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services

Animal Rescue Group

Petrescue

Larchmont

(914) 834-6955; ny-petrescue.org

Don't believe in angels? You will after you visit this 26-year-old nonprofit organization's website. (Note: have a box of tissues handy.) Animal-rescue groups as a whole get kudos from us just for saving animals. But this organization rescues animals and pairs each animal with just the right owner, taking into account temperament, lifestyle, wants, needs, and preferences. You can see the work these folks do by clicking on NY-petrescue.org. And after you've had your cry, pick up the phone, and offer your time or money. Petrescue relies on volunteers and donations.

Framer

Cornell Gallery (Chris Cornell)

Pleasantville

(914) 741-1203; cornellgallery.com

Got a \$10 reprint of the cover of *Abbey Road* you want to put in your den? A ready-made frame by A.C. Moore should work just fine. Got an original *Abbey Road* cover signed by all four Beatles? Now that's a different story. For mementos, memorabilia, and, yes, masterpieces, head over to the tiny Cornell Gallery in Pleasantville, just across from the Metro-North station. Chris Cornell will treat your personal masterpiece with kid gloves—and care for it as meticulously as if it were the Mona Lisa. He's framed everything from original canvases to musical instruments to flags, wrestling shoes, and army jackets. He'll also recommend frames (there are more than 4,000 moldings to choose from), mats (only archival quality matting is used), conservation glass, color schemes, materials, finishes—the whole shebang.

Disaster Cleanup

The Butlers of Westchester and Air Quality Control Systems

Katonah

(914) 232-5656; airqualitysystems.com

There are some services no one ever wants. But when your home's been damaged by a fire or flood—or when you've got toxic mold or air-quality problems that can't wait—there's nothing more comforting than having the phone number for the Butlers of Westchester at your fingertips. It's no wonder that, President and Co-Founder Margaret Ann Furer reports, "at least seventy-five percent of the HVAC companies in Westchester recommend us." This 26-year-old boutique company, still run by Margaret Ann and her husband, Tom Furer, does restoration and cleanup

after fire, smoke, and water damage; its Air Quality Control Systems, a division of the company, handles mold remediation and air duct and ventilation-system cleaning.

Silver Restorer

Artcraft Silversmiths

Mount Vernon

(914) 668-9486

The trusted go-to people for silver, gold, brass and copper replating, restoration, and polishing since 1933, this third-generation family business takes exceptional pride in its handiwork. From tea sets to trophies, Artcraft works its magic—and can often do so in under two weeks' time. "The reason is that I still plate on premises; not many restorers do anymore," explains owner Robert Vitulli. "And since we're a small shop, I can stay on top of everything. When you get too big, you can lose sight of things."

Art Restorer

Helmut Zitzwitz

Hudson River Gallery & Conservators, Yonkers

(914) 964-0401

hudsonrivergallery-conservators.com

Since 1981, Helmut Zitzwitz has been restoring aged and damaged paintings—as well as paper drawing and etchings—to their original glory one inch at a time, and he's done it so lovingly, so meticulously, so expertly, that he's elevated the intricate and demanding craft of restoring damaged art to an art form in and of itself. No wonder he's been entrusted to restore works by

such masters as Winslow Homer, Norman Rockwell, and George Inness, and for such esteemed institutions as Manhattan College and Fordham University.

Office Organizers

California Closets

Hawthorne

(914) 592-1001; caliclosets.com

Is your home office a disheveled storage locker in disguise? Don't despair: California Closets is here to help. Offices designed by California Closets look professional, sleek, stylish—and organized. California Closets can create desks and shelves for any room using the highest quality materials; nothing looks pre-fab. It will help you choose the right colors and materials, including type of wood, and customize your office to your specs. From bookcases and cabinets to printers and scanners, California Closets has everything you could possibly wish for to revamp your office. Let them in and the end product will make you the envy of corner-office holders.

services readers' picks

AUTO REPAIR

A N R Auto Service

Irvington

(914) 591-1926

CAR SERVICE

Armonk Limo

Armonk

(914) 273-4466; armonklimo.com

CARPET CLEANERS

Carpet + Chem Dry

Ardsley

(914) 693-2053

CATERER

Susan Lawrence

Chappaqua

(914) 238-8833; susanlawrence.com

DOG TRAINER

Dog Commander

Tarrytown

(914) 909-2788; dogcommander.com

FLORIST

Rubrum's Florist

Ossining

(914) 941-1802; rubrumflorist.com

INTERIOR DECORATOR

Spice Hill Interiors

Ossining

(914) 945-0966

LIMO SERVICE

Armonk Limo

Armonk

(914) 273-4466; armonklimo.com

PLACE TO GET MARRIED

Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill

Tarrytown

(914) 631-3030; abigailkirsch.com

people & more readers' picks

CELEBRITY

Martha Stewart

Bedford

ACTOR

Robert Klein

Briarcliff

ACTRESS

Vanessa Williams

Chappaqua

MUSICIAN

Rob Thomas

Bedford

SEXIEST MALE

Richard Gere

Pound Ridge

SEXIEST FEMALE

Vanessa Williams

Chappaqua

MOST INFLUENTIAL

Bill Clinton

Chappaqua

PHILANTHROPIST

George Soros

Bedford

POLITICIAN

Hillary Clinton

Chappaqua

RADIO

PERSONALITY

Jim Fink

1071 The Peak

White Plains

(914) 285-1071

1071thepeak.com

RADIO STATION

103.9

WFAS Radio,

Hartsdale

(914) 693-2400

wfasfm.com

TELEVISION

PERSONALITY

Joe Rao

Putnam Valley

New York