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P'ville Assisted Living Facility Rezone Vote Postponed

By Janine Bowen

In a surprising turn of events, the Pleasantville Village Board's anticipated vote Monday night on a floating zone to accommodate Benchmark Senior Living's assisted living facility near the United Methodist Church was postponed indefinitely.

The sudden development came after the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) gave village officials new information at 5 p.m. Monday detailing how the retaining wall on the property, which Benchmark had planned to cut into to develop their driveway, was on a state right-of-way.

In an email, the DOT indicated that the applicant may need to cut into the hill and move the wall 10 feet deeper into the site and construct a sidewalk. That could result in a change to

the Benchmark site plan and require the state Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) to be reopened.

It was not clear on Monday night if reopening SEQRA will be necessary, but the board agreed that it would be inappropriate to take a vote on rezoning the 3.9 acres without obtaining more information.

"We feel as though we have a tremendous amount of information, and we're ready to vote, but this has thrown a wrench into the works, especially if it raises the possibility that some of the information we have all collectively relied on may change," said Mayor Peter Scherer.

Representatives from Benchmark, who have already been through a 15-month process, agreed that the vote should be postponed, pending further discussion

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Mt. Pleasant Rejects Second Group Home; Appeal Planned

By Neal Rentz

For the second time in three weeks, the Mount Pleasant Town Board rejected a proposal to convert a private house into a group home.

The board voted 3-1 on March 25 against a plan from Yonkers-based Ferncliff Manor to convert a house at 330 Bear Ridge Rd. into an individualized residential alternative for six adults with developmental disabilities. The house is located in an unincorporated section of town.

Ferncliff Manor will appeal the board's decision with the state, one of its representatives vowed.

On March 11, the town turned down a proposal from Devereux New York for a group home at 659 Bellevue Ave. in Thornwood for four adults with autism.

Devereux announced last week it would not pursue an appeal of the decision to the state. (See related story on page 4.)

Town board members who voted against Ferncliff Manor's proposal said the town already was oversaturated with nonprofits that do not pay property taxes. Once again, Councilman Denis McCarthy was the lone dissenting vote. Councilman Carl Fulgenzi was absent.

Ferncliff Manor Assistant Executive Director Patricia Saich said the agency wanted to provide a home for three men and three women with developmental disabilities and are too old to live on Ferncliff Manor's Yonkers campus. The six young adults would spend their weekdays at various programs, including jobs, she said.

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A Global Village



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

These ladies were dressed in traditional Indonesian garb last Saturday during the Byram Hills School District's Global Village Day. Cultures from nine different countries were showcased during the event, which included music, dance and food. For more coverage, see page 11.

Three Senior North Castle Police Officers Retire From Department

By Martin Wilbur

Three senior North Castle police officers who had their retirements announced and accepted last week were praised by current and former town officials for their professionalism and dedication to the job.

The town board accepted the letters of retirement for Lt. William Fisher, Detective Sgt. Mark Thomas and Sgt. Robert Ferrara at its March 26 meeting. Ferrara's retirement was effective on Feb. 28. Fisher and Thomas are retiring at the end of this week.

"Although it is a loss losing all three of them, I feel fortunate we had the time that they served this town for the years that they did and I know the people who worked for them and with them learned from them as well, so that's a good thing and we will genuinely miss them," said

Supervisor Michael Schiliro.

No reasons were given for the retirements, although it was mentioned at last week's meeting that Ferrara had a health issue. Thomas had been with the force since 1991 while Fisher, who served briefly as chief for part of last year, was a 35-year department veteran.

Police Chief Geoffrey Harisch said the town would likely look to fill the senior vacancies by promoting from within then look to bring aboard new officers to restore the department's manpower to 33 members.

He declined to answer questions whether there is any connection between the retirements and fallout from his notice of claim and accusations made earlier this year that Fisher had a role in

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with DOT.

"We certainly want to get to the bottom of this issue, and we're certain that we will be able to do so promptly," said Benchmark attorney David Steinmetz.

The postponement of the vote means that Trustee Brian Skarstad, who leaves the board today (Tuesday), will not get an opportunity to vote on the proposal. Instead incoming Trustee Steven Lord will vote on the rezone. The resolution will need a fourth-fifths majority to pass.

Monday's meeting followed a week where legal issues were raised by residents regarding the concept of a floating zone and whether or not it constitutes spot zoning. Michael Sirignano, an attorney

representing resident Jurji Parazczak, submitted a letter to the board at the March 24 public hearing stating the legal concerns that his client held about the Benchmark project. Along with spot zoning, Sirignano noted that current zoning laws prohibit assisted living centers that accommodate more than 12 people. In addition, he stated that the village's Master Plan does not address the issue of floating zones. He asserted that without that language the results would be unpredictable.

"The problem with floating zones [is that] they may be very useful planning zones, particularly in nonresidential districts, but when you let them overflow into residential districts, you enter into

the equation a great degree of uncertainty for homeowners," Sirignano said.

Sirignano pointed out that while there is only one application for the floating zone right now, a developer could buy multiple properties and accumulate the required acreage to fit the zone's requirements in the future.

Trustees have noted that such a scenario is theoretically possible but the applicant would still have to buy the land and go through an approval process.

In addition to distributing flyers to rally Pleasantville homeowners to fight against Benchmark, residents opposing the project held two meetings last weekend drawing dozens of residents to discuss what could be done to stop

the project.

"Nobody I spoke to was in favor of the facility and some were downright upset about the floating zone, which they think is an underhanded method of creating zoning despite it being legal," said Parazczak, who attended both meetings.

Residents agreed that while the idea of an eldercare community was a good one, they noted the problematic location. There is community preference for single-family homes since that is what the area is currently zoned for. Board members have pointed out that single-family homes had been previously proposed for the site but were opposed as well.

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There would be adequate parking and staff members would be on the site at all times when the residents are at the home, she said.

While public reaction on the Devereux proposal was mixed, comments regarding the Ferncliff Manor plan were overwhelmingly in opposition. Opponents said they respected the work of the agency, but the house should not be converted.

Resident Susan Cassone said at 74 she is forced to work to pay her property taxes.

The town cannot afford to have another facility off the tax rolls, she said. Another resident, Todd Martalin, said there were more than enough nonprofit agencies operating in town, which create "a loss in taxes."

"The house is not designed for this," Martalin said.

Supervisor Joan Maybury said there are four bedrooms in the house, but only three are allowed. Building Inspector Sal Pennelle said he had issued a notice of violation to the house's owners because of

the bedroom count.

Resident Mary Dura contended that the house would be inappropriate for a group home. It would be difficult for vehicles to exit the property without encountering oncoming traffic.

"It's a blind curve," she said.

Pleasantville School District Special Education PTA Co-President Sheryl Frishman was one of the few who supported the proposal. There are some children with autism who live on Bear Ridge Road who are presenting no problems to the

neighborhood, she said.

Janet Abinanti, wife of Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti, read a letter from her and her husband, who did not attend the meeting, in support of the plan. She said they have a son who lives in a group home.

"We have yet to hear of any complaints" about the home, said Abinanti, who lives on Bear Ridge Road.

Maybury reiterated her arguments that the town had an excessive number of nonprofit facilities. Mount Pleasant has the third-highest number of group homes

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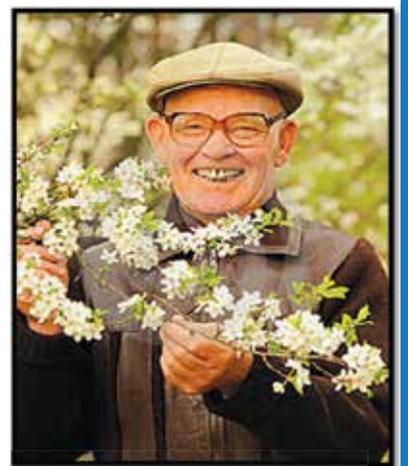
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P'ville Schools to Present \$3.5M Capital Projects Bond to Voters

By Janine Bowen

The Pleasantville School District voted last week to adopt a \$3.5 million bond to fund a variety of capital projects across the district's three schools.

