure that you deal with clothes right away, it's a good idea to have a table near the washer for folding, a pull-out drying rack for hanging and a hidden ironing board for ironing clothes.

Whether you have a large or smaller home, using your utility room for multiple purposes is a great space-saving technique. Because it often has a utility sink, it is a great place to feed and bathe your pets. It also easily transitions into a mudroom, where extra shoes, sports equipment and winter clothing can be stored. If you have room for a built-in desk, it can be a drop station for mail, cell phones and keys.

Here are some good ideas to apply to laundry rooms:

1. Take advantage of natural light by converting a room with windows into the laundry room.
2. Consider locating the laundry room directly off the master bedroom suite or the mudroom.
3. Raise the washer and dryer off the floor or select front-loading models with bottom drawers for easier access to the machines.
4. Install an upper wall and base cabinets for extra storage space.
5. Install a jetted laundry sink, which can be used to clean hand-washables.
6. Incorporate a heated drying cabinet for drying damp clothes.
7. Treat your laundry room to decoration, like bright wall colors or even artwork.
8. Install a radio or television to pass the time with the added assist of creative engagement.

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New Castle Town Board in Spat Over Updating Welcome Guide

By Martin Wilbur

A discussion last week by the New Castle Town Board about whether to revise a welcome guide to help attract new residents turned into extended debate after disagreements about whether to delay the update.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein said the guide, which was mailed to each household in town in 2016 and distributed to downtown Chappaqua realty offices, should have a revised edition after a recent suggestion by the realtors. While much of the information remains the same, there are portions of the guide that are outdated, he said.

"I thought now would be a good time," Greenstein said. "I thought anything we can do to help the town we should do. I think it was incredible last time."

Inside Chappaqua publisher Grace Bennett worked with the town to publish the original 2016 edition. She was paid \$10,000, although each of the town's four real estate offices chipped in \$2,500 each for 1,000 copies and local businesses bought ads, Greenstein said.

Council members Jeremy Saland and Hala Makowska recommended that the guide be a digital publication rather than print to allow for updates whenever needed. Makowska said a digital version could be revised as often as every six weeks.

There could also be a print and digital version of the guide, said Councilwoman Lisa Katz, but a colorful, glossy publication is more likely to catch a prospective homebuyer's eyes.

"It means something to sit in a car wherever it is and to have something in your hand," she said.

Councilwoman Ivy Pool countered that there may be too much overlap with the town's Discover Chappaqua effort, another publication put out by the town. Greenstein said that welcome guide was requested by the realtors largely for the benefit of selling homes but it was the advertisers who asked that copies be sent through the mail.

While the print-versus-digital discussion wasn't resolved, Saland said if the town is weighing whether to update the welcome guide it should wait until

next year when the downtown streetscape is finished, the new playground and basketball court behind Town Hall is built and new sidewalks are installed in Millwood.

"So to do a welcome guide for New Castle when you have the hamlets changing so significantly is short-sighted when you're going to sell it and you don't have the product to sell for really about another year when this is done," Saland said.

Greenstein said in 2016 there were changes being considered by the board as

well and the guide turned out to be quite popular.

"If you guys want to put it off for a year, good luck," said Greenstein who is not running for re-election and is leaving office at the end of the year. "I hope it gets done. There's a lot of stuff. I hope to see it get done. I hope that this town continues to get as much done for the next six years."

"I find it funny that I'm the only man that can do this sounds vaguely familiar," retorted Makowska, who has had repeated run-ins with Greenstein the past three-and-a-half year.

Bennett, who attended last week's work session, said she typically has more time during the summer to take on the project should the town move forward if they want to retain her services. Another time of year she may not be available.

Saland agreed with Greenstein that there's great potential value in the guide but he was questioning the timing of the update.

Greenstein said he would reach out the realtors in the community to gauge interest in doing another edition of the guide.

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The Westchester County Office of Economic Development has announced conXpo, a conference designed to connect Minority/Women-Owned Businesses (MWBE), Service Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses (SDVOB) and Disadvantage Business Enterprises (DBEs) to procurement opportunities within the county.

The half-day conference will be held Tuesday, May 14 from 8 a.m. to noon at the County Center in White Plains.

At conXpo, participants will have the opportunity to network with hundreds of businesses and municipalities within the county including colleges and universities, hospitals and the New York State Power Authority. Workshop topics will include what MWBEs, SDVOBs and DBEs need to know about purchasing and contracting opportunities; how to successfully bid on RFP opportunities; accessing capital to help grow your business; and the New York State and Westchester County MWBE certification process.

“Westchester’s businesses are the key to economic growth in the county, and we want to help facilitate that growth in any way we can,” said Westchester County Executive George Latimer. “ConXpo is a unique opportunity for minority and women-owned businesses, service-disabled veteran-owned businesses and disadvantaged business enterprises to learn about contracting and procurement opportunities throughout the county. We want to partner with all businesses, both large and small, to help them achieve success.”

General admission is \$10. A business exhibitor table is \$250 and includes five tickets. Exhibitor tables for nonprofits and municipalities is \$100 and includes five tickets.

To register for the conference, visit <http://bit.ly/conxpo2019>. The deadline for registration and/or participation in the conference is May 7. Space is limited. For more information, e-mail ce-mwob@westchestergov.com.

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THERE’S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz By Edward Goralski

Reading List. A way to increase your vocabulary is make note of words you come across while reading. The list could contain words you are unfamiliar with, or words you wish to use more often while communicating with others. The quiz this week consists of words found recently in published materials. Perhaps a few of these selections will be used to start your own list.

