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Pleasantville Board of Ed Votes to Leave State School Boards Group

By Arthur Cusano

The Pleasantville Board of Education has ended its affiliation with a state school boards organization in protest of its policies, and is urging other area districts to do the same.

The five trustees voted to leave the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) at their Apr. 5 meeting.

Members said the New Paltz Board of Education in Ulster County had already suspended its membership in the organization, partly due to what Trustee Larry Boes said were decisions that seemed at odds with its stated mission. For example, NYSSBA hired a communications director from 50CAN and NYCAN, both pro-charter school organizations.

"This woman worked to funnel money to charter schools for like four years," Boes said.

Board President Shane McGaffey and Trustee Louis Conte attended the NYSSBA conference in Albany in November, and both said they were unhappy with the response leadership gave to their questions regarding advocacy for more state funding for member districts. Representatives told McGaffey and Conte that NYSSBA concentrates on increasing total aid, not how it is allocated.

Pleasantville, like most other districts in Westchester and Putnam counties, is considered a low-need district. It receives no foundation aid from the state even though county residents pay among the highest taxes in New York.

Conte called the conference disappointing, mostly due to the lack of acknowledgement the organization gave toward lower Hudson Valley districts and their sizable financial contributions.

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Nicolai Wetlands Application Denied By Mount Pleasant Planning Board

By James Best

The Mount Pleasant Planning Board last week rejected the application for wetlands and steep slopes permits from former state Supreme Court Justice Francis Nicolai denying him the opportunity to build a single-family residence in Pleasantville.

The decision by the board last Thursday night apparently ends a more than 30-year-old dispute between Nicolai and some of the neighbors near the 1.43-acre parcel that he owns at Leroy Street and Chestnut Terrace.

Planning board member Regina Pellegrino said allowing construction in wetlands buffer would have set a bad precedent for Mount Pleasant.

"We have never approved a building in

a wetland buffer," Pellegrino said. "The wetland buffer in the Town of Mount Pleasant is one of the smallest in all of Westchester County. That buffer is a very important natural resource area because it's the only thing that protects our wetlands from intrusion. Setting a precedent by building a home in a wetland buffer will be setting one of the worst precedents in this town."

Resident Carmel Promisel said during the public hearing which preceded the vote that mitigation efforts should be undertaken since the fill that was brought in by Nicolai violates town code.

"We feel like the wetlands should be restored. If you look at the statement and purpose of our code, it is designed to preserve and protect the wetlands,"

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In preparation for Passover, young children at Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester in Chappaqua were recently treated to an all-chocolate model Seder. Geared toward children up to seven years old, there was chocolate covered matzah, four small cups of chocolate milk instead of wine or grape juice, chocolate syrup instead of salt water, chocolate shaped as a shank bone and other delicious treats. The first night of Passover is Apr. 22.

No. Castle Among Towns Renewing Effort for Hotel Occupancy Tax

By Martin Wilbur

North Castle and other municipalities in Westchester with lodging facilities are again supporting a 3 percent hotel occupancy tax, but there is greater hope Albany will approve the necessary legislation this year.

The North Castle Town Board last week unanimously passed a home rule bill that would charge guests an extra 3 percent on their hotel bill. In New York State, cities are able to levy the charge but towns and villages require state approval.

Last year a virtually identical measure passed both houses of the legislature but was vetoed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo. However, he did sign into law the enabling legislation for three upstate counties — Delaware, Franklyn and

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Assemblyman David Buchwald is confident that there will be support in the Senate and from Gov. Andrew Cuomo to agree to a hotel occupancy tax for several municipalities, including North Castle.

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Q: What symptoms should I look out for?

A: The most common symptom is bleeding after menopause. Non-menopausal women should pay attention to an irregular bleeding pattern: heavy bleeding or bleeding between periods. At the first symptom, see your gynecologist. You will typically have an endometrial biopsy and a pelvic ultrasound. If the biopsy reveals endometrial cancer, see a gynecologic oncologist.

Q: What are my treatment options?

A: The main treatment is a hysterectomy to remove the uterus. At Northern Westchester Hospital, robot-assisted surgery is performed on most patients with endometrial cancer. Patients benefit from decreased blood loss and risk of infection, and faster recoveries. Tiny incisions are an advantage for obese women, who are at greater risk for wound infection; while being mobile the next day reduces the risk of blood clots. When endometrial cancer is discovered early, post-surgical outcomes are good.

Q: Can I reduce my risk of developing endometrial cancer?

A: You can reduce your risk by maintaining a healthy weight and exercising regularly. Know your Body Mass Index (BMI), which represents body fat, and strive for under 25. A BMI greater than 30 indicates obesity. And see your gynecologist at the first sign of abnormal bleeding.

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Bulk Energy Program Letter Confuses Some New Castle Residents

By Martin Wilbur

Skeptical consumers have long been conditioned against falling for something that sounds too good to be true.

But that's exactly what some New Castle residents may have thought when they received a letter early last week to explain the new Westchester Power program. The program consists of 20 municipalities that recently agreed to participate in an effort to purchase bulk electricity and lock in lower energy rates for consumers.

The letters were sent to a little more than 100,000 households around the county by Sustainable Westchester, the consortium representing the 20 municipalities that signed the two-year contract. The correspondence informs residents in the participating communities of the program that is scheduled to go into effect on May 1.

Within the first couple of days of being received, about 20 New Castle residents contacted the town's Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) or town hall questioning what the program was about, said SAB Chairman Steven Wolk. Some even wondered whether the letter was part of a scam.

"I think there is an understandable this-can't-be-real kind of thing," said Suzi Novak, a New Castle SAB member.

"I think there was a certain amount of surprise, even though we had put it in the (town's) newsletter and had told people we were considering this. We all know that everybody's busy and you can't all get completely informed. So when it came, it was a surprise for some people completely."

Residents in New Castle and the other municipalities that have enrolled in the program can rest easy because the program is legitimate. Westchester Power will help save consumers money because it has locked in a lower rate for electricity from ConEdison Solutions, the energy supply company that Sustainable Westchester contracted to deliver the energy. It is a subsidiary of Consolidated Edison.

Novak said all energy consumers who have been receiving their power through Con Edison are automatically enrolled in Westchester Power. Residents may opt out by calling ConEdison Solutions, by visiting the Westchester Power website and filling out a form by clicking on the Opt Out bar, or by returning the opt out postcard within 20 days of receipt of the letter. There are no penalties to opt out.

Estimated savings for the average house in New Castle based on recent 12-month averages would be about \$46 a year for

the "green option," where the electricity is derived exclusively from renewable sources. Customers can choose the "brown option," which uses conventional fossil fuels and nuclear power, and save nearly \$80 a year on their bill.

The program also has no effect on Con Edison, Novak said. The utility makes no money on the power source, only through delivery through its infrastructure which they will continue to do.

If there are service interruptions or other questions, customers would continue to contact Con Edison.

Novak explained that New Castle is the only municipality that selected the green option as the default option. Consumers may choose the slightly less expensive brown option by visiting www.westchesterpower.org. In the other municipalities, which locally include Mount Kisco, Pleasantville and Bedford, residents can visit the Westchester Power website to choose the green option.

Novak said the SAB is proud the town is a leader in promoting the cleaner energy choice.

"The truth is if this was just about saving money it wouldn't be worth all the trouble," she said of the nearly two-year effort to launch the program. "The really exciting part is the opportunity for people

to opt in for the green if their town has not chosen the green for the default."

Customers may choose to opt out of the program after it has started by calling ConEdison Solutions. If they opt out but want to return at a later date they may call back, but because energy rates fluctuate the price will likely be different than the Westchester Power rate.

Wolk said homeowners who are currently enrolled with another energy supply company should check their contract to see if they can leave the program if they want to participate in Westchester Power or if there are any penalties to leave before the expiration of their contract.

He said that after the first couple of days, the calls from the public stopped. Considering the letter was mailed to about 5,800 town residents, the roughly 20 calls received from skeptical residents was a small percentage.

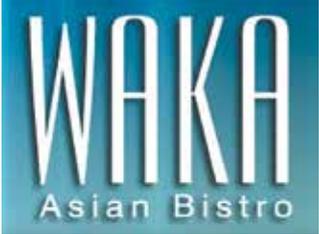
"I expect there's going to be more questions but that was to be expected," Wolk said. "We really wanted to be prepared."

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"The question isn't whether we should get as much money back as the Buffalo school district, I get that," Boes said. "However a zero is a problem, and to not sense that an entire region of the state is being used as a credit card, and nothing ever comes back to us... we don't earn any points on this credit card."

McGaffey said NYSSBA was created by the legislature and employees receive state benefits, but Pleasantville gets no benefit from being a member. Board members are also upset that the organization does not disclose its salaries and financial statements to the public.

"We pay \$9,200 a year in dues to this organization," McGaffey said. "And

they're supposed to help us try and realize our advocacy efforts. But what it always seems like is a lobbying effort for the state education system to lobby us, as opposed to the other way around."

"The community's money has to be spent to help the community," he added.

Board Vice President Angela Vella said Pleasantville schools had better ways to spend taxpayer money, such as working with the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association to craft ads to advocate directly for local districts.

"Those are the kind of things I think are more effective, and I think that as a board, I think we'd rather see our money go towards things like that," Vella said.

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Promisel said. "The loss of fresh water wetlands and water forests deprives the people of the Town of Mount Pleasant of the many and multiple benefits of wetlands."

She said that wetlands control floods and erosion in the area and serves to protect the community's environment.

The board came to its unanimous decision after members explained how the town has never approved construction of a building so close to a wetland.

"The board is moving in the direction to protect the natural resources," said Chairman Michael McLaughlin. "The code is clear, and the ... wetlands consultant could not have been any clearer about the value and the function of these wetlands. This board has been diligent in representing the interest of the natural resources of this town. We've never said you can't put a swing set here, you can't put a porch."

Following the vote, Steve Basini of Petruccelli Engineering, who represented Nicolai on the matter, left town hall without comment.

Resident Joan Scire, another resident who opposed the application, spoke how neighbors steadfastly fought

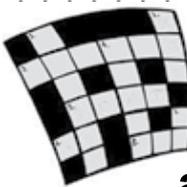
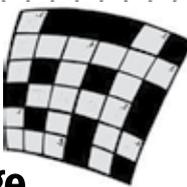
Nicolai because the plan threatened the environment.

"It started with neighbors in 1986 who lied down in front of equipment and called the town to let them know that fill was being placed in illegally," Scire said. "It was kind of like a folk tale. Neighbors came out and neighbors moved in but everyone knew the story."

"It's so easy for architects and engineers to come in not knowing the entire story and trying to debunk what we knew from the past so it's so important to have people from the past sharing their stories so that we can keep accurate records," she later added.

Promisel said the residents vigilantly kept records throughout the years to prove to the board that the application was wrong for the community. She pointed to a section of code that explicitly prohibits building what Nicolai had proposed.

"We prepared a comprehensive document with over 25 exhibits that clearly show the history and the reasons why the only correct legal decision would be to deny this application," Promisel said.


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A&P Files Motion to Break Millwood Plaza Lease

By Martin Wilbur

Millwood Plaza, which has been without a supermarket since the end of November when the bankrupt A&P shuttered its doors, may soon have another food store move into the space.

Last week, New Castle Supervisor Robert Greenstein stated in a correspondence with town residents that A&P filed a motion in bankruptcy court to reject the Millwood lease. Greenstein said that the town was hoping for that motion, which could clear the way for the landlord to negotiate with another supermarket chain.

The identity of a new supermarket could be announced within the next month for the Saw Mill River Road location.

“Apparently, a deal is in the works for a supermarket chain to take over

the remaining A&P leases, including the Millwood location,” he stated in his quarterly town report last week.

However, Greenstein reported the tenants in the shopping center have felt the negative effects of the vacancy of the roughly 20,000-square-foot space. He plans to speak with the center’s owner, Millwood Center, LLC, to plan special events on weekends in a portion of the parking lot to help attract shoppers to the site. The town has also been without a supermarket since last fall.

The Millwood A&P lease was purchased last year by Ruben and Jamie Luna for \$2.4 million. The brothers, who own other supermarkets in the metropolitan area, failed to close on the bid and A&P initiated litigation, which is still pending.



The shuttered A&P supermarket, just before it closed its doors in Millwood last November.

Stone Barns Eyes Zoning Reg Changes for Expansion Effort

By Neal Rentz

The Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture in Pocantico Hills is asking the Mount Pleasant Town Board to amend zoning regulations to allow it to expand some of its facilities.

Andrew Tung, a planner representing Stone Barns, said growth of the center’s programs is necessitating an expansion of its greenhouses and indoor facilities for animals. The requested changes would increase the floor-area ratio from 3 to 4 percent and building coverage from 2 to 3 percent for those facilities, he said.

About 15 years ago the town board changed the zoning from one-acre residential to an Open Space Reserve zone, a unique designation in town to accommodate Stone Barns, Tung said.

None of the center’s other facilities are being considered for expansion, he said.

Councilman Mark Rubeo said officials should consider Stone Barns’ request. The board agreed to solicit



Andrew Tung, a planner representing the Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture, addressed the Mount Pleasant Town Board last week regarding the facility’s request to allow for greater building coverage and floor-area ratio.

comments from Planning Consultant Pat Cleary and the planning board on the matter.

The nonprofit center operates a year-round farm and education center on 80 acres at 630 Bedford Rd. The land was donated by David Rockefeller and his family.



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Oswego — to institute the tax.

Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains), whose district includes North Castle, said few if any travelers would alter their plans as a result of the extra charge. Many municipalities, counties and states throughout the U.S. levy a similar tax to apply toward capital improvements, road repairs or other projects.

"In my view, this is a property tax relief proposal and it's mandate relief," Buchwald said.

With the legislation, North Castle's lone lodging facility, the 140-room La Quinta Inn on Business Park Drive in Armonk, could generate an estimated \$80,000 to \$120,000 a year for the town, said Supervisor Michael Schiliro.

Schiliro said the town's measure, approved last Tuesday during a special town board meeting, would be used to help offset the costs of the town's road repair. Since the costs of infrastructure and capital projects are not exempt from the state's tax cap like school districts, municipalities must find new revenue

streams to help pay for necessary work.

In almost all circumstances, visitors to the area, not town residents, would be the ones affected by the tax, Schiliro said.

"So this is one small way to receive some additional revenue from non-residents and in our view maybe somewhere around \$100,000 a year or \$120,000 a year (would be generated)," he said.

Schiliro noted that North Castle has been passing a similar resolution for about the past six years.

State Sen. George Latimer (D-Rye) said he learned during the recently concluded budget deliberations that Assembly Democrats reached a deal with the Republican-led Senate and Cuomo to not block the legislation this year.

He said in the past some of his Republican colleagues, and to some extent Cuomo, were hesitant to approve any type of tax increase.

"It is my understanding that the Assembly support of this legislation would be by the Senate leadership and the program would be outlined in these tax bills," he said.

Other municipalities that are seeking the tax include Harrison, Mamaroneck, Port Chester and Tuckahoe, Latimer said. In addition, Woodbury in Orange County has also sought the legislation.

Buchwald mentioned that with cities given the option to impose the hotel occupancy tax, it is not a new concept. White Plains, for example, has continued to add additional rooms, all of which are subject to the occupancy tax, he said.

Schiliro said while there is only one hotel in North Castle now, the legislation could yield more revenue in the future. There has been talk that IBM could build a hotel on its property one day.

Westchester Sports Hall of Fame Nominations Being Accepted

The Westchester Sports Hall of Fame honors outstanding professional and amateur sportsmen and sportswomen, living or deceased, who have gained prominence in their fields and who have made substantial contributions to sports in the county. Since its establishment in 1968, the organization has inducted over 200 individuals.

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All nominations must be postmarked by Wednesday, May 25. A nomination form is available at www.countycenter.biz. Completed forms must be mailed to Westchester Sports Hall of Fame, c/o Kevin Cook, 450 Saw Mill River Rd., Ardsley, N.Y. 10502.

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Cindrigh, Board Look to Trim Mt. Kisco's Village Budget

By Neal Rentz

Mount Kisco Mayor Michael Cindrigh said officials are searching to reduce the tax increase sought by Village Manager Edward Brancati in the recently released 2016-17 budget.

Last month, Brancati proposed a \$21.5 million general fund spending plan carrying a tax rate increase of 1.88 percent. The owner of the average assessed home of \$36,000 would see property taxes increase by \$66, which would be refunded by the state because the village has complied with the tax cap and qualifies for the tax freeze.

"The village board will be scrutinizing each budget line in an effort to reduce the tax burden," Cindrigh said.

Since Brancati released the budget, trustees have been conducting a series of meetings. Though Cindrigh said he would like to trim the tax increase, he does not anticipate service cuts.

One area of savings is related to the contract with the Westchester County Department of Public Safety for police services, which went into effect last June 1. Cindrigh said during the first seven months of the contract, savings for the village exceeded \$300,000, primarily

a result of strong administration and supervision. He intends to ask the board to budget about \$400,000 less than the contract amount for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

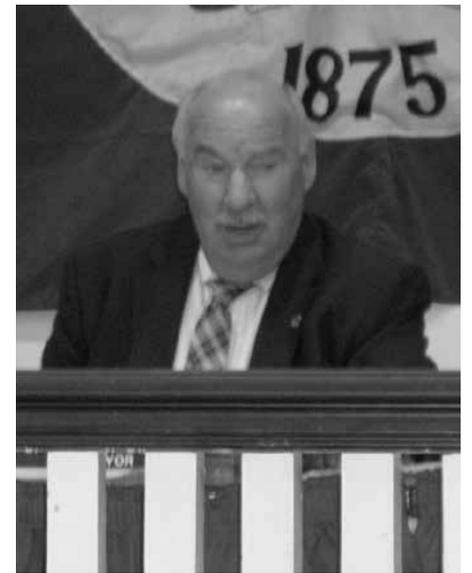
Last year at the time of the consolidation, village officials projected a roughly \$500,000 annual savings, but Cindrigh said for 2016-17, it is anticipated the village would save about \$900,000 compared to operating its own police department.

He said there have been savings in vehicle maintenance, payroll processing, accounting, human resources and legal expenses that had been associated with the department.

Heading into the new fiscal year, the village has at least 20 fewer vehicles to maintain and 30 fewer employees, achieved largely through police consolidation.

The mayor hopes to direct the savings toward other projects.

"The projected savings we achieved with the county police contract is more than we anticipated," he said. "I will suggest we use some of the savings to cover the costs of much-needed infrastructure improvements such as paving (and) curb and sidewalk repairs. Funds should also be allocated to cover the soft costs of the firehouse renovations."



Mount Kisco Mayor Michael Cindrigh

The village is close to choosing an architect to assist in the design of the firehouse upgrades, Cindrigh said. The project could cost as much as \$3 million. He said he would like to transfer funds to a designated capital fund to cover the project's soft costs.

The deadline for approving the 2016-17 spending plan is May 1. The board will continue reviewing Brancati's proposed budget this week. Trustees are aiming to adopt the budget on Apr. 25.

Annual Winemakers Challenge Slated for Apr. 16

The 2016 Winemakers Challenge and Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, Apr. 16 at 7 p.m. at Stone Manor, located at 101 Saw Mill River Rd. in Hawthorne. Event tickets are \$80 each. The entrance fee per wine bottle is \$25.

The event will include a five-course dinner with appropriate wine pairings and dancing and a live DJ. Judges will award first prizes for best white, red and overall wines

and guests will have the chance to sample the homemade wines. There will also be a raffle and door prizes. The event is sponsored by the Thornwood Lions Club and Prospero Winery. All profits from the event will go to support local community projects.

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Proposed State Bill to Tackle Distracted Driving With Technology

State Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) and Assembly Assistant Speaker Felix Ortiz (D-Brooklyn), together with awareness organization Distracted Operators Risk Casualties (DORCs), last week announced a joint effort that would protect innocent people from injuries caused by distracted driving.

Murphy and Ortiz have introduced a bipartisan state bill making New York the first state to consider a distracted driving policy that enables police to examine phones at an accident site while avoiding drivers' personal data.

Distracted Operators Risk Casualties (DORCs) co-founder and Chappaqua

resident Ben Lieberman, a staunch advocate against distracted driving since he and his family lost their 19-year-old son, Evan, in a 2011 accident, has been working closely with the two legislators to implement the measure that would be known as Evan's Law.

For weeks following the crash, the driver's phone was sitting in a junkyard and police never retrieved the phone or phone records. Through his own civil lawsuit, Lieberman subpoenaed the phone records and discovered the driver had been texting while he was driving before the crash. Lieberman was surprised to learn that the local police force was not to blame for avoiding the driver's device. This was typical because there is no official, consistent police protocol.

"The general public knows distracted driving is a problem, but if people knew the extent of the damage caused by this behavior, they would be amazed," Lieberman said. "With our current laws, we're not getting accurate information because the issue is not being addressed at the heart of the problem - with the people causing the collisions."

A key part of the legislation involves new "Textalyzer" technology that will allow officers to detect whether or not the device was being used around the time of a crash, but will not provide access to any content. Conversations, contacts, numbers, photos



One of New Castle's street banners highlighting the dangers of driving and texting. State Sen. Terrence Murphy is part of a bipartisan effort to pass a new law that would allow police to examine mobile devices at accident scenes to see if a driver was distracted.

and application data will remain private.

"The facts regarding distracted driving are startling," Murphy said. "Every year thousands of Americans are involved in an automobile accident a result of distractions behind the wheel. I am thrilled to partner with Assemblyman Ortiz and the Lieberman family to bring more awareness

to this issue and support legislation that will help our law enforcement more effectively enforce the rules of the road."

According to the National Safety Council, car accidents spiked significantly during the past year, the first increase after 10 years of steady decline, said DORCs co-founder Deborah Becker.

Driving a vehicle while texting is six times more dangerous than driving while intoxicated, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found. However, the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety reported that 67 percent of drivers still use their mobile phones while behind the wheel.

"When people were held accountable for drunk driving, that's when positive change occurred. It's time to recognize that distracted driving is a similar impairment, and should be dealt with in a similar fashion. This is a way to address people who are causing damage," Lieberman said.

New Castle launched a campaign about a year ago that highlights the dangers of distracted driving through banners, magnets and greater police enforcement. Supervisor Robert Greenstein said the town is committed to being a leader in fighting distracted driving.

"We have banners in town and our residents proudly display our "Hands off the phone" magnets. The education is important but this legislation is essential," Greenstein said.

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Bedford Announces Veteran N.J. Educator as New Superintendent

By Martin Wilbur

The Bedford Central School District announced last Wednesday that a longtime New Jersey educator has been selected to become the district's next permanent superintendent.

The board of education sent out an e-mail blast informing the community of the pending appointment of Dr. Christopher Manno, currently chief school administrator of the Burlington County Special Services School District/Burlington County Institute of Technology. He is scheduled to be officially appointed at tomorrow (Wednesday) night's board meeting and begin his tenure in Bedford on July 1.

Trustees noted that Manno's record includes high academic achievement in districts he has led while overcoming fiscal challenges.

"We were particularly impressed with his record of being a community and team builder," the board's message read in part. "Even as he navigated some rough waters in previous districts, he built relationships

and brought people into the process using a collaborative leadership approach—all the while providing opportunities for students and staff to thrive."

Manno, 48, said last Friday he has served in his current dual role for about two years, successfully improving shared services, operations and efficiencies in the 44 school districts he oversees throughout the southern New Jersey county.

He said earlier this school year he was contacted by a national search firm that recruited him for the opening and was attracted to Bedford by the high quality education and community support. It is also of similar size – roughly 4,300 students – to the Burlington Township School District, where he served from 2005 to 2013.

"I have been impressed with every aspect of the school community, from the board to the students to the teachers and the residents," Manno said of Bedford.

Manno was unanimously tabbed for the job by the board of education from a field of about 40 candidates.

Bedford is in the midst of a financial firestorm, facing deep staff and program cuts as a result of an initially proposed \$124 million 2016-17 budget with an \$8.8 million deficit. While the district will receive an additional \$754,000 in state aid next year in the recently approved 2016-17 state budget, it is not yet known how school officials will close the deficit.

Manno said at Burlington Township he was able to successfully navigate that district through a similarly difficult fiscal crisis. He faced a \$3.1 million deficit in a \$60 million budget in 2010 and was able to balance the spending plan without affecting the quality of the district's programs.

Manno will succeed Interim Superintendent John Chambers. Last year, the vacancy was created after Dr. Jere Hochman, who arrived in Bedford in 2008, was selected by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to be his deputy secretary of education.

During his last year at Burlington, Manno was named New Jersey State Superintendent of the Year. He also worked for seven years in the Montgomery



Dr. Christopher Manno was announced last week as the Bedford Central School District's next superintendent. He is scheduled to take over July 1.

Township School District, serving as director of curriculum and instruction, then assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction (2002-2005).

Earlier in his career, Manno taught middle school and high school math and was recognized as best teacher in Somerset County, where he was also a track and field, cross country and swimming coach.

Manno earned his bachelor's degree and two masters from The College

of New Jersey and his doctorate from Rutgers.

He is married with four children, two of whom are in college and another who is in high school. His youngest child is in elementary school. Manno said he and his wife plan to live in the area but will also maintain their home in New Jersey to allow their youngest two children to continue their education in their current schools.

Tomorrow night's board meeting at the Fox Lane Middle School Little Theater will begin at 6 p.m. and will include a reception to welcome Manno to the district.

Pocantico Hills Names New Superintendent to Lead District

After conducting a national search and convening a committee of community stakeholders, the Board of Education of the Pocantico Hills Central School District announced last Thursday that Carol Conklin-Spillane is the district's choice for superintendent. The board expects to take formal action this month on Conklin-Spillane's appointment.

Her service with the district will begin on July 1. She replaces Dr. Marilyn Terranova who has been interim superintendent since January.

Conklin-Spillane has been principal of Sleepy Hollow High School since 1994. In that role she has worked closely with Pocantico Hills, a Pre-k through grade 8 district, as principal of one of three partnering high schools for Pocantico's graduating eighth-grade students.

"The Board of Education is especially excited to have Mrs. Conklin-Spillane join Pocantico's administration because of her long and positive relationship with our district," said Board President Emily Segal. "In Carol, we have a respected, nationally recognized educator who also brings demonstrated commitment to our children. She is a student-centered teacher and leader who appreciates the wonderful traditions that make Pocantico such a special place, and also recognizes the need for innovation and rigor in 21st century academics."



Sleepy Hollow High School Principal Carol Conklin-Spillane will become Pocantico Hills' superintendent of schools this summer.