The referendum will be presented to voters on May 20, the same day as the budget vote and school board elections across the state.

Total cost of the work, including all related architect and contingency fees, is estimated at \$4,065,000 million. The remaining \$565,000 would be paid for through the school's fund balance.

If adopted, the bond would be budget neutral because another \$3.5 million bond will be paid off during the 2015-16 school year, when payments on the new bond begin, school officials said.

The capital projects include replacement of the turf at all three schools, as well as removal of tiles containing asbestos, middle school roof repairs, and technology and Voice over IP upgrades.

The board of education also adopted a resolution declaring themselves lead agency under the state Environmental Quality Review Act, and determined that the construction, which would begin during the summer of 2015, would have no significant environmental impact.

At the March 25 meeting, Director of Buildings and Grounds Steve Chamberlain updated residents on the sinkhole on the

high school track, which was evaluated by a contractor last week. He stated that the hole, and subsequential flooding, was the result of the collapse of a decades-old pipe that is 20 feet underneath the track and field. Districts officials are currently awaiting a price estimate for the repairs and installation of new pipes, which would also improve drainage on the field.

Although residents at the meeting appeared to be in support of making necessary improvements, many were concerned about the quality of the materials that the district will use to make the repairs. Several residents opposed the

installation of rubber-based turf for the field. Instead, they requested the district take on the extra expense to use more environmentally friendly material, or to forego turf entirely and use a grass field.

"I implore you to use the very best field you can, even if it costs more," said resident Helen Meurer, who asserted that she would not vote to approve the bond if it included the proposed turf.

Board President Shane McGaffey said there will be future presentations on the different types of turf surfaces and on use of the field, which is shared with the village.

"We will try to thread the needle of

health and safety over use," McGaffey said.

Many residents also questioned why the district is spending \$100,000 on an eight-to 10-kilowatt photo voltaic system, which would track weather and could be used as a teaching tool in science classes. Installation of the system was originally considered an alternate project.

Chuck Matteo, who coaches the Science Olympiad at the middle school, said more affordable systems are available for teaching tools. Meurer urged the school to look into leasing a system, so it could get larger and more effective equipment at a lower cost.

P'ville HS to Try Open Campus for Seniors on Trial Basis

By Janine Bowen

Seniors at Pleasantville High School have finally gotten their wish.

Following several meetings with the student body, the Board of Education voted last Tuesday to approve an open campus policy on a trial basis. The students have been working closely with High School Principal Dr. Daniel McCann to develop a plan that would allow seniors to leave campus while addressing the safety concerns of the board.

"We wanted to show that we were listening, but we were concerned about

safety," explained Board President Shane McGaffey.

"I think we came to an understanding that we both can live with," he continued.

Under the plan, seniors would be allowed to leave campus during their lunch period on nine select dates in May and June after the conclusion of Advanced Placement exams. In addition, if students have a free period following their lunch, they would be permitted to remain off campus until their next class.

Any senior who wants to participate in the trial would need to submit a parental

permission form, which would eliminate the need for students to sign in and out of the building as past open campus policies required. Students who leave campus would be accounted for when attendance is taken in their next class.

Following the nine-day trial period, the board will evaluate the open campus policy and decide whether or not it will remain in place for the 2014-15 school year.

The school eliminated its open campus policy in the 1980s, then tried it for seniors only in spring 2010.

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Agency Drops Mount Pleasant Group Home Appeal

By Neal Rentz

The agency that sought to convert a Mount Pleasant house into a group home for autistic adults has decided against pursuing an appeal of the town board's decision to block its proposal.

Devereux New York Executive Director John O'Keefe, who threatened to ask the state to overturn the board's decision after the March 11 vote, announced in a March 24 letter to Supervisor Joan Maybury that the matter would be dropped. The board voted 4-1 against the proposal submitted by Devereux New York to convert a private home at 659 Bellevue Ave. in Thornwood to a group

home for four adults with developmental disabilities.

"After careful consideration, the Devereux Foundation is withdrawing its Jan. 28 Letter of Notification regarding the development of an Individual Residence Alternative for people with developmental disabilities," he stated.

On Thursday, O'Keefe explained that the agency will look to site the facility elsewhere in Westchester. The family that owns the Bellevue Avenue house that was eyed for conversion to a group home, decided not to go forward with the sale of the house, he said.

"It was a mutual decision," he said.

It also would have taken about four months for a state appeals hearing to be scheduled. "That would be a very time consuming process," O'Keefe said.

Town officials' concern about how the house does not comply with the town's building code also played a factor. During the March 11 board meeting, Maybury said the house had three bedrooms on the second floor and one on the first floor even though the Certificate of Occupancy does not allow the first-floor bedroom. However, the owners of the house, Laura and Anton Vdaj vehemently denied that they were failing to meet building codes.

O'Keefe did not say where Devereux would look for an alternative site.

The four town board members who voted against the proposal said Mount Pleasant is already saturated with group homes and other nonprofit organizations that do not pay town property taxes.

In a guest column that appeared in the March 25-31 issue of The Examiner, Robert Kreider president and CEO of Devereux, accused the board of discrimination.

"To willfully deny people with autism the right to live as engaged members of the community - near the natural support of their own families - represents blatant discrimination and violates the most basic and moralistic human rights of dignity and fellowship, not to mention a host of fair housing principals," the column state.

Maybury responded to Devereux on March 25, refuting the charge.

"That is a very strong statement and one I disagree with wholeheartedly," she said.

Though he disagreed with the town board's decision, O'Keefe said that proper protocol was followed during the meeting.

"I believe we were treated fairly," he said.

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padding officers' overtime pay.

Last week, several speakers and town board members said they were saddened by the retirements. Former Town Justice Sue Shimer said "she couldn't speak highly enough of each of them" for their service to North Castle.

Shimer noted that Thomas' superiors recognized that he was a special talent as he rose quickly to detective within his first few years. She also praised Fisher for being an outstanding professional.

"I can't speak enough of what he has done, above and beyond the duties of his office as a patrolman and ultimately a lieutenant," Shimer said. "He did many things above and beyond what was required and what should be expected."

Schiliro said that he was confident the department would function well as the town looked for replacements.

"It's such a good department," he said. "They're so resilient. We've had, whether it's people on disability or changes, without being so specific, they always rise to the occasion. Every department does, but the police department always does."

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Four Applicants Vie for Chappaqua Train Station Space

By Martin Wilbur

The New Castle Town Board will choose from four restaurateurs to provide the food service at the town-owned Chappaqua train station building after the period to accept Request for Proposals closed last Friday.

Candidates for the vacant space are Carla Gamescia of Via Vanti! at the Mount Kisco train station; Peter and Erin Chase, owners of their own hospitality company that operates

restaurants and bars around the world; Leslie Lampert, owner of Cafe of Love in Mount Kisco; and Gerry Petraglia, the proprietor of the Station Cafe and Grill at the Hawthorne train station. All four applicants gave presentations before the board on March 11 or 18.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein and Councilwoman Lisa Katz said the board will meet in executive session to review the possibilities. Officials are expected to make a decision in the coming weeks.

The goal remains to have the operator in place for a summer opening, Katz said. She stressed last week that no decision has been made.

"After all the public presentations are completed, the board will make a determination which proposal or proposals would provide the best amenities and overall benefits to our community," said Katz.

Once a proprietor is selected, negotiations regarding a lease

agreement will begin, she said.

During the past two months, filling the 112-year-old train station building has led to a major controversy between the current board and Gambescia, who said she was led to believe that she was the lone proprietor being considered despite a lease never having been signed. Gambescia was one of two candidates who made presentations before the prior town board in February 2013.

Questions arose over public access to the bathrooms. She said she wasn't old until February that the facilities had to be open to the general public during the restaurant's hours of operation.