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| 1. cajole (v.) | A) to persuade by flattery | B) figure out | C) confine |
| 2. tenuous (adj.) | A) uncertain | B) very slight | C) watchful |
| 3. odium (n.) | A) hate coupled with disgust | B) a special favor | C) a glance of the eye |
| 4. piquant (adj.) | A) tranquil | B) virtuous | C) engagingly provocative |
| 5. fetter (v.) | A) to pay high honor to | B) restrain | C) take back |
| 6. covey (n.) | A) a padded cover | B) a sheltered place | C) a small group |
| 7. froideur (n.) | A) a playful action | B) enjoyment | C) coolness between people |
| 8. macaronic (adj.) | A) involving a mix of languages | B) existing outside the norm | C) grimly mocking |

- ANSWERS:**
1. A. To persuade (someone) to do something by
 2. B. Very weak or slight; flimsy
 3. A. Hate coupled with disgust; loathing
 4. C. Engagingly provocative; agreeably stimulat-
 5. B. To restrain with chains or manacles, typically
 6. C. A small group of people or things
 7. C. Coolness or reserve between people
 8. A. Composed of a mixture of languages

Local Hairstylist in Step With Green Movement By Using Organic Products

By Martin Wilbur

Using organic food products has become so commonplace that virtually no one would consider it out of the ordinary if someone they know expects its exclusive use for their diet.

When it comes to hair and beauty products, that same attentiveness to going green has lagged.

Over the past few months, Bedford Hills-based hair stylist Asia Gonzalez-Dent has been offering her clients the option of using natural organic products that represents a healthier farm-to-chair alternative that is at least every bit as effective as the traditional chemical-laden hair and skin care products.

Recently, she has introduced the Simply Organic Beauty line for her customers and an increasing percentage of them are choosing the new products.

"I want to try and offer to these clients of mine that have said to me 'I'm green, I'm changing my diet, I'm doing yoga now, I'm using green products in my home for cleaning,'" Gonzalez-Dent said. "I don't want to be behind the curve. I want to be able to offer that to them as well."

Among the organic products that Gonzalez-Dent now uses is the Oway (Organic Way) color line, which the company advertises as the world's first professional organic hair color, care

and styling line with organic and fair trade ingredients that contains no salon toxins. Instead, it uses pure essential oils, she said.

Another product is the O&M color line, which leaves a richer, deeper deposit that works more effectively for customers whose hair has been damaged or is graying.

There is also a product she is now using called HSystem, a pH-balanced hair color and care system that preserves and restores hair over time for a healthier head, she said.

Gonzalez-Dent, who operated her own salon in Astoria, Queens for many years and now serves private clients in Westchester, said these organic products are healthier for the customer.

"It's ammonia-free, which is the best for anyone that gets hair color," she said. "It irritates the scalp, a lot of people are allergic to it, people have major reactions to it, it damages the cuticles, the hair gets weaker and weaker. So this is ammonia-free, it's completely organic, if has a lot of the essential oils so that it's more gentle (and) has longer lasting effects."

Using the products is also a more enjoyable environment for hairstylists, she said. All of the products are plant-based so the lavender, rosemary and other natural aromas are pleasant for

everyone involved.

Gonzalez-Dent cautioned, however, that just because a product calls itself natural or organic doesn't mean it's so. She urged customers do to their research, as she had done, and read the fine print to make sure of the ingredients used in the products.

"The results have been amazing," Gonzalez-Dent said. "Clients are really seeing the hair getting restored, not so brittle, not so dry, the color and the shine lasting longer. So I feel like the client that's been using traditional color, it's a process of sort. It's going to take some time for their hair to now receive this product and kind of rebuild (itself)."

For customers who want to continue with traditional products, Gonzalez-Dent still maintains a supply. Some may be leery of change or the roughly 20 percent higher cost, since organic products are routinely more expensive, she said. However, an increasing number are choosing the organic option.



Asia Gonzalez-Dent, a long-time hairstylist who now serves private clients, has been morphing her business to use more organic hair and skin products for her customers.

"I'm here to educate them and give them options," Gonzalez-Dent said. "But at the end of the day if they have something that works for them, they really have kind of married themselves to that and they're committed."

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Tuesday, Apr. 30

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

English Conversations. For speakers of other languages seeking to improve their English. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.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 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Social Security Workshop. An educational workshop for the single, married, divorced and widowed from 60 to 70 years old. Led by Social Security, retirement income and tax specialist Paul Petrone. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 to 8 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-273-3887 ext. 3.

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.

Purchase Latin Jazz Orchestra. The Purchase Latin Jazz Orchestra is an exciting ensemble that performs music from all over Latin America. Featuring top students from the Purchase College Conservatory of Music, the orchestra explores numerous genres including Mambo, Cha-Cha, Danzon, Festejo and Porro. Whether performing classic compositions by the masters or newer works commissioned for the ensemble, seeing and hearing the PLJO is always a memorable occasion. Part of Purchase College's 25th anniversary of its Jazz Studies program. Purchase College's

Music Building, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-251-6700 or e-mail music@purchase.edu.

Cabaret in the Castle. The Manhattanville College Music Department's Cabaret Performance Workshop will feature the songs of Johnny Mercer, including "Autumn Leaves," "Moon River," "Ac-centchu-ate the Positive," "Skylark" and "Too Marvelous for Words." Other songwriters represented will be Zina Goldrich and Marci Heisler, Sheldon Harnick and Jerry Bock and Richard Maltby, Jr. and David Shire. There will be a special guest appearance by Manhattanville's pop vocal group, The Quintessentials. Manhattanville College's Reid Hall, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-323-5260.

Wednesday, May 1

Baby Time. A fun interactive lap-sit story time that includes songs, rhymes and a few very short stories. The experience gives babies an opportunity to socialize and parents a time to share. Recommended for newborns through 12 months old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday and Wednesday (except May 27). Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

"The Student Show." Includes selected student works from Westchester Community College's visual arts classes. Drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic design and digital media will be featured. Westchester Community College's Fine Arts Gallery, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. Exhibit continues through May 3. Info: 914-606-6835 or visit www.sunywcc.edu/gallery.

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

Toddler Storytime. Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except May 27). Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Preschool Storytime. This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount

Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except May 27). Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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

Meditation Series: Midday Mind Break. Benefits of meditation include increasing focus and memory; increased health; reduced stress, anxiety and pain; and increased productivity and happiness. Led by Alka Kaminer. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.com.

Chair Yoga With Alka Kaminer. Experience greater flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and improved balance, strengthening and toning of muscles, better digestion, stress reduction, mental clarity, improved breathing, relaxation and an overall sense of well-being. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887.

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

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

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

DIY May Day Baskets. Create a simple paper basket. For children four to 10 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. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

Mount Kisco Democratic Meeting. All Democrats are welcome. Dinner is provided.