Conklin-Spillane has been recognized for her achievements in developing school programs and practices that lead to high student achievement. Under her leadership, Sleepy Hollow High School has received numerous accolades, including A Best Practices High School by the Magellan Foundation; Breakthrough High School for 2014 by NASSP/MetLife Foundation for high achievement despite challenges; a National Showcase School in 2015 by the Alliance for

Secondary School Reform; and A School of Opportunity by the National Education Policy Center for its ability to provide rigorous programs for all types of learners.

Last year, Conklin-Spillane was appointed to Gov. Cuomo's Common Core Task Force, crafting a series of recommendations that have been widely embraced as a roadmap for improving teaching and learning in New York. As a published author on education practices, Conklin-Spillane was selected as Outstanding Regional Administrator of the Year in 2012 by the Empire State Supervisors and Administrators Association.

"Carol is a vigorous advocate for public schools and works tirelessly on behalf of children and communities across New York State," Segal said. "Pocantico is honored to welcome her to our district and we look forward to a close partnership with her."



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South St. Seaport Museum Founder Remembered at Mt. Kisco Memorial

By Arthur Cusano

Family and friends of a titan of American maritime history gathered Saturday at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Mount Kisco to remember the man credited with saving South Street Seaport and making it the tourist destination it is today.

Peter M. Stanford passed away March 24 at age 89. He had served as the president of the Peekskill-based National Maritime Historical Society and editor of its journal, *Sea History*.

Society President Burchenal Green said Stanford had been involved with the organization since very early in its existence. He had lived on a family farm in Yorktown with his longtime wife, Norma, for the past two decades.

"Peter was a giant in the maritime preservation field, an American treasure, a great intellect and knowledgeable sailor, an inordinately gifted writer and speaker whose enthusiasm for America's seafaring heritage was so inspirational that he influenced an enormous community of people to devote themselves to protecting our heritage," Green said.

"Generations to come will marvel on decks of historic ships or sailing aboard the tall ships of yesterday and not know that they owe these experiences to the will and perseverance of one great leader, Peter Stanford."

Born in Brooklyn in 1927, Stanford

served in the U.S. Navy in World War II as a radioman. After the war, he earned a bachelor's degree from Harvard and a master's degree from King's College in England. He then spent several years in the publishing and advertising industries, and oversaw Beefeater Gin's extremely successful "Grownups' Hour" ads.

In 1966, Peter and his wife, Norma, established the Friends of the South Street Maritime Museum in Manhattan's historic waterfront neighborhood. The group was launched with a \$1 new members fee and grew quickly.

In 1967, the Stanfords founded the South Street Seaport Museum in a warehouse space on Fulton Street. They guided the museum through its early years, and Stanford remained president of the museum until the spring of 1976.

At Saturday's memorial at St. Mark's, where Stanford had attended services, his wife and five children remembered him as not only an extremely well-rounded academic mind, but a man of character and stubborn resolve who made those around him better.

Oldest son Thomas Stanford recalled his father's lifelong obsession with sailing, and his love of politics and his endless fascination with war strategy games.

"I never met his equal, and I'm sorry to say I never will," he said.

Stanford's middle child, Anthony,



Peter Stanford, pictured here with his wife, Norma, died March 24. He is credited with saving South Street Seaport and served as president of the National Maritime Historical Society in Peekskill for many years.

said his father was self-motivated by what he believed to be the right thing to do, regardless of what others might think.

"He famously acted without the regard for the opinion of others," he

said. "If he felt something was worth doing, and nobody else did it, he did it. Had we been living in a movie, he would eventually be proven right and everyone would recognize his genius."

Robert Stanford, his fourth child, said his father also had a good sense of humor, which he only fully appreciated when he got older, particularly his love of the Anthony Quinn character Zorba the Greek, who he said his father seemed to channel effortlessly.

"At the first mention of trouble he'd say, 'Trouble? Life is trouble. Only death is not,' and I always found that strangely reassuring," he recalled.

Norma Stanford said her husband had spent his life in love with the sea.

"I believe he was most truly happy when he was on the water," she said. "Whether in a dingy or a yacht, but preferably on our schooner on a wet day when the wind is whipping the tops off the crests of the seas, the spray is dousing the crew, the helmsman is working hard to keep her steady and the boat is plunging ahead with its decks awash."

A second memorial service will be held at Trinity Church at Broadway and Wall Street on this Saturday at 2:30 p.m., and will immediately be followed by an open house at Melville Gallery at the South Street Seaport Museum, located at 213 Water St.

Obituary

Robert Carnes

Robert C. Carnes of Pleasantville died May 17, 2015.

He was 79.

Carnes was born Nov. 29, 1935, in Brooklyn to Charles and Bella (Carroll) Carnes. He worked as a registered nurse at Ruth Taylor in Valhalla. He loved life and music, specifically opera. He was an avid singer and sang with several choral groups including the church choir.

He is survived by his wife, Gay; son Stephen; daughter Veronica Jennings; brothers Dennis and Terrence; sisters Mary Owens and Maud MacStoker; and grandchildren RJ, Sarah and Thomas.

Visitation was at Leach & Thomas in Ossining and the funeral service was held at Ossining United Methodist Church. Burial was at Dale Cemetery in Ossining.

Memorial donations may be given to The Metropolitan Opera, 30 Lincoln Center, New York, N.Y. 10023 or to the Ossining United Methodist Church.

Police Blotter

North Castle Police Department

Apr. 2: The owner of the Exxon station on North Broadway reported at 1:19 p.m. that a review of the surveillance video revealed a larceny from the cash register at 1:29 a.m. on this date. It involved several youths which the station owner stated he recognized from the area.

Apr. 3: Report of a larceny from a storage unit at the U-Haul on Virginia Road at 11:49 a.m. Items were taken

sometime between January 2015 and February 2016. A witness deposition was filed.

Apr. 3: A complainant arrived at police headquarters at 12:06 p.m. to report receiving suspicious text messages on her cell phone last night.

Apr. 7: A Laurel Hill Place resident reported at 7:28 a.m. that a vehicle has crashed into one of the walls in his front yard. The driver was charged with DWI.



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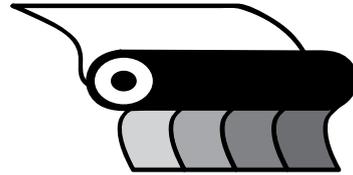
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Jacob Burns, Historic Hudson Valley Receive National Endowment Grants

By Arthur Cusano

The Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville and Historic Hudson Valley of Pocantico Hills will receive federal National Endowment for the Humanities grants totaling about \$69,000, Rep. Nita M. Lowey announced last week.

“Preserving our shared histories and culture is crucial for future generations,” Lowey stated in a statement. “I’m proud these two grants will help the Jacob Burns Film Center and Historic Hudson Valley maintain important aspects of our community’s history for years to come. I will continue working as the Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Committee to protect federal investments in critical cultural and arts programs that provide educational opportunities for Lower Hudson Valley residents.”

Emily Keating, director of education at the film center, said the \$39,759 grant will be used to create a curriculum in collaboration with the Brooklyn Historical Society to help eighth-grade students connect the 1960s Civil Rights Movement to current struggles through the study of primary source materials and media-making.

“We’ll be using the Stanley Nelson film called “Freedom Riders” to study techniques as a way to develop the students’ skills, giving them an opportunity to create their own short documentaries,” Keating said.

The Brooklyn Historical Society brings primary source documents from the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) Brooklyn Chapter, which was instrumental in making progress in housing and education issues, she said.

The \$30,000 grant for Historic Hudson Valley will support the program “Historic Hudson Valley: Washington Irving and the Art of Storytelling.” It will also fund research, concept design, audience evaluation and design workshops to explore the stories and life of the renowned Hudson Valley author of “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” and “Rip Van Winkle.”

Historic Hudson Valley is a nonprofit education organization that interprets, preserves and celebrates historic landmarks of national significance in the Hudson Valley for the benefit and enjoyment of the public.

“Washington Irving was America’s first storyteller,” said Michael A. Lord, director, content development at Historic Hudson Valley. “We want to use Sunnyside as a place to explore storytelling, how Washington Irving stories stand the test of time and the influence they had on American storytellers ever since. We are bringing together a group of scholars this summer to better understand the way we can tell these stories to visitors.”

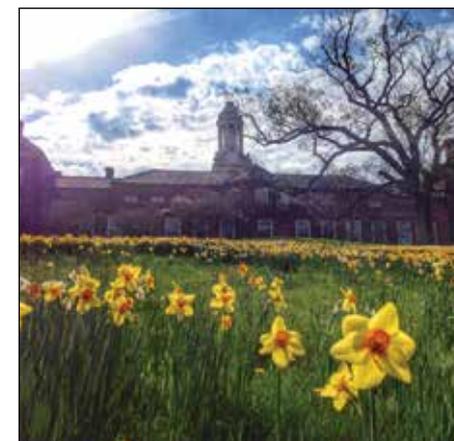
New Castle Historical Society to Host 50th Anniversary Event on Sunday

Since its founding in 1791, the Town of New Castle has enjoyed a rich and dynamic history, serving as the home of many notable residents and as the site of many historic events.

Since its own founding in 1966, the New Castle Historical Society has been dedicated to preserving, interpreting and sharing the town’s dynamic history. Over the past 50 years, the pursuit of this mission has produced its own vibrant history as well.

In honor of its 50th anniversary, the New Castle Historical Society is pleased to invite the public this Sunday afternoon to a recreation of its first public meeting, a Recollection Tea. At that meeting, several residents shared personal recollections and reflections of their time in town. Their stories spanned many decades of New Castle family lore, anecdotes and history.

Several longtime New Castle residents have been invited to share their decades of local memories at this year’s annual meeting. Stories will range from the 1930s to today. Audience members will then have the opportunity to ask questions and to share their own stories. The historical society encourages families to attend. After the presentation, tea and treats



The former Reader’s Digest building, one of New Castle’s most recognizable structures, is the site of this Sunday’s Potluck Storytelling event in commemoration of the New Castle Historical Society’s 50th anniversary.

will be served.

The program is free and open to the public. It will be held this Sunday, Apr. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the former Reader’s Digest Building, located at 480 Bedford Rd. in Chappaqua, courtesy of Summit Development.

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Boys & Girls Club Board Honored With Philanthropic Award

By Neal Rentz

Members of the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester's board of directors have collectively put in decades of service to help improved the lives of area youngsters.

Last month their efforts were recognized at the 2016 Philanthropy Awards breakfast at Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill Mansion. For the first time, a Westchester group was honored by the Association of Development Officers when it presented the board of directors with the Philanthropic Leadership Award.

"They're very committed to our

mission - improving the lives of kids," said Boys & Girls Club CEO Alyzza Ozer.

She said the club's 32 board members, who formally meet eight times a year, have served an average of 24 years.

Board member Stuart Marwell, president and CEO of Curtis Instruments in Mount Kisco, attended the club when he was growing up and currently serves on the board. Marwell said he and fellow board members "believe fervently in its mission. It is indeed our privilege to serve."

The nonprofit Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester was established

in 1939 and serves local youngsters from three to 18 years old. The club provides a variety of programs intended to enhance their lives through education, athletics and social interaction. The club's mission is to help all children including the economically disadvantaged, the learning disabled and the physically challenged, with an emphasis on meeting the needs of at-risk adolescents from 10 to 18 years old.

The club also serves 60,000 free meals and provides programming to over 1,200 youths annually from throughout Westchester.

The Boys & Girls Club of Northern



TOM O'CONNELL PHOTO

The board of directors of the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester was honored last month by the Association of Development Officers, which presented the board the Philanthropic Leadership Award.

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Editorial

Earth Day: The Necessary Annual Community Cleanup Reminder

Earth Day (Apr. 22) is rapidly approaching, the annual reminder of just how easy it is for us to generate garbage and display disregard for the community and the environment.

In some ways, it's wonderful that with spring in full swing residents in the area participate in their town's annual cleanup. On the other hand, it's sad it that there even needs to be a day set

aside for people to look around their neighborhoods and see how much garbage lines roadways and clogs waterways.

Thankfully there are some residents and municipal workers who care about their towns and raise awareness each year on just how much trash is in the wrong places.

In the coming weeks, most towns

throughout the area will be holding cleanup days to help beautify the local roadways and public areas. Check municipal websites to see what each town and village has scheduled in the coming weeks.

It's worth the trouble, helps your home community and is a great way to be out with friends and neighbors.

Letters to the Editor

Time for New Castle to Accept Conifer Project Despite Shortcomings

It's easy to point fingers. Leadership, however, mandates that you take responsibility for the difficult decisions you inherit. The protracted and often contentious issues surrounding Conifer's affordable housing at Hunts Place were no different.

Upon extensive review with counsel regarding the potential for a Conifer lawsuit, weighing the risks and considering that a protracted litigation could impede the town from allocating resources for revitalization and other infrastructure projects, and after reasonably mitigating safety concerns, I stand by the town board's decision to approve Conifer's most recent modification requests. Although nothing about this development has been simple, it is simply time to move forward

regardless of who put us here or how we ended up where we are. At some point we all must coalesce and compromise.

The New Castle I call home is open and inclusive. Any misrepresentations and insinuations from those with political agendas or a financial stake in the development were as false as they were hurtful. Being adversarial when advocating is one thing, but we should all stay focused on the facts. No matter how much time, money or political capital was placed behind this development, the site was and still remains far from the most physically desirable and optimally inclusive in terms of location. Further, the cost in building these units will be excessive especially when viewed in light of other affordable housing developments in our town and county.

To assert otherwise is intellectually dishonest.