Via Vanti! has been providing the morning food service for commuters at the station since the fall.

New Castle, Ball Look for Public's Help to Report Potholes

By Martin Wilbur

New Castle officials have devised a system where residents would help the town in the quest to have potholes on roads filled as quickly as possible.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein announced last week that an email address, pothole@mynewcastle.org, has been set up for the public to send a photo and the location of potholes that they encounter in their travels around town.

It doesn't matter whether the street is a town, county or state road, the municipality will respond as quickly as possible, Greenstein said.

"The fact is a pothole is a pothole and it needs to be repaired and it needs to be referred to the proper agency," he said.

If the street is a town road, New Castle's Department of Public Works will be notified to do the repairs. If a pothole notification is made for a county or state road, town staff will notify the proper agency and also send that information to the resident who initiated the alert so they can also contact the appropriate agency. The more pressure, the better chance the repairs can get done.

"The reason why we're asking the residents to do it, it's better if it comes from the residents," Greenstein said

Last week, state Sen. Greg Ball (R-Patterson) revealed that \$40 million has been allocated in the state's 2014-15 budget to help local governments pay for pothole repairs.

Ball's district office is also reaching out to the public, announcing a similar pothole reporting system.

"I am now enlisting the support of the community to help us identify the areas that are in dire need of attention," Ball said. I have created a form on my website where residents can report potholes, so I can work with our local governments to expedite the process and get our roads back in good condition."

To make a report through the senator's website, visit www.nysenate.gov/webform/report-pothole.

Ball's district locally includes Mount Kisco, New Castle, Mount Pleasant and Pleasantville.



The New Castle Town Board is expected to choose from four candidates to fill the Chappaqua train station building in the coming weeks.

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New Castle to Seek Estimates for Two Weekly Trash Pickups

By Martin Wilbur

The Town of New Castle will be putting out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new refuse and recycling contract that will seek estimates for two-day-a-week trash pickup.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein announced at the town board's March 25 meeting that officials should obtain prices for one- and two-day pickups to have a stronger negotiating position. The municipality's current contract with SaniPro Disposal expires at the end of the year.

Before the board unanimously agreed to send out an RFP asking for estimates for both options, Greenstein assured residents that no decision has been made whether to reintroduce the twice-weekly pickups. He noted that while homeowners paid \$200 a year for two pickups a week, their fee was reduced to only \$165 for one weekly pickup when the town made that decision mid-contract in 2011.

"It's for informational purposes so that we can make an educated decision and make sure we are getting the very best price for two-day-a-week garbage pickup or one-day-a-week garbage pickup," Greenstein said.



Councilwoman Elise Kessler Mottel, left, and Supervisor Robert Greenstein clashed last week regarding New Castle's trash pickup.

However, Councilwoman Elise Kessler Mottel, the only current board member who was in office when town officials made their decision three years ago to reduce the number of pickups and a supporter of one pickup a week, said there are other factors the board must consider. One is financial, and it goes beyond the reduced cost for each household, Mottel said. The town would forfeit the remaining portion of a \$194,314 grant from a state Department of State's local

government efficiency program if it reverted to two-day pickup. With 2014 being the first year of the three-year grant, New Castle would stand to lose close to \$130,000 if it does not continue with its current pickup schedule.

Mottel also warned that since garbage collection costs count toward the tax cap, any increased expense would eat up space under the cap.

The second consideration is environmental, Mottel said. Cutting garbage collection to one day a week reduces by one-third the number of garbage trucks on town roads, saving the municipality about 9,500 gallons of diesel fuel a year and lowering carbon emissions by 109 tons annually.

"I think that this board should look at all the indicators and not just \$35 a household because it goes far beyond that," she said.

Greenstein countered by saying that there would be no downside to gathering the information. If it isn't feasible, it wouldn't be pursued.

"It's going to have a zero percent impact on the tax cap to get a proposal," he said. "We're simply getting numbers on one-day-a-week pickup versus two-day-a-week pickup. That has no affect on the tax cap. We're trying to get proposals to make sure we're getting fair proposals."

Councilman Adam Brodsky said the town is also exploring a shared refuse pickup and recycling contract with some neighboring municipalities to see if cost savings can be achieved. He said getting estimates through the RFP process is the town performing its due diligence.

"People pay a lot of money to be residents of New Castle and pay a significant amount of money in taxes and I think that's an important service we provide and we should do it to the maximum of our ability," Brodsky said.

The board also agreed it should hold a joint meeting with the Sustainability Advisory Board to discuss the options.

Currently, if residents want to have their trash picked up a second day, they can contract privately with SaniPro for the additional service.

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Latino Community Benefits From Mt. Kisco's Pair of Rising Stars

By Janine Bowen

Bridging the gap between the local police department and the community it serves can often be a difficult task, but two members of the Mount Kisco community were honored recently for doing just that.

Mount Kisco Police Officer Edwin Ramirez and Karine Patiño, program coordinator for the village's Police and Community Together (PACT), were honored last month by the Hispanic Coalition of New York as two of the 40 Under 40 Latino Rising Stars.

PACT was developed in 2008 by Ramirez and Carola Bracco, executive director of Neighbors Link, to improve communication and understanding between Mount Kisco police and the village's Latino population.

"A lot of our Police and Community Together program is focused on the immigrant population in Mount Kisco, to help educate and bring available resources to the community by way of community meetings, focus groups, working with the youth ... and the community in general," explained Ramirez, 34, an eight-year police veteran who has served in Mount Kisco for the past six years. "By doing so we've been able to lessen a lot of the crime rate that we had. We've built an outstanding rapport with the Latino community and the police department."



Mount Kisco Police Officer Edwin Ramirez and PACT Program Coordinator Karine Patiño were honored recently by the Hispanic Coalition of New York.

Since its inception, PACT has advocated for the immigrant population through open forums, which allow residents to discuss the challenges they face and provide them with information on programs that could help them.

"I'm very in touch with the community, especially the Latino and immigrant population, so whatever their concerns

are I usually listen ... and I try to develop programs tailored to our community," Patiño said.

The program provided more than 400 police officers across Westchester with cultural competency training last year at the Westchester County Police Academy.

Patiño and Ramirez both noted that since PACT was launched, residents are more willing to reach out to officers for help and appear more comfortable and friendly toward the police who are there to help them.

"The community is really responding well to knowing that they're being advocated for and they're being listened to," Patiño said.

Patiño, 27, a student at Pace Law School who joined PACT as a volunteer in 2011, said she was humbled to receive the 40 Under 40 recognition for work in Mount Kisco, where she was born and raised. She

hopes to use the recognition to help more people.

"You don't do it for any sort of recognition. Being able to help my community just made me happy, and to be recognized for it is amazing," she said. "It makes me want to work harder and develop new things and get the whole community involved and broaden our audience. With an honor like this, it means I'm making some sort of good difference and I should be touching on more people."

PACT will indeed be helping more people. Ramirez said there are plans to introduce PACT in Wappingers Falls and Stamford, Conn. He added that a one-week youth leadership camp is currently being planned. The camp would educate local teens on important issues such as cyberbullying, domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse, and Internet crime.

"Every year we've progressed and continued to make successful strides in our community," he said.

Ramirez, who lives in Hyde Park, Dutchess County, was thrilled to be recognized for his work. Along with receiving the 40 Under 40 award from the Hispanic Coalition of New York, he was voted Rising Star of the Year by New York state residents.

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Mount Kisco Police Department

March 21: A 56-year-old Yorktown man was arrested at 4:55 p.m. and charged with petty larceny for stealing a \$100 item from the AT&T store on Main Street.

March 23: A 32-year-old Mount Kisco man was arrested at 1:04 a.m. for violating an order of protection. The man was found to be at the apartment of his girlfriend, who obtained the order, on Foxwood Circle after a neighbor reported a noise complaint.

March 24: Report of an unknown male subject at 1:56 p.m. taking wood from a pile on Main Street that came from nearby

trees that had been cut. The responding officer did not see any suspicious activity upon his arrival at the scene.