118 N. Bedford Rd., Suite 100, Mount Kisco. 6:30 p.m. Free. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month.

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

Art Series: J.M.W. Turner. As spring hits full force, it's interesting to look at the incredible beauty of Turner's seascapes and skies. Equally as prolific as he was controversial, Turner's private life often paralleled the mystery and intensity in his paintings. A force of the Romantics, Turner brought landscape paintings into the forefront of the art world. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

"Pete Seeger: The Power of Song." Come celebrate Pete Seeger's 100th birthday – and the 50th anniversary of the ship Clearwater – with film, music and storytelling. In 1966, in despair over the pollution of his beloved Hudson River, this legendary musician, singer-songwriter, environmentalist and peace advocate declared he would build a boat to save the river. Three years later, a majestic 106-foot sloop, was launched. With one of the first sailing ships to conduct onboard science-based environmental education, the Clearwater organization carries forward Seeger's legacy. Followed by live music with Tony Trischka and Bruce Molsky and a dessert and wine reception. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$25. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Thursday, May 2

Hudson Valley Affordable Housing Summit. An overview of the current state of affairs in housing and present strategies for increasing affordable housing through new partnerships in real estate, health, finance and services. Experts from community development, lending, real estate and the faith community will discuss ways that affordable housing can be created. Keynote speakers include George Latimer, Westchester County Executive George Latimer and Dutchess County Executive Mar Molinaro. New York State Judicial Institute Elisabeth Haub School of Law, 78 North Broadway, White Plains. 8 to 10 a.m. General admission: \$25. New York State attorneys (includes three practice credits): \$160. Registration required. Info: E-mail landuse@law.pace.edu. Registration: <http://www.alumni.pace.edu/s/1655/02-alumni/index.aspx?sid=1655&pgid=2124&gid=2>

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Latimer Terminates Playland Deal Triggering Fears of Litigation

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the County address that Latimer was looking for a way to terminate the deal.

On Monday, he said he was disappointed but not surprised, especially by the administration's secrecy about an additional \$5 million offer from Standard Amusements about two weeks ago.

"I am very troubled by the administration's great efforts to avoid transparency and cooperation with the legislature in their plan to break the contract with Standard Amusements," Testa said. "Along with returning to past practice of having complete financial burden for Playland Park, Westchester

taxpayers face a very expensive and long litigation process that will end up costing Westchester millions."

Legislators Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) and Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant) said they had more questions than answers at this point. Kaplowitz said he wants to know the reasons behind the termination beyond what he has read, what the ramifications are and what's the plan moving forward.

"What do we do in helping taxpayers and helping Playland increase attendance, increase revenue, increase safety and health and increase the future chances of Playland succeeding financially, entertainment and safety-

wide moving forward," Kaplowitz said.

Cunzio's reaction was similar, wondering about the new plan for the 92-year-old park be and how to achieve it. She also said she would have preferred the county executive had shared his plans to terminate beforehand.

"If it's not this than what?" Cunzio said "I'm kind of looking at it more pragmatically for the future, not tit for

tat, if that makes sense. This, to me, I'm looking at it how do we solve a problem?"

The Board of Legislators have scheduled a Meeting of the Whole this Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the County Building in White Plains, where Latimer is expected to be quizzed by lawmakers.

Officials Back Bill to Battle Low Assessments of Private Golf Courses

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member Margaret Cucchiarella. "They shouldn't pay on a value they arbitrarily decide on when it's time to pay taxes and then increase that value when you have to show your net worth."

Holding signs of support for the proposed legislation were Croton-on-Hudson resident Cliff Weinstein and Ossining resident Chuck Bell.

"It's important for private golf courses to pay their share and build up the tax

base," Weinstein said.

Zegarelli downplayed the political nature of the proposed legislation.

"From our prospective here in the village, this is a fairness and equity issue that has nothing to do with politics," he said. "Our village has hired their own appraiser to separately reappraise both Sleepy Hollow and Trump National. And it looks like the New York State Conference of Mayors are looking at this issue more seriously."

County Gets Ready for Bicycle Sundays on Bronx River Parkway

The Westchester Parks Foundation and Westchester County Parks have announced 12 Sundays this year for the 45th annual Bicycle Sundays 2019 season.

The program kicks off this Sunday, May 5 and continues Sundays throughout May, June and September - except for the Sundays of Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends - from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bicyclists, skaters, joggers and walkers take over 6.5 miles of the Bronx River Parkway. The program is supported fully through generous donations from Con Edison and

NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital, along with the official bike shop sponsor Danny's Cycles.

Bicycle Sundays runs through 10 municipalities and five legislative districts that include White Plains, Hartsdale, Greenburgh, Scarsdale, Eastchester, Tuckahoe and Yonkers. The course runs from the County Center in White Plains, south to Scarsdale Road in Yonkers, a round trip of 13.1 miles. There are many points of entry and exit along the way.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 395 WYTHE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/1/19. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **395 Wythe Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE FEISTY WOMAN LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/27/19. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any process to **602 Williamsburg Dr., Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KESTELOO VENTURES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 4/5/19. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to principal business address: **1501 Half Moon Bay Drive, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520. Purpose: Internet Marketing.**

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Common Springtime Injuries for Runners and How to Prevent Them

Have you taken your workout outdoors now that spring is here? Before you hit the pavement or trail, here are some injury prevention tips to keep you running outside instead of to your doctor's office.

Like with any new or it's-been-a-while workout, it is always best to progress gradually. Even if you have kept up with your treadmill running over the winter, running outside has its own variables – specific elements that you simply cannot train for while indoors such as uneven terrain, hills and wind resistance.

So let's get into it. What are the three most common injuries for runners? The answer is patellar tendonitis, Achilles tendinitis and plantar fasciitis.

Patellar tendonitis, also known as jumper's knee, is inflammation of the tendon that connects your patella (kneecap) to your tibia (shin bone). It is an injury caused by overuse that can occur in runners due to tight quadricep muscles (muscles on the front of your thigh) and/or from excessive running.

Signs and symptoms of patellar tendonitis include pain, swelling and irritation. It may become more painful at the beginning of your run or after an intense workout. Eventually, it can be painful or difficult to stand up from a chair

or to negotiate stairs. A comprehensive lower body stretching and strengthening program will help prevent this injury, making sure that your quadricep muscle and the other surrounding muscles have the right balance between flexibility and strength.