While we cannot mandate that Conifer provide a generator to the housing, I am comfortable speaking for New Castle when I ask that they treat the future residents as we all would our own respective families. People should always precede profit. I am confident no party believes otherwise.

To our future neighbors, please know that New Castle welcomes you with open arms. We are excited to show you why we are a community second to none and look forward to weaving you into our fabric.

Jeremy Saland

Councilman, Town of New Castle

Zoning Change for P'ville Assisted Living Developer Unfair to Neighbors

I have been following The Examiner's recent coverage of the Sunrise Associates/Methodist Church issue with interest, and was gratified to see a more balanced article by Mr. Cusano in the Apr. 5 issue. The proper forum for board members to express opinions on this proposal is in a public forum with the developers, not in private interviews with The Examiner. I thought Mr. Cusano's article and the accompanying editorial in the March 15 issue ("No Opinion on P'ville Assisted Living Plan Amounts to a Cop Out.") were unnecessarily peevish towards board members who refused to stake a position on this controversial proposal, and improperly congratulatory towards board members who lobbied for it.

I have no problem with your paper supporting this or any other proposal, as long as your opinions do not taint objective news reporting (always a problem with the media) and are confined to the editorial page, with opportunities on that page for opposing viewpoints. I also think that the March 15 editorial veered uncomfortably close to violating your own editorial policy regarding personal attacks.

There are two compelling reasons why this proposal should not be approved. The first is the establishment of a dangerous precedent in zoning, whereby the Master Plan and the existing zoning can be overturned to benefit one party. Board members Berard and Griffin-Wagner, in the March 15 article, promised "steps" and "airtight" zoning to make sure there would be no further abuses – but that is exactly what the Master Plan was intended to do. Clever lawyers quickly found a way to drive a stake through the hearts of master plans everywhere with "spot zoning," the foundation for the Sunrise Associates proposal.

I would be curious as to what further guarantees can be given. I spent some years on the Pleasantville Planning Commission, and passed many an evening discussing whether a six-inch side yard variance for a deck would set a precedent for future appeals. And even for a small variance, the neighbors who were directly affected were always consulted. So you can imagine my dismay at the prospect of punching a hole through the Master Plan. This proposal sets an appallingly dangerous

precedent.

The second reason is the issue of fairness, as mentioned by board member Stargiotti in the Apr. 5 article. The neighbors on Maple Hill purchased their homes with the reasonable expectation that the current zoning was immutable, and paid hefty property taxes for many years as part of the implicit covenant with Pleasantville inherent in the Master Plan. To now suddenly yank this protection out from under Maple Hill property owners just to benefit the Methodist church is unfair. It is unfair in somewhat the same way as it would be if Pleasantville seized that property under eminent domain to create a park for the benefit of all Pleasantville residents, and paid the Methodist church a token amount for it. I would oppose that action, which would benefit many at the expense of one, in the name of fairness, just as I oppose the current Sunrise Associates proposal, which benefits one at the expense of many.

Richard Vastola
Pleasantville

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Charlie Pieragostini **Retired Recreation Superintendent, Mt. Kisco**

By Martin Wilbur

Earlier this year, Charlie Pieragostini was summoned to meet Mount Kisco Chamber of Commerce President Dan Taplitz and chamber member George Arco for coffee one afternoon.

He had no idea why they wanted to talk to him and didn't pick up on clues they were dropping.

When they met, Pieragostini learned he was named this year's Citizen of the Year by the chamber, recognizing his nearly 40 years leading the Mount Kisco Recreation Department and helping to develop an expanding array of programs for all ages. Next month, he will be honored, along with Northern Westchester Hospital, during its annual gala at the Holiday Inn in Mount Kisco.

"When they told me I didn't know what to say," said Pieragostini who retired from his longtime superintendent's position in 2014. "It's just a very prestigious award and an honor and I'm still scared about this coming up on the 11th of May. It was a total shock."

Maybe a shock, but it's a well-earned honor. The lifelong Mount Kisco resident

has dedicated his adult years to the village's recreation programs. Under Pieragostini's tenure, the village built the three-pool complex at Leonard Park in 1986 and the multipurpose building at the park in 2003, a venue that hosts year-round programs for residents.

He also was instrumental in leading North East Westchester Special Recreation, where Mount Kisco and neighboring communities work together to offer an assortment of recreation programs for the developmentally disabled.

Pieragostini said development of the Fox Senior Center into one of the finest senior programs in the area was another milestone for the department.

There was also the expansion of the village's summer camp from half-day to full-day to reflect the growing number of families with both parents working fulltime. Later there would be programs geared toward health and fitness, such as exercise classes, yoga and Pilates.

All of that happened while he was responsible for the upkeep of the recreational facilities and offering an ever-increasing number of sports and activities

for children.

He credited the community and three distinguished residents, Dr. Raymond A. Wall, Michael Volpe, Pieragostini's predecessor and Wilfred Jennings, for his success and longevity.

"The coaches and everybody that I've been involved with have been the best," said Pieragostini, who at the time of his retirement ran a department with seven full-time employees and more than 100 seasonal workers. "I can't say I've had a negative experience with anyone. I've been very fortunate and that includes staff, village administrators, village board members. It's been a unique experience."

Like his wife, Jane, who he met at the Recreation Department, and grown children Leigh-Ann and Brian, Pieragostini was born and raised in Mount Kisco. A Fox Lane High School alumnus he went on to major in physical education at Manhattan College.

After earning his degree, in the early 1970s he accepted a job as a physical education teacher in the Mount Vernon School District while working part-time in Mount Kisco's Recreation Department on weekends, nights and summers.

In 1975, he was offered the full-time assistant superintendent's role in the department. The one-mile commute certainly beat driving to Mount Vernon every day.

"My first goal was to become a coach



because I played three sports – football, baseball and basketball – (and) lettered in all three at Fox Lane High School, and our kids went there and Jane went there," said Pieragostini, who earned his master's in recreation administration from Lehman College in 1977. "So the sports

was a central function in Parks and Rec. The different variety of programs that you can provide for all the youths of Mount Kisco, it was a natural steppingstone."

Shortly afterwards, he was elevated to lead the department, which at the time was a shared position with what is now the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester, a unique service sharing arrangement between the village and the club that lasted until the early 1990s.

Since his retirement, Pieragostini has stepped up his volunteering, spending more time at St. Francis of Assisi Church. He also wants to undertake household projects at home and for friends and may spend more time with the seniors in town. Pieragostini can also attend more Yankee games.

But he will continue to live in Mount Kisco, a close-knit community where everyone from the residents to village employees, officials, merchants and emergency service workers care about one another.

"It just seems to me the word family is the key here," Pieragostini said, "and how it's so positive."



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Astorino Welcomes Back Beatles Fan Fest to Westchester

Come together because The Fest for Beatles Fans is back in Westchester County for the second year in a row.

Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino will welcome one of the largest gatherings of Beatles enthusiasts in the nation to the Hilton Westchester in Rye Brook for the three-day celebration from Friday, Apr. 15 to Sunday, Apr. 17.

"We are excited to once again host this exceptional gathering of more than 5,000 Beatles fans and supporters right here in Westchester County," Astorino said. "This music-filled event provides another reason why visitors should come out this spring to 'Meet Me' in Westchester."

An extensive group of musicians will be in the multiday lineup, including The Meetles, a classic rock tribute band who drummed up excitement for the festival last Wednesday with a free, hour-long concert at Renaissance Park in White Plains. With a largely new-to-Westchester lineup, some top acts include:

Liverpool, "the world's finest Beatles tribute band: featuring Drew Hill, Chris Camilleri, John Merjave and Glen Burtnik; the Fest's house band since the late 1970s.

Peter Asher of Peter and Gordon who scored a hit with the John Lennon and Paul McCartney song, "A World

Without Love" in 1964.

Mike Pender, founding member of The Searchers who had hits like "Love Potion No. 9" and "Needles and Pins."

Billy J. Kramer, former front man for Billy J. Kramer and the Dakotas in the 1960s, who scored hits with several Lennon and McCartney tunes, including "I'll be On My Way," "Bad to Me" and "I Call Your Name."

Also appearing will be Mark Rivera, Ringo Starr's current musical director, and Louise Harrison, George Harrison's sister and author of "My Kid Brother's Band...a.k.a. The Beatles." She will be joined by additional authors, historians and photographers.

"We are delighted to once again host The Fest for Beatles Fans," said Jeffrey Farina, director of sales and marketing at the Hilton Westchester. "Our venue is ideal for this three-day music and memorabilia-filled event."

New this year are special ticket prices for area college students. Student identification cards will allow access into the Fest for \$20 on Friday (regular door price is \$52) and \$35 on Sunday (regular door price is \$78).

The Fest was founded by New York-born and New Jersey-raised Beatles fan Mark Lapidos in 1974. The first Fest took place at the Commodore Hotel in New York City where more than



County Executive Rob Astorino introduces rock tribute band The Meetles last Wednesday to drum up publicity for The Fest for Beatles Fans, which opens Apr. 15.

8,000 Beatles fans attended. Since its inception the Fest has taken place every year in the New York metropolitan area as well as being held in Chicago, Boston, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Orlando, Philadelphia and San Francisco. The Fest has received great support from the original Beatles members, including Lennon and McCartney.

"I am eager to introduce and host the

42nd annual The Fest for Beatles Fans, the ultimate Beatles-themed weekend, at The Hilton Westchester," Lapidos said. "So many of our concertgoers from past years have been from Westchester so it's a pleasure to hold this annual event in the county again."

For more information about The Fest for Beatles Fans, visit <http://www.thefest.com/2016-fests/new-york-metro-april-15-16-17-2016/>.

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Important Pointers for Homeowners With Space to Rent

Since my marriage, my wife and I have owned three homes and each of them provided for either a two-family or an accessory apartment arrangement, which, especially when we were young, helped keep the wolf from the door.

Once moving to Westchester and realizing at a certain point that our taxes had more than doubled since purchasing our home, we could say the rental income buffered the sticker shock when the tax bill arrived.

Making good use of surplus square footage and deriving added income are the reasons most homeowners consider being landlords, but the challenges and responsibilities of being on call 24/7 are not for everyone. From personal experience, I have gathered some advice here for anyone considering the purchase of a property that would offer a rental income opportunity.

The first step to becoming a landlord is to see what the town code allows in your municipality. In my town, accessory apartments are allowed with a special use permit, which remains in effect for three years, then must be renewed. There are certain restrictions about square footage relative to the overall size of the house



By Bill Primavera

depending on the town. There can be other restrictions as well. I know at least one couple who was disappointed to learn that their basement could not be converted into a rentable apartment because the ceiling was too low.

In the suburbs, most homeowners with accessory apartments are landlords under the same roof as their renters. Others may live at a separate property and may hire a property management firm.

The ideal situation is to have the renter's accommodations under the same roof, yet as private from your own living space as possible, with its own entrance and outdoor recreation space.

The most important aspect of finding the ideal tenants living under the same roof is qualifying them for their credit rating, work status and references. The Internet has made this easier than when we first started renting and has helped us judge when prospects seemed like upstanding citizens. Luckily, our intuitiveness served us well, but today we would recommend much tighter scrutiny of prospective tenants.

Each applicant 18 years or older should be provided a pre-printed form to list his

or her name, birth date, social security number and previous landlord contact information for the past two years.

The form should include the statement that indicates you will run a credit check. There should also be a signature line when the prospect consents to allowing the credit check. Some homeowners charge the prospect fee for requesting the credit report from the bureaus or credit check websites such as Experian, TransUnion or Equifax. CreditReport.com has an option for landlords to receive all three credit reports at one time.

When reviewing the reports, it's prudent to remember that past behavior predicts future behavior. Certainly contact the past landlord about the prospective tenant and any problems there may have been.

When advertising for tenants, your real estate agent will be sure that the ad's language is in compliance with all fair housing guidelines. If you are not using a real estate agent, be sure to check with your lawyer.

So what's it like having someone renting part of your home? My wife and I have been fortunate with our tenants; they have almost all been reliable and pleasant. That said, they have all been different. Some we only saw when they brought over their rent check. One of our first tenants in our Brooklyn Heights

townhouse, which we inherited, were pains in the neck, leaving the front door to the building propped open so their friends could get in whenever they wanted. This was New York City in the 1970s, so believe me, everyone in their right minds wanted their doors locked. We had to threaten eviction to get them to stop.

A few tenants became friends. We even helped name the first baby of one young couple. We would bring in each other's mail and keep an eye on things when either they or we were away. If this sounds like a warmer relationship than most renters and landlords share, probably that is the case when there is just one apartment rather than multiple units.

In my next home I will be calling it quits as a landlord, having chosen a condo where someone else can worry about maintenance. But the experience of being a landlord has been a source of some interest and extra income through the years.

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Greeley Senior Musical Heads 'Back to the 80's' This Weekend

Every year, the seniors at Horace Greeley High School pour over hundreds of scripts looking for just the right combination of sentiment and fun. This year's selection, "Back to the 80's" is sure to provide both.

Since February, Greeley seniors have been immersed in the culture of the 1980s. It is a learning process for the students, but a little like visiting a time capsule for their parents who have been pulling out treasured dresses from proms and weddings, high-waist pants and bright colored leather jackets to share a little bit of their own youth with their kids.