March 25: Report of criminal mischief at a business on North Bedford Road at 12:20 p.m. A vehicle that had been parked at the location was spray painted.

March 26: Report of an unknown individual who was looking into parked cars on Foxwood Circle at 11:49 p.m. The subject was gone upon the officer's arrival.

March 27: A 28-year-old Redding, Pa. man was arrested at 11:39 a.m. and charged with driving with a suspended license following a traffic stop on Main Street.

March 27: A 67-year-old Maple Avenue man reported at 3:16 p.m. that he was hit in the back of the head by a rock or other object during an altercation with another male. The victim was taken to Northern

Westchester Hospital to be treated for a head cut.

Pleasantville Police Department

March 22: A 54-year-old Chappaqua man was arrested following a shoplifting incident at 1:54 p.m. at Key Food on Pleasantville Road. The suspect was found to be leaving the store with two Buffalo patties, a container of beer and broccoli. Estimated value of the items was \$20. The man was brought to headquarters and charged.

March 26: A Highview Terrace resident reported at 8:14 a.m. that his vehicle, a 2013 Subaru Outback, was entered sometime overnight while parked in the driveway. The complainant stated that about \$5 worth of change was taken along

with a black bag. The caller later stated that he found the bag at about 10 a.m.

March 26: A Sky Top Drive resident reported at 7:35 p.m. that a GPS was stolen from her 2010 Ford Escape while parked in the driveway. The GPS was valued at \$350.

March 27: A 42-year-old Sleepy Hollow man was arrested on Grant Street at 8:08 a.m. and charged for driving with a suspended registration and license.

North Castle Police Department

March 22: A caller reported at 10:40 a.m. that a suspicious party, dressed in black, emerged from the woods in the vicinity of Hillandale and North Broadway. The complainant also stated that he also saw a suspicious subject dressed in all black the previous day.

March 23: Report of criminal mischief on Hollow Ridge Road at 10:40 a.m. A complainant stated that his property was vandalized overnight.

March 24: A complainant reported at 5:19 a.m. that a party left a note on his door on North Broadway calling him a pervert.

March 25: At 11:18 a.m., report of property damage to a residence sometime overnight on Leisure Farm Drive. The resident, who wanted to make the incident a matter of record, stated there is about \$300 in damage.

March 25: Report of a burglary to a Windmill Road residence at 1:48 p.m.

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Obituary

Geraldine Riley

Geraldine (Gerry) Riley of Valhalla died on March 26 at Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne.

She was 69.

Riley was born on Jan. 17, 1945, to the late Dominic and Sadie (nee Bracchitta) Leonelli in Ossining. She is survived by her devoted husband, Ralph Riley, and her loving son, Ralph Christopher

Riley, both of Valhalla, and by her many family and friends. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on March 27 and 28. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne on March 29 followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Rosary Hill Home, 600 Linda Ave., Hawthorne, N.Y. 10532 would be appreciated.

Obituary

~ Bessie Healey Smith ~

Bessie Healey Smith, 87, born March 22, 1926 in Gothenburg Sweden to Walter and Margaret Healey. She was raised in Mount Kisco, NY. She was preceded in death by her husband William Pierce Smith. Bessie and Bill were married in NY City in 1944 before Bill was deployed to the Pacific while in the Navy. Bessie assisted her husband in their business, Smithson Woodcraft on N Bedford RD., Mount Kisco, N.Y. She also was a department manager at Caldors until her retirement to Ormond Beach FL where she worked as a hostess for Alfies. She was a member of St. Marks Episcopal Church in MT Kisco. In retirement she enjoyed golf, bowling and gardening. Bessie is survived by daughters, Pamela Smith, Carole (Michael) Pronti, Barbara (Thomas) Southwell, grandchildren Matthew (Diane), Kimberly (Sean), Richard (Terence), Bradley (Marissa), Nicole, Paul (Melissa) and Lindsay (Chris), her ten great grandchildren, brothers, Robert Healey, and William (Elly) Healey. Preceded in death by her brother Richard (Carmen), sister Inga Dersen of Staffenstorp, Sweden, sister-in-law Leila Smith, and great grandson Caleb Warren. Services for Bill and Bessie will be at the Georgia National Veterans Cemetery, Canton GA, Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 2 pm. *The family is being assisted by Southcare Cremation and Funeral Society, Alpharetta, GA.*

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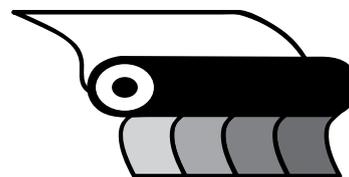
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Byram Hills Celebrates its Diversity With Fourth Global Village Day

By Martin Wilbur

Westchester communities are sometimes thought of for their wealth and not for their riches of cultural and ethnic diversity.

Over the past five years, however, the Byram Hills School District in Armonk has showcased the wide diversity within its community at one of the most enjoyable events of the year.

Last Saturday was the district's Global Village Day at Byram Hills High School featuring traditional food, dance and dress from nine selected countries around the globe. The common thread among the countries represented--Argentina, Brazil, Indonesia, Ireland, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa and Sweden--is that members of the district's student body and their families can trace their roots to one of these nations.

"To me, this is the best social studies lesson you can give to these children and a lesson they won't forget," said Jyoti Tewani, who was in charge of coordinating the day's entertainment. "They can't find this in any other book."

Children came with their parents to mingle with other members of the community and to take in the music and dance. There were also arts and crafts for the younger children and various nonprofit and service organizations on hand.

Of course, the biggest draw for the admission price was probably the delicious array of food found at each one of the



Music and dancing entertained the crowd.

country's tables.

Helping friends at the table for Morocco was Nilima Parker, handing out small plates of roast chicken with couscous and chickpeas. There was also an appetizer consisting of salad, humus, broccoli dip and pita bread.

Parker, who moved with her family to Armonk from Australia about 16 months ago, said they chose to move into the district because of Byram Hills' outstanding academic reputation but also because they had heard about the strong multinational presence in the community, which is not always apparent from afar. "We came here to a welcoming community and just loving it, absolutely loving it," Parker said. "I'm proud to be part of it."

Impressively, the nine countries featured last Saturday are different from the ones highlighted in previous years, said Superintendent Dr. William Donohue. Organizers recalled that the

first three Global Village Day celebrations typically included 10 to 12 countries.

For Donohue, it was fun to have a community event where children and their parents can be together and simply have a good time. Still, there was also a larger lesson to be learned.

"I think the second thing is we really want to promote these values because the world these kids are going to be adults in, I think it's going to be a requirement that you appreciate diversity and not be afraid of it and to be successful in that world," Donohue said. "They need to learn these things now."

Although people may look, dress or eat differently, there are plenty of similarities that can be found, said Gina Maman, who was born in Thailand while her husband is Indonesian.

"I think it's good that from different cultures people can experience their differences and appreciate each other more," Maman said.

Attending his first Global Village Day was Gaetano Lombardo, whose wife volunteered last year and again this year.



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTOS

Indonesia was one of nine countries represented at last Saturday's Global Village Day at Byram Hills High School

After the 2013 event, Lombardo said she told him of all the great food that he missed. Lombardo, who wasn't disappointed, also wondered about the events that brought everybody together.

"We live it, we have different ethnic backgrounds, different religions (in our family)," Lombardo said. "For us it's everyday life but to see all the different cultures, people you know you don't even know their story."