Another common running injury is Achilles tendinitis. The Achilles tendon is the band of tissue that connects the calf muscles at the back of the lower leg to your heel. Achilles tendinitis most commonly occurs in runners who have suddenly increased the intensity or duration of their runs. Increasing your distance every day and not giving your body enough time to adjust can lead to irritation of the tendon. Other symptoms are pain, swelling and/or stiffness along the Achilles or the back of the heel.

To prevent this type of injury, it is best to increase distance or intensity of your runs gradually and to warm up properly. A calf stretching and eccentric strengthening program will help prevent further and future injury to your calf and tendon.

Finally, there is plantar fasciitis. The plantar fascia is a web-like ligament that connects the heel and the front of your foot, near the base of your toes. The plantar fascia helps support your foot's arch and generally experiences lots of wear and

tear in daily life by simply walking.

Plantar fasciitis is a common orthopedic complaint and occurs when the ligament becomes inflamed due to being overweight, having high arches or flat feet or running for long periods of time. Overtraining or neglecting to stretch your calf muscles can make you susceptible to plantar fasciitis as well. It can be characterized as having heel or foot pain, stiffness, swelling or tenderness.

Prevention techniques include stretches for the plantar fascia, Achilles and calf, along with strengthening the lower leg and small muscles in your foot. In some cases, custom orthotics are recommended to take pressure off the plantar fascia and to help support the arch.

If you start to have pain and swelling in any one of these areas, a visit to a healthcare professional, such as a physical therapist, is recommended. Your physical therapist would introduce a comprehensive stretching and strengthening program and perform an assessment of your lower body alignment to see if you would benefit from



By Rachel Amarosa

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The best strategy to prevent these types of injuries is to go slow, incorporate a regular stretching and strengthening regime, plan out a modest and achievable running program and to listen to your body.

Rachel Amarosa is a certified athletic trainer and the marketing and communications director at ProClinix Sports Physical Therapy & Chiropractic in Armonk. For more information about this article or about ProClinix, Rachel can be reached at 914-202-0700 or at ramarosa@proclinix.com. Also visit www.ProClinix.com.

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

Knitting Circle. This group is open to everyone who has an interest in knitting. Live, love, laugh, learn and have fun together during these creative journeys. Come share patterns and ideas and celebrate creative spirits together while enjoying the ancient art of knitting. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday and Thursday (except May 27). 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.

Bagels & Books. "They May Not Mean to But They Do" by Cathleen Schine will be discussed. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 10:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-669-5161 or www.keelerlibrary.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, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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

Yom Hashoah Holocaust Commemoration. An event that will include a keynote by Holocaust Survivor Helga Luden and a procession of rescued

Holocaust Torah scrolls. Garden of Remembrance, 148 Martine Ave. White Plains. 12 to 1 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.hhrecny.org.

Story Time with Wolves. Youngsters, along with a parent or caregivers are encouraged to read a fun book and then do a nature-related craft. Visitors will also get to view wolves in their natural habitat and explore nature. Please dress according to the weather as a majority of the programs will be outside, weather permitting. Recommended for children two to five years old. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 1 p.m. Adults: \$12. Toddlers: \$10. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.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.mountkiscoliberal.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 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

"The Bodyguard." Based on the 1992 Oscar-nominated film, a stage version of this breathtakingly romantic thriller stars

American Idol finalist LaToya London. When former Secret Service agent-turned-bodyguard Frank Farmer is hired to protect superstar Rachel Marron from an unknown stalker, each expects to be in charge. What they don't expect is to fall in love. Includes Whitney Houston hits "I Have Nothing," "One Moment in Time," "Run to You," "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" and one of the best-selling songs of all time "I Will Always Love You." White Plains Performing Art Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 2 p.m. \$28 to \$57. Also May 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. and May 5, 8 and 12 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

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

Family Storytime. Stories, songs, fingerplays and other activities. For children one to four years old and their siblings and caregivers. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LLC. THE NAME OF THE LLC IS MARY DARRAGH MACLEAN LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on 4/16/2019. The County in which the office is to be located is Westchester. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail copy of any process against the LLC is: **Northwest Registered Agent 90 State Street, Ste 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ORAINE PHOTOGRAPHY, LLC. Ar-

ticles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 3/6/2019. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **Oraine Photography, LLC, 406 Homestead Ave, Mount Vernon, NY 10553. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

FORMATION OF ELMSFORD CHICKEN, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/10/19. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to **Ashish Parikh, 100 Menlo Park Mall, Ste. 500, Edison, NJ 08837. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF THE TAILORY, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/25/19. Formed in PA 2/18/14. Office loc.: West-

chester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC on whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to Anthony Lopes, 3901A Main St., Ste. 203A, Philadelphia, PA 19127. The office address in PA is 1105 Tyson Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111. Cert. of formation filed with **Kathy Boockvar, Acting Secy. of State, 302 N. Office Bldg., 401 North St., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE STYLE MIXX LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 11th, 2019. Office in Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail process to **Nicole Hamilton-Wint, 3439 Fish Avenue, Apt 2C, Bronx, New York, 10469. Purpose- any lawful acts.**

NOTICE 5/2019 Please be advised that the next meeting of the Planning Board will be held at **Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday May 6, 2019** for the purpose of considering the following applications: **Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm AGENDA SKETCH 1. O'Brien Family - 19 Cindy Lane (TM# 84.14-1-11/File: 2019-0193)** The subject property consists of + 1.0 acres of land and is located on 19 Cindy Lane and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is seeking a Special Use Permit, Site Development Plan to legalize a basement apartment. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2. Approve Minutes of April 8, 2019**

TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY Special Meeting May 1, 2019 6PM 1. **Pledge of Allegiance** 2. **PUBLIC HEARING on SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR CELL TOWER** 3. **Authorize** Supervisor to sign contract with Newtech Recycling. 4. Amend Michael Moculski's dates of appointment to the Board of Assessors to: **10/01/14 to 9/30/2019**. 5. Appoint Mitchell Maloof to the B.A.R for the remainder of Dan Vera's term, **10/1/17 to 9/30/22** 6. **Discussion** re: accepting donation of two land parcels on Pudding Street, **41.10-2-51** and **41.11-1-1** by Lea Guccione and Julianna Guccione. 7. **Discussion** re: the classification of 161 acres of land known as the Upper Camp, from the Catholic Charities Organization of Greater NY as parkland. 8. **Discussion** on rescinding Local Law 165-27J: Recreational Vehicle Ban.