This year's production tells the story of the senior class of William Ocean High School as seen through the eyes of Corey Palmer. Palmer, a 17-year-old, is madly in love with his next-door neighbor, Tiffany Houston, one of the coolest girls in the school. However, she barely notices him. She is too busy mooning over Michael Feldman, the hottest guy around. Michael and his friends are athletic and good-looking...the kind of guys that Corey and his two best friends dream of being.

However, while they may not be the coolest guys in school, they are still one up on Feargal McFerrin III, whose best friend is his computer, and who believes the crazy notion that one day CDs will replace cassette tapes. Throw in a Star Wars dream sequence, high-energy dance



The student cast and crew for this weekend's senior musical production of "Back to the 80's" at Horace Greeley High School.

routines, the obligatory '80s party scene, copious amounts of blue eyeshadow, 20 cans of hairspray as well as some of the most popular songs ever written and the result is awesome.

The senior musical tradition at Greeley began in 1954 when the senior class was no more than 80 students. Fostered by the Chappaqua Dads Club and entrusted to the Greeley PTA, the musical is enjoying

its 62nd year. There are over 200 seniors involved in all aspects of the show as actors, producers, builders, technical specialists, artists and musicians. The commitment and camaraderie that results from staging a theatrical production is unique and memorable. In addition, the show is also an important fundraiser. Proceeds from the show go to fund scholarships provided by the Horace

Greeley Scholarship Fund.

The community is invited to be a part of this unique community tradition and travel "Back to the 80's." Performances will be held at Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua on Thursday, Apr. 14 at 7 p.m., Friday, Apr. 15 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Apr. 16 at 2 and 8 p.m. All seats are \$20 and may be purchased online at www.greeleytheater.tix.com.

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Tuesday, Apr. 12

Italian Language and Culture. Mara De Matteo, born and raised in Italy and passionate about her native language, combines lively conversation with grammatical instruction in her classes. She creates interactive lessons on the richness of Italian culture, past and present, through real-life anecdotes, literature, personal memoirs, films and even photography. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Also Apr. 19 and 26. Info: 914-273-3887.

Current Events Book Club. A discussion of "Zinky Boys: Soviet Voices From the Afghanistan War" by Svetlana Alexievich will be held. Led by Robert Vock. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd., Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Wednesday, Apr. 13

Master Networker Meeting. Join this high-energy interactive membership network of learning-based, service-oriented entrepreneurs and business leaders. Come be a guest any Wednesday to learn more about this world-class business training and referral program. Mount Kisco Coach Diner, 252 E. Main St., Mount. 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: Contact Julie Genovesi at 303-929-7203 or e-mail julie@eurobella.net or just drop in.

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. Every Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. Info: Contact Peggy at 914 960-4097.

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

Pound Fitness Program. A 45 minute full-body jam session that combines cardio, Pilates, plyometrics and isometric movements and poses with the excitement and euphoria of drumming. Using lightly weighted drumsticks called Ripstix, you'll rock your entire body into beautiful shape while torching calories, isolating core muscles and strengthening coordination and balance. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10:15 a.m. \$20. Every Wednesday. Also Saturdays at 11:15 a.m.

RSVP required. Info and registration: Contact Peggy at 914-960-4097.

New Mommy Meet-Up. A great way to get out of the house, meet new friends and enjoy time with your baby. For babies up to eight months old and their moms. Rompere Indoor Playground at World Cup Nursery School and Kindergarten, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 10:15 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday through June 24. Info: Contact Kim Bremer at 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. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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

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

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

"Life is Beautiful." When an open-minded Jewish librarian becomes a victim of the Holocaust, he uses a perfect mixture of will, humor and imagination to protect his son from the dangers around their camp. Starring Roberto Benigni, who also directed the film, Nicoletta Braschi and Giorgio Cantarini. Westchester

Community College's Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 11:15 a.m. Free. Info: 914-606-6790.

Idith Meshulam Korman: A Piano Concert Inspired by Louise Fishman. Korman, pianist and artistic director of Ensemble Pi, is one of the most foremost interpreters of and advocates for contemporary American classical music. During this special event, she performs musical works selected in response to the visual practice of her friend, Louise Fishman. Neuberger Museum Theater Gallery, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 12:30 p.m. \$10. Purchase College students, staff, faculty and museum Circle Level members: Free. Info: 914-251-6100 or visit www.neuberger.org.

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. Also Apr. 20 and 27. Info: 914-273-3887.

The Explorers Club. A new literacy/activity program this fall. Join Miss Debbie to explore a new theme each week (science, art and more) through literacy and hands-on activities. Come read, discover and create. For children five to seven years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Registration required. Info and registration: www.mountpleasantlibrary.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 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-864-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

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

Aminatta Forna, A Reading and Conversation. Forna is the award-winning author of the novels "The Hired Man," "The Memory of Love" and "Ancestor Stones" and a memoir, "The Devil that Danced on the Water." She is also an essayist, journalist and broadcaster. Neuberger Museum Study at Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Free. Info: 914-251-6550.

Naloxone Training. This session will educate residents on how to administer Naloxone, also known as Narcan, to an individual experiencing a heroin or opioid

induced overdose. When administered promptly, Naloxone will temporarily reverse an overdose to allow for emergency service personnel to provide treatment. Attendees will leave with their own Naloxone kit, equipped with two doses of this lifesaving antidote. Ossining Elks Lodge, 118 Croton Ave., Ossining. 5:30 to 7 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: Contact state Sen. David Carlucci's office at 914-941-2041.

Zumba Toning With Amy. Sculpt and tone muscle groups while dancing and shaking toning sticks to the sassy sizzling rhythms of the Zumba. Toning sticks provided. PFX Fitness, 10 Castleton Rd., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Drop-in fee: \$12. Every Wednesday Info: E-mail olin.amyj@gmail.com.

Art Series: "Apollo Pursuing Daphne." Unrequited love was the punishment meted out for taunting the god of love, Eros, and Apollo was maybe the most famous victim in Renaissance art. Many artists, including Bernini and Pollaiuolo, have chosen the moment when Daphne, the innocent object of his pursuit, suffered her fate in order to avoid succumbing to Apollo. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

The New Faces of Heroin. Mount Kisco Partners in Prevention presents this program featuring guest speakers Brian Davidson, the East House director at Fox Lane Middle School, and Steve Salomone, executive director of Drug Crisis in Our Backyard. Mount Kisco Village Halls, 104 Main St., Mount Kisco. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.mkpartners.org.

The Health of Our Waterways: Communities Combating Current Threats. Learn about the immediate threats to the health of the Hudson River and her tributaries. These important ecosystems are challenged by the Tappan Zee Bridge construction project and crude oil transportation, along with regular littering and sewage contamination. Join the Greenburgh Nature Center's Sustainability Project Leader Emma Lagle and Riverkeeper staff to find out how you can help protect our waterways. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. Refreshments at 7 p.m. Program at 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Pleasantville Friends of STEM Meeting. The public is invited to share ideas for increased community-district partnerships in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Pleasantville Friends of STEM, Inc. is a newly incorporated non-profit that has been leading successful extended learning programs at Pleasantville Middle School since 2012-13 and produced the

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REX GOLIATH pinot noir	\$14	\$10.99
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MASCIARELLI montepulciano d'Abruzzo	\$19	\$14.99

Tasting & Class Calendar

FRI. APRIL 8 7PM	SPRING TASTING EVENT AT THE BEDFORD POST
SAT. APRIL 16 4PM	CLASS WINES OF FRANCE
SUN. APRIL 17 2-5	ISRAELI WINE TASTING
SAT. MAY 7 2-5	CALIFORNIA WINE TASTING
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region's second-ranked and the state's eighth-ranked science Olympiad team last year. Activities have now extended to Pleasantville High School and Bedford Road Elementary School. Ideas and potential coaches welcome. Pleasantville High School cafeteria, 60 Romer Ave., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail Barbara Glinski at barbglinski@gmail.com or Martha Matteo at martha@pfostem.com.

Boz Scaggs in Concert. Grammy award-winning songwriter and guitarist Boz Scaggs returns to Westchester playing new material and his old hits including "Lowdown," "Lido Shuffle," "Jojo" and many others. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$68 to \$135. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

World Cup U4 Parents Guest Speaker Series. A monthly presentation covering topics that will interest all parents. Topics will include mindful parenting, estate planning, family nutrition, setting limits with love, and knowing your child from "the inside out. World Cup Nursery School & Kindergarten, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 8 to 9 p.m. Free. Continues monthly through May. Next session: May 11. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: Contact Kim Bremer at 914-238-9267 ext. 20 or e-mail kim.bremer@worldcupschools.com.

Thursday, Apr. 14

Nicole Miller All-day Trunk Show. All Nicole Miller merchandise will be 20 percent off with 10 percent of the event's proceeds going to benefit the Byram Hills School District. Guests will receive a gift for purchases of \$300 or more. Followed by an evening shopping event with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Beginnings, 575 Main St., Armonk. Trunk Show from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Shopping event from 6 to 9 p.m. Info: 914-765-0004.

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

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

Preschool Storytime. This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger

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

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: 914-864-8041 or www.mountkisco.library.org.

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

Gaming Old School. Join old school gaming enthusiasts to play board games like a kid again. Open to all ages. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.library.org.

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

Social Security Education Program. Two key social security claiming strategies are disappearing before the end of the month. Whether you're single, widowed, married or divorced, you only get one chance to get it right. Briarcliff Manor Public Library, 1 Library Rd., Briarcliff Manor. 7 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-941-7072 or e-mail Shelley Glick at sglick@wlsmail.org.

Friday, Apr. 15

Barre Balance and Core. A new demo for the 50-and-over population to improve balance, strength, flexibility and stability. Using your own body weight, light hand weights and a ballet barre, this class will help improve balance, core strength and stability for functions of daily living. A free trial is available. Addie-tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 9:30 a.m. \$12. Every Friday. Info: Contact Amy Olin at 914-643-6162 or olin.amyj@gmail.com.

Zumba With Amy. Low-impact Zumba for the older active adult or beginner. Addie-tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11 a.m. Drop-in rate: \$12. Every Friday. Also Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Info: 914-643-6162 or e-mail olin.amyj@gmail.com.

Friday Night Cinema: "Citizen Kane."

Find out the importance of "Rosebud," the mysterious last word uttered by millionaire newspaper tycoon Charles Foster Kane as we follow his dedication to the masses and his rise to fame. Directed by Orson Welles, this 1941 Oscar-winning film shot Welles to international stardom as an auteur writer/director of blockbuster Hollywood films. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Friday Night Film Series: "Kahanni."

Kolkata is abuzz with the preparations for the annual Durga Puja festival, as pregnant Vidya Bagchi steps off the airplane from London. Her first stop is the local police station to file a missing person report after her husband Arnab had arrived in India for a job assignment. The first two weeks, they talked daily on the phone, and then without explanation, his calls stopped. Vidya's search reveals the dangerous truth. The second feature of a six-movie series of outstanding contemporary films. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. Refreshments at 7:20 p.m. Screening at 7:45 p.m. \$11. Seniors: \$10. Info and tickets: 914-723-3186.

"Gypsy." The story about an aggressive stage mother's quest to live vicariously through her daughters' fame. Join Rose, June and Louise in their trip across the United States during the 1920s, when vaudeville was dying and burlesque was born. This gripping story highlights one of the most compelling and distressing aspects of show business. Music by Jule Styne and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 8 p.m. Adults: \$25. Children: \$20. Also Apr. 16 at 8 p.m. and Apr. 17 at 2 p.m.

"Talley's Folly." A staged play reading about a night in the lives of two unlikely sweethearts, Matt Friedman and Sally Talley. The one-act play takes place in a dilapidated boathouse on the Talley Farm in Missouri on July 4, 1944. A Small Town Theatre Company production. Directed by Tom Kramer. Hergenhan Recreation Center, 40 Maple Ave., Armonk. 8 p.m. \$15. Also Apr. 16. Info and tickets: Visit www.smalltowntheatre.com.

Saturday, Apr. 16

Pleasantville Farmers Market. Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, and the one voted "Best of Westchester" in 2014 and 2015 by the readers of Westchester Magazine. With 55 vendors and nearby nearby parking lots, the market is a delicious good time every Saturday. Rain or shine. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The marketplace is a dog-free

environment. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Chappaqua Farmers Market. Bringing locally-raised and produced food to the community in a weekly market, creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. First Congregational Church of Chappaqua, 210 Orchard Ridge Rd., Chappaqua. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through April. Info: Visit www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org.

Third Saturday Bird Seed Sale. The sale supports the local conservation work of the Saw Mill River Audubon. Pruyn Sanctuary, 275 Millwood Rd., Chappaqua. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Third Saturday of each month. Info (including bird seed descriptions and prices): Visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/seedsale.

Sheep-to-Shawl Festival. Watch agile Scottish border collies as they demonstrate not only their sheep herding savvy, but their ability to corral ducks. And of course, sheep ready to lose their winter coats will be shorn by hand just like they were in the 18th century while costumed interpreters demonstrate wool dyeing, spinning and weaving and lead special hands-on activities for children. Philipsburg Manor, 381 N. Broadway (Route 9), Sleepy Hollow. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults: \$14. Seniors: \$12. Children (3-17): \$8. Children (under 3): Free. Onsite ticket sales are \$2 more. Also Apr. 17. Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.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 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Also Apr. 23 and 30. Info: 914-273-3887.

Adult Coloring. If you're an adult looking for a relaxing, fresh and new activity that will help bring stress relief to your busy life, try this new coloring class. Drop in anytime. Materials provided. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.library.org.