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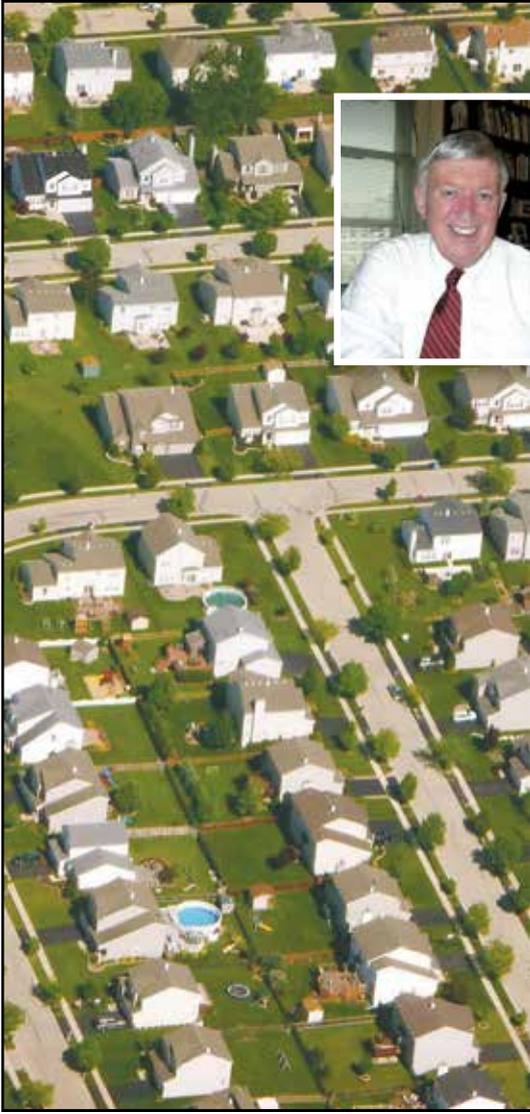
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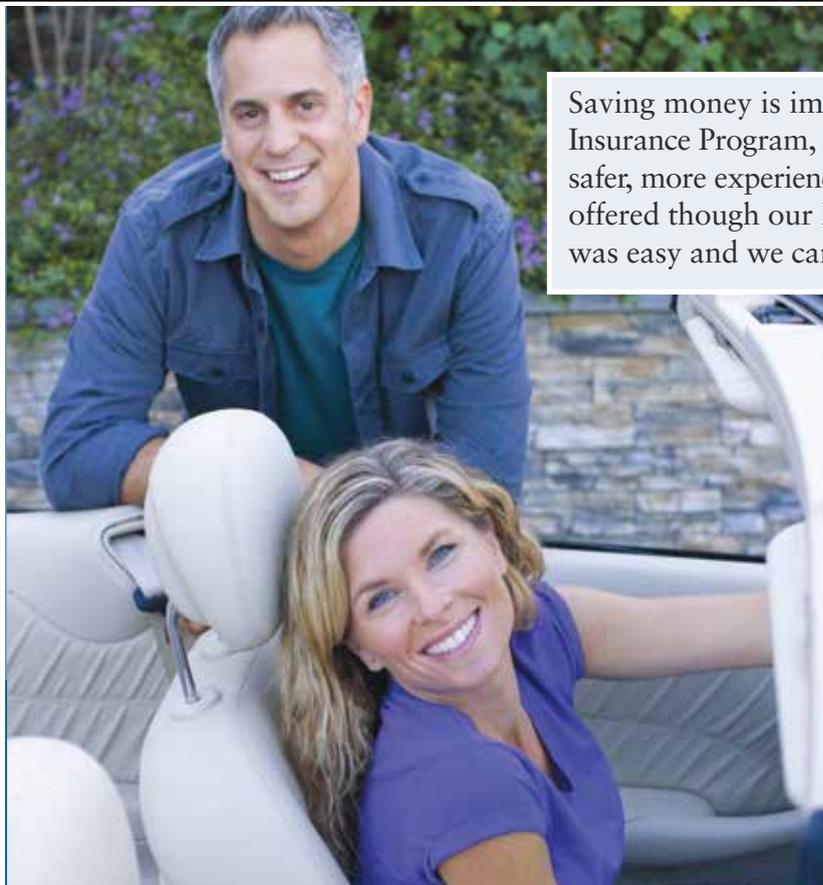


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Picky Eater vs. Problem Feeder

The toddler and preschool years are often synonymous with the term “picky eating,” which is a normal and temporary part of childhood development. In fact, ninety percent of picky eaters are between the ages of 2 and 5 years. Although in many cases picky eating is the problem, it is important to understand the difference between a picky eater and a problem feeder in order to implement appropriate strategies that reduce mealtime frustration and help your child get the nourishment his or her body needs. Marie Roth, registered dietitian for Blythedale and Kohl’s **Eat Well, Be Well** Nutrition Program, offers us some of the discerning characteristics between picky eating and feeding problems, as well as some tips for how to address these issues.

Characteristics of a Picky Eater	Characteristics of a Problem Feeder
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eats fewer than 30 foods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eats fewer than 20 foods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eats at least one food from almost every type of food texture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refuses to eat foods from entire categories of textures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will eat the same favorite food every day, but will eventually burn out and stop eating the food. But, will eat the favorite food again after about a 2-week break 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eats fewer foods over time. Foods lost to burn out are not accepted back after a 2-week break
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexible about brands or preparations of accepted foods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inflexible about particular foods, brands, preparation methods, shapes, ect.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tolerate new foods on their plate and are willing to touch or taste the food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won’t tolerate a new food on the plate, and are unwilling to touch or taste the food
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willing to eat/try a new food after approximately 10 or more exposures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cry and throw tantrums when offered a new food; unwilling to try a new food after the typical 10 or more exposures

Tips for Parents of Picky Eaters

- Offer a variety of nutritious foods at each meal
- Expect your child to eat the foods you eat; avoid making separate meals or “kid-friendly” foods
- Serve meals and snack at approximately the same time each day, and prevent between meal grazing. Your child should come to the table hungry.
- Create a pleasant meal time experience
- Limit juice to 4 to 6 ounces daily, and offer only water between meals
- Recognize that appetite fluctuates with growth and activity. Allow your child to use his or her own internal cues for when and how much to eat

Tips for Parents of Problem Feeders

Your child will need a comprehensive and multidisciplinary evaluation to identify the cause(s) of the feeding problem, which may be related to a medical condition, oral-motor issues, nutritional problems, sensory integration dysfunctions, or environmental and behavioral factors. Feeding therapy is often required to resolve the feeding problem and help the child accept additional foods into the diet.



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Editorial

As Development Heats Up, Towns Must Change With the Times

A recurring theme in municipalities across the region during the past couple of years has been the return of the larger and controversial development project.

It doesn't seem to matter which town. As the real estate and construction market has slowly but steadily edged back toward reasonable health, developers have reemerged before various boards throughout the county to make good on their investments.

But it comes as no surprise that there has been pushback. As one might expect, a fair share of that opposition has been from neighboring property owners. Just as the developers have the right to make a buck on their land, so, too, the individual homeowner has a right to do everything in his or her power to protect their own sizeable investment.

That scenario has played out repeatedly in recent times in the local area. Whether it's the Chappaqua Crossing project (formerly the

Reader's Digest campus) or the more recent proposal for the Legionaries of Christ property in New Castle, the Benchmark assisted living application in Pleasantville, and for the past couple of years when the Brynwood Golf & Country Club condominium plan and golf course redesign was being debated in Armonk, people have turned out to fiercely protect their turf and way of life.

In most cases, local boards have earnestly struggled to weigh the benefits and drawbacks of each project. However, that has been complicated as municipal officials see their backs pushed against the wall with stagnant revenues at best, rising costs, such as health insurance and pension payments that are largely out of their control, and a continued demand for services all while trying to operate under the rules of the tax cap. And if Gov. Cuomo's tax freeze proposal becomes reality this week, that pressure will only intensify.

Oftentimes, evaluating opponents'

objections and applicants' overly optimistic mitigation efforts can be a crapshoot. For example, in Mount Kisco, there were deep concerns that the Diamond Properties complex at 333 N. Bedford Rd. would paralyze traffic on overloaded Route 117 before Grand Prix New York moved in about six years ago. With the benefit of hindsight, the traffic appears no worse today than it was then.