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. e Public Hearing shall be held for the purpose of the proposed special use permit of Homeland Towers, LLC (Home-

land Towers), New York SMSA Limited Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless and Sprint Spectrum Realty Company, LLC for a personal wireless service tower and personal wireless service facilities pursuant to Section 165-61 (A) of the Town Code at the Town owned property at 265-273 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, NY (the "site"). All interested persons wishing to speak shall be permitted to do so. e facility is proposed to include a 160 foot monopole with antennas there- on, together with related equipment located within a secure fenced area at the base thereof. **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: 04-16-2019

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The Weekly Feature from Entergy

County Center Ready for Undiscovered Realm Comic Con Reprise

By Neal Rentz

Chris Wilcock is one of the owners of the store Undiscovered Realm store in White Plains, which is a fixture on the national Comic Con scene presenting 30 shows a year.

The conventions are a big hit across the country but there is a downside to the popularity of Comic Cons, Wilcock said. The crowds can be overwhelming where attendees are packed in so tightly making it difficult to move between the booths. Wilcock said his Com Con in White Plains is different.

"It's family friendly," he said.

This upcoming weekend, Wilcock and his partners are bringing their Undiscovered Realm Comic Con to the Westchester County Center for the third consecutive year. The event is named after their store, which offers Mystery Boxes, Pop Vinyls figures, action figures, board games and Pokemon products.

This year's Undiscovered Realm Comic Con will include booths that feature items such as comics, collectables, posters and toys.

Another highlight of the convention are the guests. This year they will include Sid Haig, an actor for nearly 60 years, appearing in films such as "Kill Bill Volume One," the 2007 version of "Halloween" and the James Bond film "Diamonds are Forever." He was also the star of "House of 1,000 Corpses."

Another star of that film, Bill Moseley, will also appear at this weekend's event.

Aside from signing autographs and posing for photos, Moseley and Haig will participate in a photo op in full costume on Sunday.

Other guests will include actors David Yost (an original Blue Mighty Morphin Power Ranger), Shannon Purser ("Stranger Things" and "Riverdale") and Billy West, a voice actor, comedian, singer and musician, whose credits include voicing Stimpy on "The Ren & Stimpy Show."

Undiscovered Realm Comic Con will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the County Center located at 198 Central Park Ave. in White Plains.



Actors David Yost, an original Blue Mighty Morphin Power Ranger, and Shannon Purser, from the television series "Stranger Things" and "Riverdale," are among the guests scheduled to appear at the third annual Undiscovered Realm Comic Con, which will be held this Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5, at the County Center in White Plains.

Individual day tickets are \$27 and accompanied by an adult are \$7. two-day tickets are \$40. Tickets for children seven years old and under while For more information, visit www.undiscoveredcon.com.

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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.

"Oh, My Aching Knees!" Explore options that can get you back to your life. Learn about non-operative and surgical treatment options and find out if robotic-assisted relief is right for you. Light refreshments served. Northern Westchester Hospital's first floor conference center, 400 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.2019knee.eventbrite.com.

American Pop Artist Michael Albert Talk. Albert, a Westchester-based artist who is featured this month in the gallery, will lead guests on a tour of his current exhibit and talk about his art and his story of how and why he does it. He will offer guests a choice of several posters as a special thank you gift. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 ext. 5 or visit www.michaelalbert.com or www.pinterest.com/sirrealjuice/

The Power of Plant-Based Nutrition. Come find out how simple it can be to prepare plant-based foods that are satisfying, nutrition packed, and tasty. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 to 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Michelle Wolf. Wolf has quickly become one of the most influential voices in the comedy landscape as she continues on the path of a breakout year. She recently served as the executive producer, writer and host of the critically acclaimed variety sketch series "The Break With Michelle Wolf" on Netflix. Previously, she made international headline as the much talked about headliner of the 2018 White House Correspondents Dinner. Wolf debuted her first hour-long standup special "Michelle Wolf: Nice Lady" on HBO late last year. The well-reviewed special tackled a wide range of topics from her surprising thoughts on feminism, the environment and why Hillary Clinton could not be a "nice lady" and more of life's everyday absurdities. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35 and \$40. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Friday, May 3

Breakfast With New York State Legislators. The Westchester/Putnam delegation of the state Legislature is invited for an interactive dialogue about the most pressing issues impacting business and the community. Including prevailing wage legislation, the Con Edison moratorium, single-payer healthcare and more. Fordham Westchester, 400 Westchester Ave., West Harrison. 9 to 11 a.m. Westchester County Association members: \$25. Non-members:

\$35. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.wca.org.

Rummage Sale. Proceeds from the sale will support local and foreign mission projects and special projects in the local church. Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, 400 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A bargain sale featuring 50 percent off most items will be held May 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: 914-769-0458 or visit www.pvillepresby.org.

Barn Sale. Come shop at the First Congregational Church of Chappaqua's 68th annual barn sale. There will be new merchandise, clothing, furniture and lots more. First Congregational Church of Chappaqua, 210 Orchard Ridge Rd., Chappaqua. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free admission. Also May 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and May 5 from 12 to 2 p.m. Info: 914-238-4411, visit www.fcc-chappaqua.org, e-mail fcfbarnsale@gmail.com or visit on Facebook.

Spring Cleaning With Essential Oils. Learn how essential oils can help you get a healthier spring cleaning. Create an all-purpose cleaning spray with the aromatic and germ-blasting On Guard blend. Supplies provided, as well as recipe books with other ideas. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11 a.m. to noon. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0038.