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Adult Salsa Class. Addie-Tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial

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Food to Eat or Take Home Spices Up Spring Crafts at Lyndhurst

By Jerry Eimbinder

About 275 artists and craftspeople will participate in Spring Crafts at Lyndhurst in Tarrytown, a rain or shine event scheduled for Apr. 29 through May 1.

For sale at the fair's booths will be jewelry, clothing and a large variety of creative and unique handmade objects. Available too will be an expanded food court and vendors providing everything from snacks to gourmet food and beverages to eat at picnic tables or to take home.

Take-home-food newcomers this year include Dorset Maple Reserve, Maya's Jams, The Nut Lady and Captain Lawrence Brewing Company, said Laurel Kandel, the assistant director for Spring Crafts at Lyndhurst.

Kandel said a new concessionaire will be Penny Lick Ice Cream, and Twins BBQ Co. Popcorn Man will return under a new name, Herold's Original Kettle Korn.

This is the 32nd annual Spring Crafts at Lyndhurst, once the home of railroad baron Jay Gould. A similar fall show will be held Sept. 16-18.

Many of the food-related exhibitors provide vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options.

Gourmet "Take-Home" Food Exhibitors

Awesome Specialties of Little Tikes. Dips and spreads to include salsa mixes, soup and chowder mixes, muffin and cookie mixes.

Bella's Home-Baked Goods. Includes Italian biscotti, butter toffee, cookies and brownies.

Bittersweet Herb Farm. Dips, sauces, jams, oils and balsamic vinegars.

Captain Lawrence Brewing Company. Elmsford brewery Dorset Maple Reserve. Bourbon barrel-aged maple syrup.

Dutch Desserts. Chocolate pies and fruit tarts. Pies also include Dutch apple, blueberry, red cherry, peach, raspberry, strawberry-rhubarb, pumpkin and pecan.

Herold's Original Kettle Korn. Kettle corn.

Highland Farm. Venison cuts including steaks, roasts, chops, medallions and cutlets.

Hillrock Estate Distillery. Small-batch spirits, bourbon and rye whiskey.

ImmuneSchein. Ginger elixirs. Ingredients include organic ginger root, wildflower honey, organic lemon juice organic turmeric root and organic Ceylon cinnamon.

JD Gourmet. Barrel-aged balsamic vinegar and olive oil blends from Italy, marinades and handmade pasta.

Kissed By The Sun Spice Company. All-natural Caribbean spices.

Oliver Kita Chocolates. Made with satin cream, sweet butter, fruit and roasted nuts.

Maya's Jams. All-natural, handmade



A pottery-making demonstration by Scott Martin is one of the many attractions at the Spring Crafts at Lyndhurst, scheduled for Apr. 29 through May 1 in Tarrytown.

local jams.

Mostly Myrtle's. Gluten-free baked goods including brownies and muffins.

Pazdar Winery. Wine (including chocolate wine).

Pika's Farm Table. Hot super-sized Belgian sugar waffles and take-home quiche, soup and potpies.

Platte Clove Naturals. Nut-based granola and salad topper products include maple cranberry, maple ginger, apple cranberry nut and curry nut crunch.

Really Good Fruit Spreads. Jams and jellies, including apricot, pineapple mango, strawberry, peach, blueberry, tart cherry, rhubarb/strawberry and pear/ginger.

Sumptuous Syrups of Vermont. Syrups include yellow ginger, black currant, lemon basil, blackberry and chocolate mole.

Taste Artisanal Market. Hand-crafted spreads and locally infused honey.

The Nut Lady. Baked artisanal nuts.

The Olive Oil Factory. Oils and balsamic vinegar.

To The Queen's Taste. Giant-size pastries and baked goods.

Udder Ideas Fudge. Cream and butter fudge.

Warwick Valley Winery & Distillery. Red and white wine, port and dessert wine.

Food Concessionaires

Aba's Falafel. Gluten-free vegan falafel. The Israeli falafel balls are made with chickpeas, garlic, onion, parsley and cilantro, seasoned. Served in a pita pocket or on a plate.

Everything About Crepes. Sweet and savory crepes and baguette sandwiches.

Greek Isle. Lamb and chicken pitas and

Greek salad.

Penny Lick Ice Cream. Ice cream and custard.

Skinny Buddha Organic Kitchen. Soup and salad.

S&S Concessions. Sausage and peppers, hamburgers, coffee and smoothies.

Twins BBQ Co. Pulled pork or chicken sliders and chicken thighs wrapped in bacon.

"The show includes one-of-a-kind and limited edition creations in every material imaginable," Kandel said.

Merchandise includes earrings made of sterling silver and stingray; handbags made with airplane cables; scarves made of bamboo; necklaces made of meteorites; pens made of money; and bowls that look like cantaloupes, alongside contemporary craft pottery, wood furniture, handwoven fashions, bronze sculpture, blown glass objects and more."

Other activities include making Shibumi silk scarves under the guidance of Patricia Disantis; dancing to live music provided by Billboard chart topper The Lindsey Webster Band; participating or watching craft demonstrations by potter Scott

Martin and wood turner Don Hart; and more than 100 musical instruments in an interactive musical experience. Activities for children will include face painting, storytelling, constructing balloon animals and stilt walkers.

Admission (only cash or check accepted) for a weekend ticket are \$12 per adult, \$11 for seniors (62 or older) and \$4 for children (6 to 16 years old). Children under six are admitted free. Parking is free on site and at nearby parking areas with frequent free shuttle bus service.

The show opens at 10 a.m. daily and closes at 5 p.m. on Friday and Sunday and at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Show attendees can tour the Lyndhurst mansion at half price by getting their hands stamped at the crafts show.

The show is sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and produced by Artrider Productions in Woodstock. For more information, call 845-331-7900 or visit www.artrider.com.

Lyndhurst is located at 635 S. Broadway in Tarrytown and can be reached at 914 631-4481 or by visiting www.lyndhurst.org.

Light Refreshments Available at Lightscapes at Van Cortlandt Manor

By Jerry Eimbinder

Lightscapes, an illumination and sculpture show, returns for its third year at Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson with a schedule expanded to 20 evenings, rain or shine, beginning Apr. 29.

New features include a walk-through Bubble Tunnel, a "Shadow Dancing" wall and a 40-foot-long, centipede-like sculpture that visitors can walk under.

Light refreshments will be provided in a hospitality tent by The Blue Pig in Croton-on-Hudson, Irvington's Geordane's, Homestyle Desserts Bakery in Peekskill and Laurie's Homemade Candy of Wayne, N.J.

The Blue Pig will offer organic sorbet and a wide variety of ice cream flavors.

Geordane's will serve freshly popped popcorn, hot pretzels, hot dogs, cupcakes, brownies, cookies, snack packs with pretzels, hummus, salami and cheese, fresh-squeezed lemonade, hot or iced coffee and tea, soda and water.

Spring-themed sweets will be available from Homestyle Desserts Bakery, a



JENNIFER MITCHELL PHOTO

Lightscapes, an illumination and sculpture show at Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson.

40-year-old retail and wholesale bakery in Peekskill. Laurie's Homemade Candy will offer chocolate and other treats.

More than 7,500 sculptures will be on display, including a giant praying mantis, lightning bugs, butterflies and flowers of all colors, sizes and shapes.

Van Cortlandt Manor is owned and operated by Historic Hudson Valley. It is located at 525 S. Riverside Ave. in Croton-on-Hudson. For tickets and more information, call 914-366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

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Inheritance of Baby Boomer Wealth Raising Concerns

It could be something as simple as a mother's favorite hutch or a father's armoire, or as complicated as a sprawling estate in a prime location.

What I am talking about is the inevitable sticking point that will come when siblings gather to discuss dividing their parents' estates, an occurrence that soon will be growing exponentially. Sooner or later, despite everyone's stated best intentions, there may come a time when siblings disagree over who gets what or how assets should be divided.

Baby boomers are aging, and their descendants' interest in the wealth and belongings they have accumulated throughout their lives is steadily increasing. By some estimates, the next three decades could see a transfer of wealth in excess of \$30 trillion dollars from the Boomer generation to the next, more than double the amount transferred by the previous generation to its offspring.

And with all that wealth on the line, there may be disputes. Handling those disputes is just one element of preparation, in addition to ensuring baby boomers have sufficient income to last through



By Kevin Peters

their retirement years.

While it may be impossible to avoid all disagreements, there are some precautions that can be taken immediately to smooth the ground as much as possible. Start out with basic planning.

With some baby boomers already in retirement and many more on the way, it is imperative that those at or near retirement age have a good idea of the type of lifestyle they intend to live in retirement and how much income they will need to sustain that dream.

With most retirees planning on having at least some Social Security income as part of their overall package, it would help to know that many experts believe there will always be Social Security of some sort for the boomer generation. The amount that comes in every month may change in the future, but for us, there should be something as long as we live.

That same level of certainty can be applied to dividing our parents' assets. There should be something for everyone (at least in the majority of circumstances), and the first place to look for details outlining that basic premise is in a will. If there isn't one yet, there certainly should

be, and it should be attended to before it is too late.

It also is helpful if the heirs all agree to the selection estate executor, someone who is fair and impartial and will honor the wishes of the deceased. Executors could be one of the heirs, a spouse or someone who has expertise in the handling of such matters, such as a financial professional or an attorney.

When both parents have passed away, the executor will have the authority to determine the value of the estate through appraisals of real property, and a listing of all bills that are owed, including taxes and other debts. The executor also can determine which items have been mentioned in the will as being designated for a particular heir and can see that the dictates of the will are followed.

In addition to any real property, there also could be insurance policies, stocks, bonds and other investments that will require attention. Among the questions to ask: Should such assets be liquidated and the funds dispersed among the heirs or should they continue to grow with dividends shared?

Another important consideration is

whether heirs' spouses should be included in the discussions and eventual dissolution of parental assets. While there are some cases where including spouses could help, others believe that "no spouses" should be a hard, fast rule from the beginning. Thus, any decisions on how best to go forward with the estate's assets will be made only by those who have a direct family interest.

The best policy is to address the issues concerning inheritance early and often to avoid conflicts and disagreements that could result in the matter going to court instead of being solved amicably.

The trickle of baby boomers that now are involved in estate dissolution soon will be a flood, and it is in everyone's best interest to seek out solid

advice sooner rather than later. After all, arguing over crystal and china or searching for missing pieces of mother's antique silverware set won't provide a pleasant holiday dinner for anyone.

On the other hand, seeing those items at joyous family gatherings can spark warm and loving memories for everyone.

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The Prudent Portfolio

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Businesses and Volunteers Join Forces to Clean Saw Mill

Leading in to Earth Week, on Saturday, Apr. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Groundwork Hudson Valley will host the 7th annual Great Saw Mill River Cleanup. Nearly 200 volunteers will gather at eight sites throughout the Saw Mill River watershed to clear trash from the river and save trees by cutting invasive vines.

Join in at any one of several sites, from Yonkers to Elmsford, and bring friends and family for a fun day of rewarding outdoor work.

This year's Great Saw Mill River Cleanup is a true community partnership between businesses, government and citizens. Local businesses have stepped up as sponsors, ensuring the continuation of not only this cleanup but monthly Free-A-Tree vine clearings throughout the winter and new recreation areas underway along the river near the Saw Mill Parkway's Farragut Avenue exit in Hastings. With Ginsburg Development leading the way, other main sponsors include Rivertowns Square, Saber Real Estate, Lincoln Property, Yonkers Tennis Center and Hastings Self Storage. Many local companies are sending groups to volunteer. Local and state agencies are



The Great Saw Mill Cleanup will take place this Saturday at locations throughout the county.

taking care of hauling away the trash from each of the sites.

Over the years, hundreds of volunteers have taken part in this even, and have significantly improved the look and health of the river.

"The Great Saw Mill River Clean Up is a great way to get the community together to make a noticeable change in the neighborhoods we love,"

said Nathan Hunter, river and land programs associate at Groundwork Hudson Valley.

This year sites will include Van der Donck Park at the Daylighting in Yonkers; Walsh Road and War Memorial Field in Yonkers; Hearst Street in Yonkers along the South County Trailway; Lawrence Street in Ardsley along the South County

Trailway; Farragut Avenue in Hastings along the South County Trailway; and Woodlands Lake in Irvington along the South County Trailway. Science Barge volunteers will be working at a separate location, on Ann Street in Yonkers.

Groundwork will provide tools, gloves and supplies. Participants should bring water and wear long sleeves, long pants, and close-toed shoes. To register and get more information on the sites visit www.groundworkhv.eventbrite.com, e-mail nathan@groundworkhv.org, or call 914-375-2151. Registration is not required.

Groundwork Hudson Valley is an environmental nonprofit that works with communities in the region to provide on-the-ground, grassroots initiatives that make spaces more livable and engaging. Signature programs include the Science Barge, Saw Mill River Coalition, Free-A-Tree vine-cutting, the Saw Mill River daylighting, Green Team summer employment program, Citizen Farmers, the Get Fresh Yonkers Farmers' Market and the Yonkers RailTrail.

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The Plight of Informed and Diligent Wine Consumers



By Nick Antonaccio

Consumers are increasingly aware of the nutritional and health values of unprocessed ingredients. They are seeking out products grown, raised or prepared as they were for centuries before the industrialization of food products, before the era of chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides, and yes, before Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) products.

Before the Industrial Revolution, nature dominated the production of food. Man reluctantly accepted that a portion of the annual crops would be sacrificed in the name of the balance of nature. Foraging birds and other wildlife were symbiotic with man in sharing resources.