It is the responsibility of officials to fairly weigh all arguments, then eventually make a decision. It is also the responsibility of homeowners to educate themselves about the development potential around their property before they make their investment.

As the cliché goes, the only constant is change. No community can afford to stay the same forever. Municipalities have no obligation to grant developers' every wish but a certain amount of change is inevitable and healthy.

Guest Column

Five Things You Need to Know if You Have an Auto Accident

By Robert Spinak, Esq.

With more than 15,000 U.S. auto accidents a day, injuring more than three million people a year, it's surprising that so few individuals know what to do if they have a car crash.

Sure, most people know enough to get information from the other driver involved and to call their insurance company to report the incident. But other important steps are often left out, severely limiting any claim for damage or injury. Even getting the right information from the other party and what and when to report to your insurance company is commonly botched

But, like the AT&T ad says, "It's not complicated," and can usually be broken down into five easy steps that can save you a lot of aggravation in pursuing any claim or protecting your interests.

1. Gather Information: It sounds simple, but you must get the right information. From the other driver's license, make sure to obtain the state issuing the license, its number, expiration date and any restrictions. From the vehicle registration, you must get the state issuing the registration, expiration date, and the full name and address of the registrant. From the insurance documents, don't forget the date of issuance and expiration, name, address and phone number of the insurance company, phone number and the name of the agent. From the vehicle, get the license plate number and date of the next inspection. Don't forget the name address and phone number of any other people in your vehicle and/or the other vehicle and/or witnesses. Also, if at all possible, take photos of the cars involved and take note of the conditions that caused the accident including any traffic signals and/or signs in the immediate area.

2. Report Accident to Authorities via 911 (if appropriate). If damage is more than \$500 or there is any personal injury, especially if you or anyone has any aches, pains or

visible bruises or head trauma, it is mandatory that you report the accident to police and have an accident report filed.

3. Medical. If you have any aches, pains or bruises, go to a hospital or your regular physician as soon as possible. Remember, some of the worst consequences of an auto accident don't show up for hours or a day or two later. Also, anyone involved who experienced any head trauma, with or without aches, pains or bruising, should be seen by medical personnel as soon as possible.

4. Insurance Matters. Call your agent as soon as possible, and certainly within 24 hours, providing the information requested. If it's after hours and you cannot reach your agent, call the insurance company directly. Even if you directly contact the insurance company, also reach your agent as soon as possible.

5. Call a Lawyer. You don't know if you'll need one or not and recollections are best soon after an accident. Generally lawyers don't charge for services unless they collect money from another party.

Keep these tips in your glove compartment, so in case you have an accident, you have a readily available guide of what to do.

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Emil Muccin **U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Professor,** **Valhalla**

By **Martin Wilbur**

Emil Muccin made a wise choice listening to his mother when he was young.

While growing up, Muccin's mom held high hopes that he would attend West Point. He doesn't know why but was aware that she wanted him to go to a military academy--or study to become an accountant.

"People have ideas," Muccin said. "There was something in her head that it was an ideal spot for somebody to go to."

Muccin may not have exactly followed his mother's advice but wasn't far off. Instead of heading north to West Point, he went south to Long Island and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. A relative had taught there and he was familiar with the area, having spent parts of his summers as a kid near its campus. When it came time for him to explore colleges, it made sense for Muccin to apply.

"So that was kind of how we were always down there as a kid," Muccin said. "I saw the school. It was beautiful. It's on Long Island, Kings Point. It's a beautiful piece of

property."

His training at the Merchant Marine Academy helped him carve out a career working for several big firms, including Mobil Oil as a navigator, the Sperry Corp., which, among other things, made marine equipment, and Lockheed Martin.

While working for Mobil, which afforded him plenty of time off, Muccin also worked as an instructor for a company called Marine Safety at LaGuardia Airport, training ship officers in simulators. The training is key since 95 percent of the world's products are still transported by water, according to the Merchant Marine Academy website.

Following his more than 25-year career in the private sector, Muccin, 55, has come full circle. For the past four years, he has been a professor at the Merchant Marine Academy teaching a variety of courses, including advanced navigation, electronic navigation and advanced firefighting. Muccin also serves on the academy's Candidate Evaluation Board, reviewing applicants who are hoping to



become midshipmen, just like he did after graduating Westlake High School.

"I enjoyed it," Muccin said of his student days at the academy studying nautical science. "I probably should have gone on the other side, engineering. But I don't know, I didn't have anybody pushing me and it's kind of what you first see. I was like I want to be able to look out the window on a ship then be down in the engine room."

A now 45-year Mount Pleasant resident, Muccin and his family moved to Hawthorne from Queens when he was 10 years old. His parents owned property in Valhalla and likely chose the town because of that. Muccin adapted quickly to his new surroundings and enjoyed greater freedom because there wasn't much traffic back then and he could safely ride his bike all over town, he said.

At 25, Muccin married his wife, Fran, and they bought their house near Westlake High School. The couple, parents of a 21-year-old son, has been there ever since. Muccin said he never could have imagined

that he would be living in the same house for 30 years, about a block from his former high school.

While living in the same place since marrying might seem hard to fathom for Muccin, it a good thing for an assortment of organizations in Mount Pleasant. Muccin has followed in his mother's footsteps being an active volunteer. He currently serves as president of the Mount Pleasant Italian-American Association; is the immediate past president for the Thornwood Lions; is vice president on the Mount Pleasant Public Library Board of Trustees; and is on the parish council for Holy Rosary.

That doesn't include his initial foray into volunteering, when he was asked to join the American Society for Quality (ASQ), a group of professionals dedicated to advancing quality tools, principles and practices in their workplaces and communities.

Muccin doesn't participate in all his service efforts for personal satisfaction, although he called himself "gullible" for having the weakness of rarely being able to say no.

"I'm trying to help the community and the environment and other people," said Muccin, who enjoys golfing and hopes one day to buy his own boat. "I don't think so much on the personal side of what I'm getting. I think some people need that."

"I enjoy that camaraderie or whatever, but at the end of the day we're trying to accomplish something," he added.

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When Choosing a Summer Camp, Make Sure Facility is Safe

New York families choosing a day camp for their child should be aware that not all summer camps are inspected by the Department of Health each year due to a loophole that exists under current New York State Law.

Currently, single-purpose day camps are not required by law to follow the same rules and regulations that other summer day camps comply with in order to operate and obtain a permit from the Department of Health. This means that many of the day camps parents are choosing aren't regulated and may not meet basic safety

standards.

"Many parents aren't aware that the camp they selected isn't inspected by the Department of Health and that there may be safety concerns for their child," said Ben Esposito, president of the New York State Camp Directors Association. "Families wouldn't eat at a restaurant that was exempt from a Department of Health inspection for sanitary standards. Would they knowingly send their child to a camp that doesn't meet basic safety standards?"

A single-purpose day camp refers to those camps, such as a gymnastics camp,

baseball camp or basketball camp, that engage in just one non-passive recreational activity with significant risk of injury. These camps are allowed to operate without a Department of Health permit or inspection and may not meet the same strict safety standards as day camps that have two or more activities on site. The state Department of Health estimates that there are about 2,400 of these camps in the state.

For more than 30 years, outdoor day camps in New York have been licensed and inspected by the Department of

Health. Shockingly, single-purpose camps remain completely unregulated. Parents should be aware that because there is no permitting process or inspection, there can be significant safety issues. For example, single-purpose camps are not required to ascertain if their employees and volunteers are included in a sex offender registry. They are also not subjected to regular inspections to ensure compliance with a wide range of safety standards including background checks of staff personnel, minimum age requirement for counselors, proper staffing ratios and dozens of other safeguards that protect children at other summer day camps.

"Day camps are a crucial part of our children's development and they should be a place that is safe for children," said Scott Ralls, president of the American Camp Association, New York and New Jersey. "Unfortunately, not all summer day camps are regulated so parents need to do their due diligence when looking for a camp and make sure they are choosing a camp that is inspected by the Department of Health and is accredited by the American Camp Association, New York and New Jersey."