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Miss Keila's Jukebox. Children explore the world of music with instruments, props and even a parachute. For children six months to four years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Friday (except May 24). Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Opening Reception for "Heaven and Earth." An exhibition of new oil paintings by contemporary artist David Konigsberg. With this new body of work, Konigsberg revisits the eternal and fascinating relationship between earth and sky, stoic landscapes and their influencing opposite a troposphere bursting with activity and rapidly shifting intention and mood. Konigsberg, an inveterate hiker, depends on the natural world for the captured and imagined drama in his paintings. An upper Hudson Valley resident, the artist is surrounded by mountains laced with foot trails; it is an ideal location for a painter whose compositions are a testament to the sweetness of lingering recollections and

the introspective journeys they inspire. Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 1947 Palmer Ave., Larchmont. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through June 22. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and by appointment. Info: 914-834-8077 or visit www.kbfa.com.

Cooks and Books Party. Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Cooks and Books. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres made by North Salem's best chefs along with beer, wine and hundreds of great books. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. In advance: \$50. At the door: \$70. Info: 914-669-5161. Tickets: Visit www.ruthkeelerlibrary.org.

One Stride: Chosen Family. A program that explores and celebrates the bonds that bring LGBTQ communities together. The evening will feature a talk about queer kinship by Sarah Lawrence Professor Dr. Mary A. Porter, a screening of award-winning director and producer Stephen Winter's short documentary "One Stride: Chosen Family," a talkback and a conversation with Winter and a special performance by The LOFT's Pride Chorus. Winter's 15-minute documentary explores the stories of three sets of LGBTQ chosen families, including that of civil rights activist and trailblazer Richard Leitsch, former president of the Mattachine Society. ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 7 p.m. \$10. Info: Visit www.artswestchester.org.

Friday Night Film Series: "Into the Wild." With a tremendous cast and superb performance by Emile Hirsch, this film examines one young man's journey throughout North America as he explores nature and society. Based on the book of the same name, and directed by Sean Penn, this thought provoking and beautifully shot film examines the sometimes contrasting concepts of man's need for quiet and isolation versus the importance of society and community. 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.

"Mary Queen of Scots." A screening followed by a discussion led by Carol Durst-Wertheim. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Country Line Dance. Dancing followed by a complete dinner. All proceeds to go to the scholarship fund at Fox Lane High School and New York Boys' State. Moses Taylor American Legion Post 136, 1 Legion Way, Mount Kisco. 7 to 11 p.m. \$15 per person. First Friday of every month. Info: 914-241-0136.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Glen Miller and His Politically Incorrect Friends. Miller is making his triumphant return to Pleasantville with a lineup that you should

be weary of. This show is not for the faint of heart or easily offended. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaugh.com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

Felix Cavaliere's Rascals. The message has always been to stand for peace, love and happiness. For legendary singer/songwriters Felix Cavaliere, making people feel good is primary to his illustrious 50-year career that includes the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Songwriter Hall of Fame, Vocal Group Hall of Fame and Grammy Hall of Fame. Signed to Atlantic Records, Cavaliere, as part of The Rascals, the mega hit "Good Lovin'" reached the top of the charts in February 1966. That was followed by "I've Been Lonely Too Long," "Groovin'," "How Can I Be Sure," "A Girl Like You," "A Beautiful Morning" and "People Got to Be Free." Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$45, \$55 and \$65. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

"August: Osage County." An electric production of Tracy Letts' Pulitzer Prize-winning and multiple Tony Award-winning play. Directed by Axial Theatre Co-Artistic Director Catherine (Cat) Banks and co-produced by Stephen Palgon, one of Axial Theatre's founding members and president of the Emmy Award-winning "Star Crossed Pictures." St. John's Episcopal Church, 8 Sunnyside Ave., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. \$27.50. Seniors and students: \$22.50. Also May 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m., May 4, 11 and 18 at 3 p.m. and May 5, 12 and 19 at 4 p.m. Info and tickets: Visit www.axialtheatre.org.

Saturday, May 4

Chappaqua Rotary's Pancake Breakfast. In addition to breakfast, there will be pancake decorating, coloring, games and prizes for the kids. Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 191 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 8 a.m. to noon. Adults: \$10. Seniors and children: \$5. Families of 5: \$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. 23 (except for May 18). Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Mount Kisco Earth Day Celebration. Start with a hike up Kisco Mountain followed by a program at the library featuring live music, info sharing by local

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Solving the Mystery Behind Sing Sing's Prisoner Number 1500

By James Miranda

Gavin Caruthers stared at a blank Google search page on his office computer screen wondering how to find someone he'd never meet and only knew through words: the author of the book "Life in Sing Sing: Inside New York's Most Infamous Prison 100 Years Ago."

It was hard enough that the author wrote the book about Ossining's Sing Sing Correctional Facility anonymously dubbing himself as Number 1500, but it was written more than a century ago in 1904 and left few identifying hints.

Caruthers has spent most of his career in the publishing business and read the book in early 2018 while scouting for books to re-publish through his business HVA Press, which specializes in bringing back books that haven't been in print for over 100 years in the region, mainly the Hudson Valley and New Jersey.

He was keen, however, on taking a shot at uncovering the identity of Number 1500.

"I'm always on the hunt and always looking for the next book to publish, so 'Sing Sing' was just one of those books that, obviously, just the title will grab you," said Caruthers, who re-published the book in February.

"He has chapters on things like diet, discipline, corruption, prison labor, famous prisoners and escapes, and there's a glossary of slang. It's very hard to find

anything that will tell you what it was like in prison in America [back then]."

The 276-page book also focuses on rehabilitation and whether or not it works. Caruthers felt it was the perfect time to re-publish "Life in Sing Sing" after the signing of the First Step Act on Dec. 21, 2018, a prison reform bill that aids newly released convicts and prepares them to re-enter society.

But Number 1500 left behind few clues. He was incarcerated on Feb. 11, 1897, sentenced to 10 years but only served six-and-a-half years, his previous occupation was a clerk and launched a convict-written newspaper called The Star of Hope.

Despite the obstacles, Caruthers wanted to discover the author's identity. He employed his sister, Bonnie Caruthers, because she's the keeper of his family's tree and was familiar with research of this kind. Gavin Caruthers had acquired a link from the Lloyd Sealy Library at John Jay College of Criminal Justice that served as a starting point for his sister.