Nature provided insect control and crop fertilization; man grudgingly shared his harvest with nature.

With the Industrial Revolution in the late 18th century came the introduction of petroleum-based products that changed the landscape, and economies, of our planet. New industries emerged that catapulted nations and societies into a new era of urbanization, innovations in manufacturing and the obsession with corporate bottom lines.

Farmers, including vineyard owners, seeking to optimize their cash flow, reverted to low cost practices and enhanced financial returns. Man-made chemical fertilizers, herbicides, fungicides and pesticides became the norm. By the 1960s, farmers had

succumbed to a profit-over-safety mentality. American consumers became aware that pesticides such as DDT and chlordane were dangerous to their health, far outweighing the economic benefits touted by manufacturers. Chemical fertilizers, in addition to causing long-term deterioration of soil fertility and tilth, were determined to be unhealthy for human consumption.

The 21st century has brought another revolution, one that is consumer-led. Technology has created a vast, thriving, industrial food complex, at times fraught with health risks. In the face of this juggernaut, consumers have become highly educated – and vocal – in demanding disclosure of product ingredients and processing. Concepts such as natural, organic and sustainable have entered the lexicon as the underpinnings for making healthy food choices.

Today, when the growing numbers of informed and diligent consumers prepare a meal of the most healthful foods found in the marketplace, they sit at the table proud of their choices. They may celebrate their meal with a glass of wine. Ah, peace of mind that the industrial food complex has been successfully sidestepped. But perhaps not.

The recent introduction of GMOs has raised concerns over the long-term negative health effects on humans. Compounding this uncertainty is a consumer's inability to identify such products, which are proliferating in several agricultural markets. Over 80 percent of all corn and soy grown in the United States today is from genetically engineered seeds.

Another battle between man and nature being waged in farms and vineyards today is the impact of the unintended consequences of the industrial food complex. New studies have been conducted to determine the impact of synthetic agricultural products on naturally maintained farms and vineyards. The results are not promising.

Natural winemaking has grown significantly over the last decade, with popular support for the health of vineyards, global farmlands, the atmosphere and wine consumers. Here's the rub: natural forces may adulterate and affect grape crops regardless of man's effort to insulate himself from the influences of industrial behemoths.

Examples abound: shifting winds that carry air-borne pesticides and herbicides from non-organic vineyards and other farmlands to organically sustained vineyards; higher-than-normal rains that carry atmospheric-trapped contaminants across a wide swath of vineyards; runoff of contaminated water from multiple sources into organic properties and water sources.

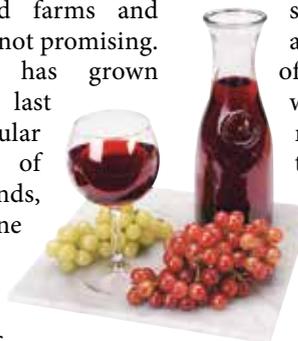
The dangers of industrial herbicides and pesticides are well documented. Last year a French laboratory tested 92 bottles

of wine and found small (non-lethal) traces of pesticides in all 92 bottles, a number of which were organically produced. Another unrelated laboratory test of 300 bottles found pesticides in over 90 percent.

Last week, the results of another study were announced. An activist group sent a sample of 10 anonymous bottles of wine produced from prime northern California vineyards to a laboratory for testing of glyphosate, the active ingredient in the chemical pesticide Roundup. All 10 wines, including those that were produced organically, tested positive.

In the 21st century, is man in harmony or at war with nature? Unfortunately, given the long-term influence of the industrial food complex, only future generations may find out.

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Westchester Knicks Lose to Sioux Falls in the Playoffs

By Andy Jacobs

The first-ever playoff game in the brief history of the Westchester Knicks could not have started any better last Tuesday evening. Thanasis Antetokounmpo and Jimmer Fredette each connected on 3-point shots in the opening two minutes and the Knicks jumped out to a quick 8-0 advantage.

But the visiting Sioux Falls Skyforce soon demonstrated how they set a new NBA D-League record for victories this season, scoring 18 points in succession over a pivotal four-minute span in the first quarter to take complete command. With Jarnell Stokes scoring a game-high 28 points, the Skyforce went on to a 109-95 victory in the first game of an Eastern Conference best-of-three, opening-round playoff series.



Jimmer Fredette sends up a lefty flip in the lane in the first half of last Tuesday's D-League playoff game at the Westchester County Center.

Stokes, a 6-9 forward, missed only four shots from the field all evening and almost single-handedly shredded the Knicks' game plan, designed to stop the Skyforce from repeatedly taking the ball to the basket.

"Well, I think he did pretty much what he wanted to," said Westchester head coach Mike Miller shortly after his team's disappointing playoff debut at the Westchester County Center. "He's such a tough matchup. He's got that wide body, but he's very agile and he's quick off his feet. You've got to make him play in a crowd, play against length and bodies. We couldn't stay in front of him."

Before the Skyforce's 18-0 blitz that eventually turned into a 25-2 extended run and left Westchester trailing 32-16 with a minute left in the first quarter, there were some hints that the Knicks seemed ready for the challenge of facing the league's premier team. The County Center may have only been half full, but New York Knick luminaries past and present such as John Starks and Kristaps Porzingis

were watching from courtside as Keith Wright made a 15-foot baseline jumper 50 seconds in for the first playoff basket in the franchise's two-year D-League history.



Westchester's Ra'shad James passes the ball around Keith Benson in last Tuesday's playoff game, won by the Skyforce.

Just 25 seconds later, Antetokounmpo took a cross-court pass from Fredette and drained a 3-pointer from right of the key. Following a Skyforce turnover, the Knicks pushed the ball up the floor and Travis Trice II found Fredette open on the right elbow for another trey. Bubu Palo made a short jumper that finally got Sioux Falls on the scoreboard two minutes into the contest, but then Antetokounmpo answered with a little flip shot from left of the lane that gave Westchester a 10-2 lead with 9:38 left in the first quarter.

"Good start," said Miller. "Got off like we were gonna get off to a good start and then it just kind of stopped. And obviously the last six, seven minutes of the first quarter really played into the outcome of the game because the rest of the quarters were pretty even. We dug too big a hole that we couldn't get out of."

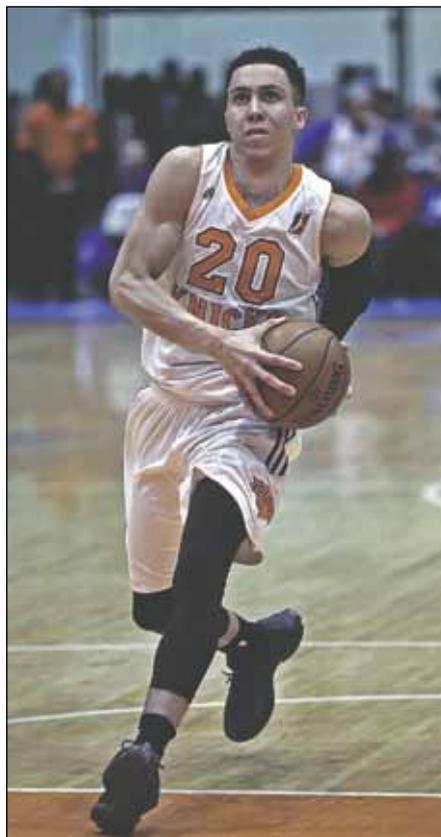
Sioux Falls, which had dropped both of its games at the County Center during the regular season, wound up dominating the rest of the opening period. After an Antetokounmpo put-back basket gave the Knicks a 14-7 lead, Palo drove for a layup that began the 18-0 Skyforce blitz. Another layup, this time by Rodney McGruder, midway through the period gave Sioux Falls a 15-14 edge and the Skyforce never trailed again.

The Knicks, behind 33-18 after one quarter, did erupt for 34 points in the second period, sparked by Fredette, who connected on all four of his shots from the field as he exploded for 13 of his team-high 20 points. But Stokes also made

each of his four attempts in the quarter, helping Sioux Falls, which shot 66 percent over the first two quarters, take a 65-52 cushion into halftime.

"Obviously he's a very good player," said Miller about Stokes, "and when you allow him to play to his strengths, then he has a 12-for-16 night, as we saw tonight. As it was, he was scoring just about every time that he went. The biggest thing is we had no answer for Stokes. That was A number 1."

Westchester only managed to make nine of its 22 shots in the third quarter and never got any closer than 10 points. The Skyforce began the fourth quarter with an 87-74 lead, then extended their margin to 17 points on back-to-back baskets from McGruder. A Jordan Bachynski dunk with just over four minutes remaining narrowed the Knicks' deficit to 99-89, but they never got any closer.



Travis Trice II takes the ball to the basket against the Skyforce in last week's NBA D-League Eastern Conference playoff game.

"They got a lot of easy baskets," said Fredette, who finished the night just 6 of 16 from the field in what was likely his last game in White Plains. "I don't know, they scored 60-something points in the paint. That's the MO of them that they've done the whole year. If they don't shoot the ball well, they're just gonna keep driving, keep going at the basket, put pressure on the defense. So we need to do a better job of guarding the paint."

"The big thing for us," added Miller, "was on that defensive end, allowing the



Knicks center Jordan Bachynski, who finished with 18 points, shoots a short jumper in the first half vs. visiting Sioux Falls.

paint points as we did tonight. We didn't put up enough resistance throughout the game. The speed that they play at, they attacked us even on made baskets. They were getting the ball out, getting it down the floor and attacking. It looked like for a good part of that game, we were a step behind."

Fredette, noting that Westchester was one of the few teams to beat the Skyforce on the road this season, figured he and his teammates still had a chance in the series despite the loss at the County Center.

"We have won a game at their place this year," he said. "So I think it's something that we know we CAN do. We've just gotta go up there and play aggressive. There's no holding back, leave it all on the floor and hopefully come out with a couple of wins."

Predictably, though, the Knicks, after making the trip halfway across the country to Sioux Falls for Friday's second game of the series, were eliminated by the Skyforce 112-105. Fredette scored 26 points and local product Ra'shad James added 17, but the Knicks, after building a surprising 11-point lead in the third quarter, wound up being overwhelmed by another huge Sioux Falls run, 39-10 bridging the third and fourth quarters.

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Pace sophomore Jaelyn Flores pitches in relief during last Wednesday's home game vs. Adelphi.



Shortstop Ashley Lew is off and running in pursuit of the ball in Pace's 4-3 loss to Adelphi.



Senior third baseman Victoria Quinones fires the ball to first base in last week's game against the Adelphi Panthers at Pace Field in Briarcliff.

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Pace outfielder Tara Bernstein rounds second base in the fifth inning of last Wednesday's game.



Pace catcher Samantha Lima watches her two-run homer clear the fence in last Wednesday's home game against Adelphi.

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Pace senior attackman Tyler Meigel heads for the cage during the Setters' 14-13 overtime loss to Southern New Hampshire.



The Setters' Vincent Vasheo takes the ball up the field in Saturday's home game vs. Southern New Hampshire.



Setter second baseman Haley Hernandez chases after a pop fly during the 4-3 loss to visiting Adelphi.



The Setters' Peter Sharp, who had three goals and an assist in Saturday's 14-13 overtime loss, takes the ball toward the back of the cage.



Pace goalie Robert Beshlina protects the cage in Saturday's home game that was decided in overtime.



Matthew Cossidente gets set to unleash a shot on goal in the Setters' home game vs. SNHU.



Pace sophomore Michael Pappalardo controls the ball near midfield late in the third quarter vs. Southern New Hampshire.



The Setters' Kevin Cox applies some defensive pressure in the first half of Saturday's game at Pace Stadium.



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Briarcliff shortstop Rachel Julie stays ready in last Wednesday's season-opening 11-7 win over Edgemont.



Jackie Contento of Briarcliff smacks one of her four hits in the Bears' victory over visiting Edgemont.



Briarcliff first baseman Emily Stolecki hangs onto the ball for an out in last Wednesday's season opener vs. Edgemont.

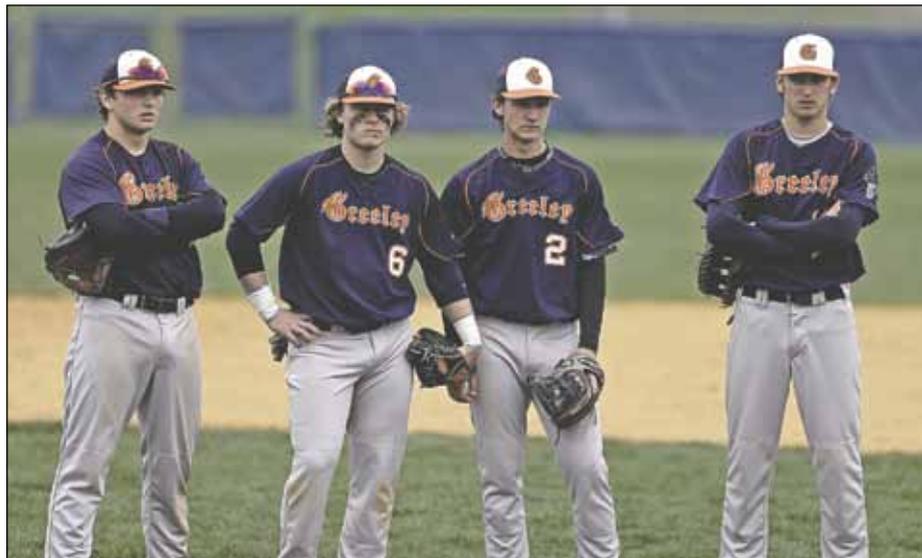


Teresa Marinaccio delivers a pitch during Briarcliff's 11-7 win in the season opener last week.