For further information or to speak with a camp spokesperson, contact Jess Michaels at the American Camp Association, New York and New Jersey at 212-391-5208 ext. 1015 or jess@aca-nynj.org.

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Camp Saw Mill has half- and full-day options available as well as options ranging from two to five days. The Chess Camp is a full-day program five days a week. The dates for camp are June 16 through Aug. 22. Parents and children

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New Sleep-Away Camp Focuses on Healthy Living, Jewish Culture

By Janine Bowen

Jewish families in Westchester County and the Hudson Valley will have a new and exciting summer camp option for their children.

Camp Zeke, located on 560 acres in the Poconos in Lakewood, Pa., is the first sleep-away camp of its kind, offering a variety of activities centered on healthy and athletic living and integrated with elements of Jewish culture and heritage. Youngsters seven to 17 years old who attend the camp's three- or six-week sessions can choose from among cooking lessons, sailing, running, Krav Maga, an Israeli martial art, and many other activities.

"At Camp Zeke, we celebrate healthy, active living," said Director Isaac Mamaysky. "Our goal is for campers to become fitter, faster and stronger while learning to cook a delicious, healthy meal that they can always fall back on."

Mamaysky said the idea for Camp Zeke, which will launch its inaugural season this summer, came from his own fondness for camp that he had growing up. After spending nearly 15 years as a camper or counselor, Mamaysky dreamed of turning his passion into a career, only to be told by friends and family that he should "get a real job."

After several years of working as a corporate litigator in Manhattan, Mamaysky decided to follow his dream



Camp Zeke will begin its inaugural season this summer in the Poconos.

and open a camp that would combine the ideals of healthy and active lifestyles with a fun summer experience.

"(For) two years, my wife and I pursued funding to launch a new kind of Jewish camp where kids eat local, organic foods and celebrate healthy living through fitness, athletics and culinary arts, all of the things we're passionate about," he said.

Following grants from three major foundations in 2012 and funding and site donation from the UJA-Federation, Mamaysky's dreams have become a reality. He is looking forward to summer just as

much as the children who will attend.

"The summer of 2014 will be my first time back at camp in many years, and I couldn't be more excited," Mamaysky said. "In some respects, it will be completely different from my last camp experience – we didn't have air-conditioned cabins, a heated pool or indoor showers – but just like the camp where I grew up, campers and staff will make amazing memories and lifelong friendships. That's the magic of camp, and that's what I'm looking forward to the most."

While campers select fitness electives,

the camp weaves lessons about Judaism into every aspect of its program. For example, children who elect to take cooking lessons will not only learn to prepare healthy and organic foods, but make a traditional challah as well.

Famous Jewish athletes and chefs have been invited to lead discussions for campers during the summer.

"Our goal at camp is 'joyful Judaism,' and we hope campers will realize that Judaism can be really fun and exciting, without some of the boring stuff they might experience at synagogue or Hebrew school," said Mamaysky.

Even though Camp Zeke is rooted in Jewish traditions, campers of all religious backgrounds may attend.

Parents don't need to worry about transporting their children to and from the camp. Since a majority of its attendees will come from the New York area, bus transportation is included in the price.

Mamaysky said that being far from home is part of the fun of the sleep-away experience, which begins as soon as campers start their sing-a-longs on the bus ride. He said that Camp Zeke also plans to host reunion events throughout the area so that campers can remain in touch with one another once summer is over.

For more information on Camp Zeke, visit www.campzeke.org.

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Club Fit Welcomes New Summer Camp Co-Directors

Everyone is looking forward to another fun-filled summer at Club Fit Briarcliff, which has many new and exciting things happening with its 2014 Summer Energy Camp,

For this year, the camp has two new camp co-directors, Ashley Di Salvo and Kristyn Reczek.

Both women have Club Fit experience, with Di Salvo working as an Energy Camp counselor at the club's Jefferson Valley location, and moving on to become the Briarcliff assistant camp director.

Reczek began working in the Energy Center in 2008, and eventually joined the Energy Camp team.

Both women have extensive experience with athletics and working with children. Di Salvo played a variety of sports in high school, and earned her degree in education from Penn State, and her master's in literacy education from NYU. Currently, she teaches at the Windward School in White Plains.

Reczek also played a variety of sports and served as a coach and referee in the Mahopac Sports Association. She earned a degree in education and a master's in special education from Pace University. Reczek currently teaches math at Somers High School.

The new appointments will add more to an already comprehensive program that has been a popular choice for children and parents. Children from two to 13 years old have daily access to a wide variety of activities including group sports, racquetball, swimming and arts and crafts. Theme days include classic favorites like costume days, tie-dye days and Olympics. New themes will be introduced this year as well.

Staff members are mature, professional and dedicated individuals who lead the campers in expanding their recreational abilities, meeting new challenges and having fun with friends old and new.

The availability of group and private swim and tennis lessons during the camp session are a great option for those families who want to incorporate either into their child's camp experience. The 30-minute swim lessons can be private, semi-private or group for all skill levels. Tennis camp is offered in half-day and full-day sessions, and a 90-minute "after-camp" tennis program is available for youngsters seven to 14 years old.

There are early drop-off and late pick-up options available for working parents. Healthy lunch and snack choices are offered daily. Early registration (by the end of May) and sibling discounts are also available.

An effort is made to make each day



Ashley Di Salvo and Kristyn Reczek are Summer Energy Camp's new co-directors at Club Fit in Briarcliff.

at Energy Camp unique and special. The goal is to enhance self-confidence and instill positive socialization within a non-competitive, structured and safe environment.

If this sounds like the summer camp experience for your child, additional information and registration forms can be found at www.clubfit.com or contact the camp office at 914-250-2768 or by email at campsbriarcliff@clubfit.com.

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The Westlake Players' production of "Guys and Dolls" will have its final two performances this weekend, Friday, Apr. 4 and Saturday, Apr. 6 at 7 p.m. at Westlake High School.

The classic musical, with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser revolves around a lovable bunch of gamblers looking to make quick dough playing dice. The game must move from place to place so the police don't find them. Nathan

Detroit, the dice game's host, is looking for a spot to hold the game that a lot of big-time gamblers want to attend.

The production stars Tom Leo as Sky Masterson, Samantha Sarno as Sarah Brown, Nichole Thomas as Adelaide and Joe Tagarelli as Nathan Detroit.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students.

Westlake High School is located at 825 Westlake Drive in Thornwood.



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Some of the "dolls" in one of the "Guys and Dolls" dance routines.



Three of the guys talk business in the Westlake Players' production of "Guys and Dolls." Performances are scheduled for this Friday and Saturday night at Westlake High School.



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You May Not Believe This Personal Story, But I Swear It's True



By Bill Primavera

This column comes with an advance warning: You may not believe it, but it's true.

It involves a feng shui seminar the Home Guru Team sponsored last week for my fellow associates at William Raveis Real Estate to celebrate my birthday. I had recently met a fascinating feng shui practitioner named Deanna Trust whom I invited to join the team

in order to offer her services to listing clients over a certain price point.

Midway through the two-hour presentation, my mouth was open, my eyes open even wider, as I realized that, unwittingly, I had created a set of conditions within my home that has revolutionized my life within the past three years.

Not that long ago I was down on my luck, deeply in debt and seemed to have few options open to me. Having been the owner of a highly successful lifestyles public relations agency in the 1980s and 1990s, I was forced after 9/11 to take a nine-to-five nonprofit job that I found less than gratifying while doing odd freelance PR and editorial jobs to make extra money. The only bright spot was, at that time, my part-

time entry into real estate.

To take my mind off things, I decided to convert what was my daughter's large bedroom into my work space. Looking for a theme but not wanting to spend much money, I remembered that I had a collection of nautical prints and oil paintings in the attic that my wife and I had inherited from our adopted Aunt Pearl. I had never really been attracted to seascapes but I thought they looked more masculine than the needlepoint and flowery wallpaper in the room. I asked my regular painter, Joe Pascarelli, to strip the wallpaper and to paint the walls a color that would pick up the primary tone of the nautical theme, a medium teal, a color that normally I would never choose.