Through multiple sources, such as the National Archives and Ancestry.com, Bonnie Caruthers recovered official 1880 and 1900 U.S. Census papers and Sing Sing admissions documents that identified two men who were incarcerated on Feb. 11, 1897: Edward Rice and Henry Kirke White.

The 1880 census document revealed White's occupation was a clerk and the Sing



Ossining's Sing Sing Correctional Facility's discharge book from July 1903. The record helped Gavin and Bonnie Caruthers uncover the identity of an anonymous author of a book that Gavin read last year titled "Life in Sing Sing: Inside New York's Most Infamous Prison 100 Years Ago."

Sing admissions book showed that he was arrested for forgery in 1897 and sentenced to 10 years in prison. His sentence, however, was commuted in 1903 by three years and six months just as Number 1500 had written.

In addition, the 1900 census record, which occurred while White was in prison, also showed he changed his occupation to a journalist further supporting the hint that he was a founder of The Star of Hope.

The instances in White's life aligned with the hints left behind all but cemented

Number 1500 and White as the same person.

"Right from the beginning it just seems to make sense between the way he wrote, what he wrote and what he did," said Bonnie Caruthers. "[Gavin] got me started with the admission date and how long he was sentenced for, which was enough. All the in-between was just confirming the consistency of his parents, his family and him. We're pretty convinced it's this guy."

Bonnie Caruthers continued to investigate White's life going as far to discover his Wisconsin roots, parents and his wife.

They were unable to find any living relatives of White. Bonnie Caruthers thinks somewhere down the line she'll search again to "firm up" the discovery.

"He had siblings who all had children, and at some point, I may try to get a hold of one of his great-nieces or nephews or whatever it would be," she said. "I just feel like I want to find the end for him. Even if they don't know their great-great-grandfather's story. (It's) not really obligatory, it's just interesting. You kind of build a relationship with somebody when you do this kind of research."

"Life in Sing Sing: Inside New York's Most Infamous Prison 100 Years Ago" is available at Barnes & Nobles and through Amazon and the official HVA Press website.

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groups and light refreshments. Sandy Morrissey will speak on "Pollinator Pathways and the Survival of Monarch Butterflies," followed by a kickoff of Mount Kisco's own Pollinator Pathways project and updates on the village's trail network and recycling programs. Dr. Kurt Beil will wrap up the program with a short talk on "The Healing Power of Nature," followed by a guided walk along the nearby Peninsula Wetlands Trail and a Pollinator Garden Planting. Hike at 9 a.m. Library programs at Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco at 1 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail EarthDayMK@gmail.com.

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.

Celebrate Moms Tea Tasting. Mothers and their "devo-teas" are welcome. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Limited seating; RSVP required. Info and RSVP: 914-273-3887 ext. 3.

Library Fair. In addition to the book and plant sale, this event will include live music, crafts, a bake sale, food trucks, ice cream, animals, community groups and more. There will be thousands of books for sale. Remaining books will be sold at half-price on Sunday. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. Also May 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: 914-669-5161 or www.ruthkeelerlibrary.org.

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

Wolves of North America. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why it's a special time for packs in North America. Whether the wolves are living on the Arctic tundra or the woodlands of the southwest, wolf families are out searching for prey as they celebrate the birth of pups. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and possibly the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves as well. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 11 a.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also May 11, 19 and 27 at

11 a.m., May 25 at 1 p.m. and May 26 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

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

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

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

Family Collage Workshop. Westchester-based artist Michael Albert, whose pop art creations are currently on display, will lead this workshop where participants will have the opportunity of creating a collage using the same materials he uses. The session will start with a short introduction. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org

Chess Workshop for Adults. Come learn chess with the help of guided instruction and supervised play. Included will be the study of strategy and tactics to make you an even better player. For adults. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 3 to 4 p.m. Free. Registration requested. Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center: Deeply Inspired. All music comes from the heart but some clearly emerges from a composer's most personal space. Composers from four eras and four cultures combine for this rare program, which finds each of them at emotional heights. Purchase College Recital Hall, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 5 p.m. \$35 to \$62.50. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or www.artscenter.org.

Celebrating Our Beautiful Mosaic. The Friends of Neighbors Link holds its annual benefit honoring Jackie Mann and the Elias Foundation, which supports progressive organizations whose advocacy and activism is designed to achieve systemic social, political and economic change. Also, Paul and Shodie Alcorn will be presented with the Gabby Rosenfeld Be a Hero Award. Includes dinner and dancing. Brae Burn Country Club, 39 Brae Burn Drive, Purchase. 6 p.m. \$275, \$500 and \$1,000. Info: Contact Eva Kelly at 914-666-3410 ext. 114 or ekelly@neighborslink.org.

Tickets: Visit www.neighborslink.org.

Performing Families II: The Art of Runway and Step. Experience an unforgettable evening of dance and conversation with two award-winning families of choice. The Legendary House of Comme des Garçons, one of New York's top ballroom organizations, will demonstrate the art of runway walking and discuss the house system's importance to black and Latin LGBT youth. Prestige, a competitive step team from New Rochelle, will perform and discuss the bonds of step, a form of percussive dance that combines foot stomps and handclaps with spoken word. Moderated by Dr. Shanté Paradigm Smalls, professor of Black Literature and Culture at St. John's University who has published extensively on hip-hop, black performance and queer and trans aesthetics. ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 7:30 p.m. \$10. Info: Visit www.artswestchester.org.

Stand-Up With Story: Can I Tell You Something? A night of comedy infused with story featuring Mary Dimino, winner of the best solo show Fringe Fest "Scared Skinny" on Comedy Central; Eddie Brill; and Alyssa Sequoia, who explores alternative treatments on her quest to heal from Crohn's disease. Hudson Valley Writers Center, Phillipse Manor train station, Sleepy Hollow. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.alysa360.com.

Manhattanville College Community Jazz and Wind Ensembles Concert. Featuring the music of Gilbert and Sullivan, Ralph Vaughn Williams and Camille Saint-Saëns. The Jazz Ensemble will present big band works and arrangements by Count Basie, Gordon Goodwin, Lennie Niehaus and others. Manhattanville College's Performing Arts Building, Pius X Hall, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-323-5260.