Horace Greeley shortstop Satchel Schultz tracks the ball in the Quakers' game vs. Roy C. Ketcham on Saturday.

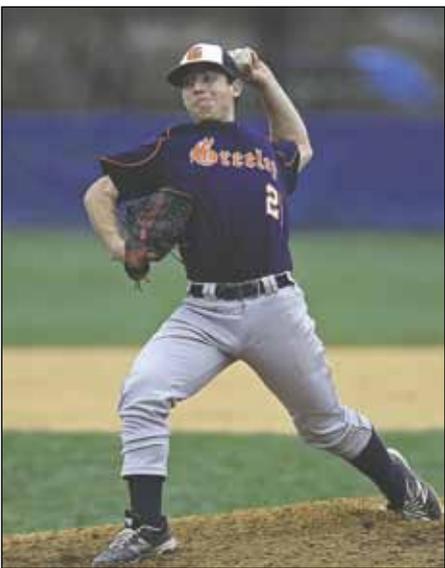
SPORTS SCENE



The Greeley infield of, left to right, Justin Schachter, Satchel Schultz, Mack Lauder and Quinn Carter look on as a new Quaker pitcher warms up in Saturday's loss to RCK.



Meghan Graham of Horace Greeley tries to fire a shot on goal in the first half of Friday's Quaker loss to the Brewster Bears.



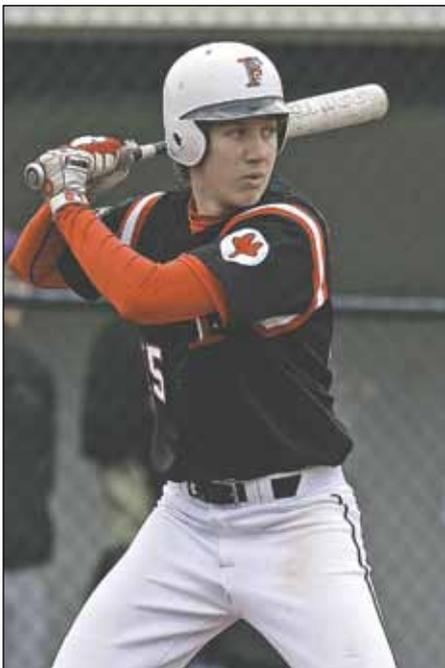
Greeley starting pitcher Jake Greenberg delivers a pitch during Saturday's road loss to the Ketcham Indians.



Horace Greeley's Katie Jakacki passes the ball to teammate Bella Arrese during Friday afternoon's game at Brewster High School.



Fox Lane's Robert Lichtenberger pitches in relief during Friday's 1-0 loss to the Warwick Wildcats.



Brian Mullen of Fox Lane awaits a pitch in Friday afternoon's home game.



Ian Odley of Greeley pitches in relief during Saturday's game at Roy C. Ketcham.

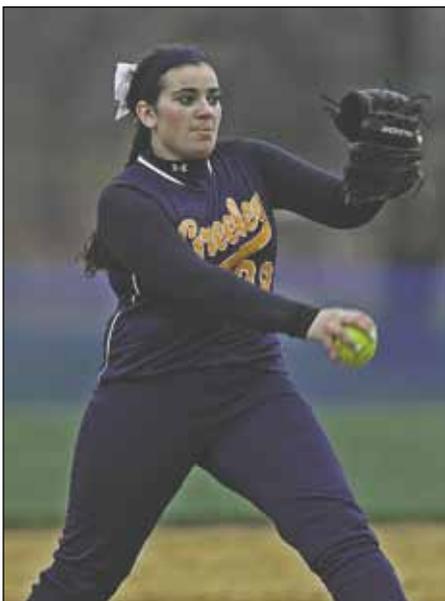


Ian Corry of Fox Lane delivers a pitch Friday afternoon during the Foxes' home game vs. Section 9's Warwick.

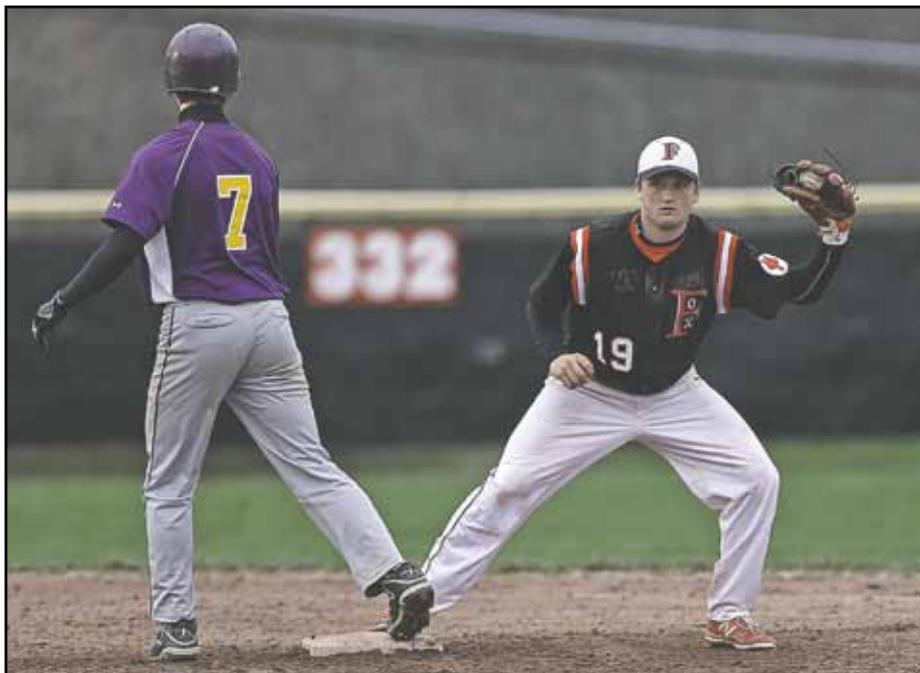
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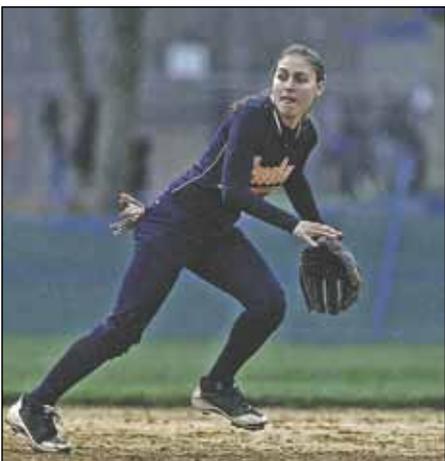
Greeley goalie Meghan Conroy searches for an open teammate after making a save in Friday's game.



Jackie Hoffman of Greeley fires a pitch to the plate en route to a one-hitter in the Quakers' 16-0 win over Beacon on Monday.



Fox Lane shortstop Thomas O'Sullivan fields a late throw at second base in the Foxes' 1-0 loss to visiting Warwick.



Greeley shortstop Scout Schultz races over to cover second base as rain falls in Monday afternoon's Quaker win vs. Beacon.



Horace Greeley first baseman Cami Friedlander gets the putout just in time during Monday's 16-0 rout of the Beacon Bulldogs.

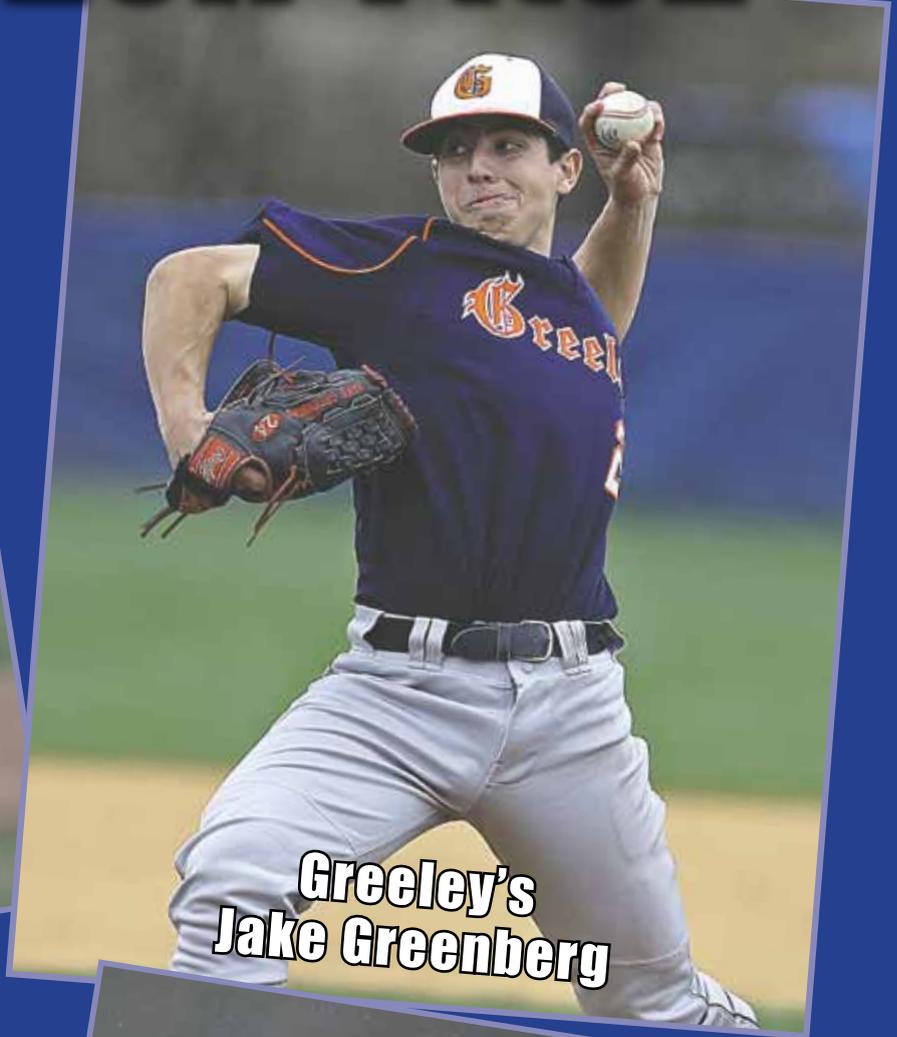


Greeley's Julia Canner has possession of the ball in Friday's game at Brewster.

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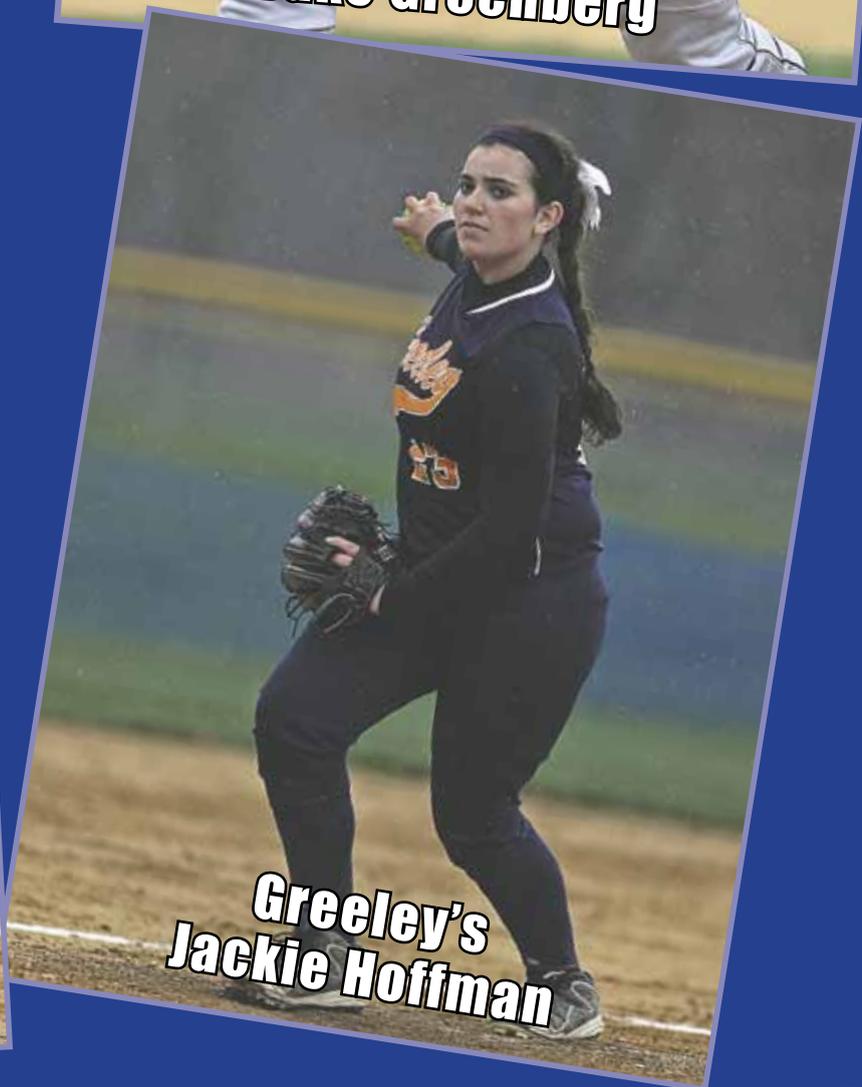
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