

# Too Much to Do?

These services can offer a helping hand. • by jenny higgins



Debbie Harwin of I Need My Space Organizing Consultants straightens up her own digs.

**I**n the flurry of today's 24/7 world, there just never seems to be enough time to squeeze in all our chores and errands. That's where the folks below come in pretty darn handy. Read on to see how they can help you get your life under control and on track.

## HAPPY PAWS

**Who:** We love our pets, but let's face it: They—especially puppies—are a lot of work. Your worries will dissipate, however, when you are on vacation, work late, or accept a last-minute dinner invitation and know that Claudia and Marta Murphy of Happy Paws are taking care of your pet's need for food, exercise, and companionship (they will even administer medications). Also helpful is that the sisters can take in your mail, change the patterns of your lights, check on your home's well-being (they've called a plumber for broken pipes),



and water the plants. **Bonus:** Though now White Plains residents, Claudia and Marta grew up in Scarsdale and know the area well. They streamline your life by: Eliminating worries and guilt about not being a good pet parent. Add to the mix the luxury of being free of a stringent schedule in which you must rush home to tend to your pooch (parrot, pony, or *insert species here*). **Rates:** \$16-\$25 per visit. **Details:** 946-6647; 330-6025; happypawsinfo@att.net.

## I NEED MY SPACE ORGANIZING CONSULTANTS



**Who:** Debbie Harwin, a 10-year member of the National Association of Professional Organizers, tailors organizational systems that will return your home to order. Her firm, yet gentle, hands help you clean out closets and filing cabinets, maximize storage space, and sort through all those loose papers piled everywhere. She streamlines your

life by: Liberating you from the burdens of clutter, mismanaged time, and overall disorganization. Harwin, a Larchmont resident and former lawyer, will show you how things can appear at your fingertips in a matter of seconds instead of minutes or hours. Plus, you won't end up shelling out bucks for duplicates of things you already own that lie buried in the rubble. **Rates:** Up to \$125 an hour for Harwin, less for one of her associates. **Details:** 833-2626; inms@optonline.net; ineedmyspace.com.

## WHAT'S A PROPER MEAL PERSONAL CHEF



**Who:** What's for dinner—or breakfast or lunch? If Amy Adler and Tovah Passe of What's A Proper Meal Personal Chef and Catering Services had a hand in it, just open the fridge for a choice of healthy, pre-made meals that they've prepared in your very own kitchen. Adler is certified by the United States Personal Chef Association, and Passe, who has a degree from Manhattan's Institute for Culinary Education, was a chef at Pocantico Hills' famous Blue Hill at Stone Barns. The Pleasantville duo whips up meals for both small (you and your family) and large groups (with guests). They streamline your life by: Sparing you from schlepping to the market and then slaving over a hot stove. Adler and Passe's repertoire includes kosher, vegan, vegetarian, and gourmet meals. If you want them to mix up the fixings for a party, they'll even handle the shopping, serving, and cleanup. **Rates:** \$75 per hour (excluding food) for personal-chef services; party fees are determined individually. **Details:** 773-1936; amy@apropermeal.com.