Taghkanic Chorale: "Carmina Burana." Join the Taghkanic Chorale under the baton of Maestro Jason Tramm as it performs Carl Orff's dramatic and compelling piece with 75 singers, two pianos, a children's choir and a full array of percussion. The concert program also includes three works from major composers of the past 100 years - Norman Dello Joio's "A Jubilant Song," Charles Ives' "Psalm 90" and Samuel Barber's "Reincarnations." The Holy Name of Mary Church, 114 Grand St., Croton-on-Hudson. 8 p.m. Adults: \$25. Seniors and students: \$22. Children (under 12): \$12. Also May 5 at 4 p.m. Info and tickets: 800-838-3006 or visit www.taghkanicchorale.org.

Sunday, May 5

Sketching Safari. Learn to sketch wolves with wildlife and conservation artist Alison Nicholls, a member of Artists for Conservation, the Society of Animal Artists, the Explorers Club and

the Salmagundi Club. Her work has been featured in wildlife art magazines in the U.S. and U.K., has been exhibited at the Botswana Mission to the United Nations in New York and has been used by the U.S. Department of State to promote the Coalition Against Wildlife Trafficking initiative. During the program, Nicholls will explain some of the special challenges she has faced when sketching wildlife in the field and will talk about how to overcome them, whether sketching wolves in Yellowstone or elephants in Africa. With her guidance, participants will be able to try sketching the ambassador wolves Recommended for ages 13 and up. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 9 a.m. \$70. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Booming BETTER Expo. A day created for those 55 and up. Have fun, socialize and learn with talks, presentations, workshops and exhibitors covering health, wellness and fitness, beauty, finance, technology and more. Don't miss the nutrition as medicine, financial wellness, balance fitness, medical cannabis, beginner meditation or style after 55 classes, among many others. Manhattanville College's Reid Castle, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.boomingbetter.com.

"Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil, and Vile." It's 1969. Ted (Zac Efron) is handsome, smart, charismatic and affectionate. Cautious single mother Liz (Lily Collins) cannot resist Ted's charms and falls head over heels in love. A picture of domestic bliss, the happy couple seems to have it all figured out - until Ted is arrested and charged with a series of increasingly grisly murders. As evidence piles up, Liz is forced to consider that the man with whom she shares her life could actually be a psychopath. Based on the true story of Ted Bundy, one of the most notorious serial killers of all time, shown through the eyes of his longtime girlfriend Elizabeth Kloepfer, who refused to believe the monstrous truth for years. Followed by a Q&A with Emmy Award-winning and Academy Award-nominated filmmaker and producer Joe Berlinger, moderated by Jacob Burns Film Center co-founder Stephen Apkon. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. Noon. Members: \$15. Non-members: \$20. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Creatures of Woodfrog Pond. Explore Woodfrog Pond with a naturalist educator. The program starts with an indoor introduction of local pond residents and concludes with a walk to the pond where children will can dip nets to catch various pond creatures. Dress accordingly for muddy pond exploration. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Wine Myth or Fact: The Next Installment in My Series



By Nick Antonaccio

Questions abound concerning conflicting information that constantly surrounds us. How do we resolve diametrically opposed news offerings – whether in print, on television or on the internet? How is it that “experts” who state the “truth” can be so polarized when they present the “facts” on a particular news event or subject?

Ideologies aside, how do discerning citizens get to the underlying facts? Do we have to be forensic experts, ferreting out the truth on our own, or can we rely on select individuals in whom we have built a trust over a period of time?

What is fact and what is fiction? What is truth and what is myth?

In this new age of media-frenzy, our cravings for real-time news and our blind faith in the plethora of social media outlets have created a society of information-hungry individuals where “first to report” supersedes “vetted information” time and time again. To make matters worse, misinformation, whether inadvertent or intentional, can gain a foothold and become de facto truth by the mere passage of time.

Myth or fact: The word “Reserve” on a bottle label indicates a higher quality wine

The media world of wine falls into this category.

In past columns I’ve addressed a number of wine-related “facts” to determine their veracity. Together we’ve demystified subjects as diverse as whether screwcaps are good or bad (good), whether an open bottle allows wine to breathe sufficiently (no) and if sniffing a cork provides an indication of its quality (no). (E-mail me for copies.)

Herewith is another occasional installment in my series on wine “truths” that have been questioned by readers. Myth or fact? Whether one relies on word-of-mouth or the media, there are conflicting – mostly anecdotal – wine-related accounts in the “Bacchusphere” that, in my opinion, warrant clarification.

As in the past, I’ve selected myth-buster topics at random and present them in no particular order of importance or relevance. Here is one for this week.

The word “Reserve” on a bottle label indicates a higher quality wine. Myth or fact? The answer is my favorite reply to questions that beg for a simple yes or no response: it depends.

In the United States, it is predominantly

a subjective term having no defined meaning. It may be a small batch of wine to which the winemaker has applied additional diligence in nurturing the progression of the wine; it may be produced from grapes that have a unique characteristic, be it a particular vine clone or select plot of land. The derivation of the term harkens back to the early days of winemaking, for special wines not offered for commercial sale, which instead were reserved for the winemaker’s personal consumption and distribution. Today, it is mainly a marketing term here and in most winemaking regions across the globe.

However, in certain European countries, including Italy, Spain and Portugal, it is a strictly regulated term used to distinguish wines that have spent a longer-than-average portion of their life being aged. These countries have differing requirements that must be met in order to use the term. Typically, a wine that has been aged in barrel and/or bottle, for two or more years

(up to as many as five years or more) may carry this prestigious designation. The premise is that the longer a wine ages in the controlled environment of a winery, the more refined, complex and balanced it becomes. This is not a universal surety, but it will typically delineate a particular bottling of wine from its winery brethren.

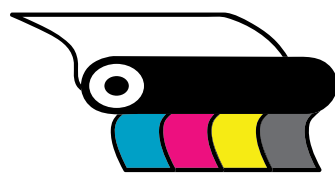
Reserve wines generally carry a higher price tag, presumably due to the increased costs associated with labor and storage – or marketing campaigns.

Coming in future myth or fact installments: 1) always use cheap wine when cooking; 2) the older the better; you should age wine; 3) wine doesn’t pair well with Asian (spicy) food; 4) Riesling wines are too sweet.

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