Then, I moved my collection of about 200 crystals from a guest room to the shelves of my new room. Because I've always had a statue of my patron saint, Joseph, accompany me wherever I sleep, I took him along for good measure.

As soon as I occupied my new space, unexpected things started to happen, but I didn't make a connection. Home Guru readers started calling, saying that they felt they already knew me through my column and wanted to list their homes with me. My real estate business doubled in one year, then it doubled again the next. The same thing happened in my PR business. I made new friends. New investment opportunities



The Home Guru's work/sleep space: the color teal, a seascape, crystals and St. Joseph.

came my way unsolicited. The press reported more on my activities. So I thought, hey, I'm just on a lucky streak--until the moment in the middle of Trust's lesson when she said: "In feng shui, we work with five elements that operate in harmony in nature: among them is wood, the element that feeds fame and success . . . and water feeds wood . . . so a good color to paint a room where we spend most of our work or sleep time would be a water color, either green or teal, and it would be good to have images of water in evidence."

My mind started racing as she continued: "To energize our intentions, we might also add a crystal or two and, for good measure, maybe an image of the patron saint of the home and productivity, St. Joseph."

By this time, I was in a near state of apoplexy. I raised my hand and told my story to the group. Trust didn't seem

surprised while my fellow associates may have felt that I was just adding drama. But I swore to all, it was the truth. And it was all done unwittingly.

"You just made your intentions known to the universe and the universe responded," Deanna explained in a matter-of-fact way, adding that my bedroom was in the fame/wealth quadrant of my bagua, whatever that is. But who cares about the details when all the basic elements are in alignment and working without my having consciously planned it?

As readers may know, I'm in the process of moving to a new home. Can you guess how I'm planning to decorate my work/sleep space?

If you want to talk with feng shui specialist Deanna Trust for a consultation, call her directly at 973-366-3570. But fair warning: you may find yourself in some future situation that people won't believe.

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Business of the Week

Keep Insurance Agency Valhalla

By Colette Connolly

The folks at Keep Insurance Agency are aware that change can happen to anyone. They also realize that people don't always make the right choices to protect themselves from unforeseen circumstances.

That's why the Valhalla-based agency studies the needs of its clients to provide them with the coverage that suits them best.

President and Chief Financial Officer Patrick Kelly leads Keep Insurance, which has offices in New York and Connecticut. It also owns a number of smaller insurance agencies in the metropolitan area.

Kelly's brother, John, established the business in 1983 while still a college freshman. After earning a business degree, Patrick Kelly went to work for his now late brother, learning everything he could from him.

"In those days, the industry was a true underwriting business where agents had more flexibility in negotiating the price of insurance coverage," said Kelly, a Bronx native.

In today's world, technology and access to information have greatly impacted how insurance policies are written. Customers' credit scores and certain predictive modeling strategies that calculate how much clients should be charged are widely used, explained Joseph A. Cantarella, the company's executive vice president.

Much of Keep Insurance's focus is underwriting business liability insurance, commercial insurance, contractors insurance and umbrella insurance. It also provides personal insurance, which includes coverage for automobiles, homes, boats and motorcycles. Customers can also obtain life and health insurance through the agency.

Keep Insurance, which is housed in a more than century-old structure that was formerly used as a Methodist church, represents up to 20 different carriers, all of them A+ rated providers, such as CNA Surety, Encompass Insurance, Liberty Mutual Insurance, National General Insurance, Philadelphia Insurance Companies and Progressive.

Instead of searching online for insurance



The staff of Keep Insurance Agency.

coverage, Cantarella said customers can reach out to Keep Insurance agents who research the options most suited to their needs.

"Some of the bigger insurance carriers that advertise on TV lead people to believe that they are the cheaper option, but that's not necessarily true," Cantarella noted. "I know that we can beat Geico any day."

Unlike other agencies, Kelly said his company is committed to educating customers on how insurance coverage works. For example, submitting too many minor automobile claims can cause premiums to rise.

"I think what many people don't understand is that insurance is meant to protect you when you need it," Cantarella said.

Some of the larger insurance companies often "tweak" coverage in order to save customers money, but that is not

necessarily a good thing, he added.

"We analyze the customer's needs and also try to explain to them what the benefits actually mean," added Kelly, who oversees a staff of 18, which includes Cantarella, Vice President Frank Parisi, Catherine McCarthy, the personal lines manager, and support staff.

In addition to devoting about 65 percent of its business to the personal insurance needs of customers, Kelly said the agency's commercial insurance department helps companies of all sizes--sole proprietors, small businesses and large corporations--including many construction companies. Keep Insurance has also insured government agencies, municipalities, school districts and hospitals.

Kelly said Keep Insurance is a smaller, more agile independent insurance agency, one that has expert staff that can quickly check prices and coverage options and who understand the complexities of the industry.

"All we ask of new customers is that they give us an opportunity to look at their current insurance needs, make recommendations and to put a package together that is suited to their particular needs," Kelly said.

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Tuesday, Apr. 1

Poems as Stories. Whether you're beginning to discover the joys of poetry or have been writing for years, this three-part series will help you tap into your feelings, memories and the essence of things. Working from the musical sound and rhythm of language, discover words that make poems "speak" to us in meaningful ways. For all levels. Led by Karen Rippstein. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3 p.m. Free. Also Apr. 8. A third session on Apr. 22 will be devoted to reading poems created from the series. Info: 914-273-3887.

Pysanky. Extravagant eggs. For children in grades 4 and up. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 4 p.m. Free. Also Apr. 8 and 15. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-238-4779.

"Lymphedema After Breast or Gynecological Cancer." Open to people living with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancers. Lymphedema is the swelling due to the buildup of lymph fluids, often in the arm, leg, face or neck, sometimes caused by cancer or its treatment. Jen Looby, a physical therapist and senior certified lymphedema therapist at Hudson Valley Hospital Center, will be the guest speaker. Hudson Valley Hospital Center, 1980 Crompond Rd., Cortlandt Manor. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Wednesday, Apr. 2

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.

Knitting Group. Hats for our servicemen and women overseas and other ongoing projects for care centers and hospitals. Clinton Street Center, 1A Clinton St., Pleasantville. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Meets every Monday and Wednesday. Info: 914-769-2021.

Baby Time. A fun interactive lap sit story time. Includes songs, rhymes and a few very short stories to give 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 10:20 a.m. Free. Every Monday and Wednesday through April (except Apr. 14 and 16). Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Toddler Time. Uses finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early

listening skills, 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 through April (except Apr. 14, 16 and 18). Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Preschool Story Time. An interactive story time using 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 through April (except Apr. 14, 16 and 18). Info: 914-769-0276 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. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-231-3260.

Knitting Club. Come learn to knit, or if you already know how, bring your current project and enjoy a visit with other knitters and crocheters. Beginners should bring a pair off size 8 or 10 straight knitting needles and skein or worsted weight yarn. Open to knitters and crocheters 10 years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041.

Obamacare and Medical Politics. Dr. Robert G. Lerner, a professor of medicine at New York Medical College and Chief of Hematology/Hemostasis at Westchester Medical Center, will speak about the controversial workings of the Affordable Care Act and give an overview of the state of America's healthcare system. Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Rd., Elmsford. 6 p.m. Free.

The Art of India. Gold, metalwork, tapestries, murals, sculpture and more. Led by LIU Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Wildlife Encounters: Living With Wildlife. This lecture will provide accurate information and advice to enable local residents to develop a more positive relationship with wildlife in our area. The program will include discussion on the most common species of birds, reptiles and mammals, such as raccoons and coyotes. Learn techniques for attracting human-friendly wildlife and distracting techniques for the not so "friendly." Followed by a Q&A. For adults only. Westmoreland Sanctuary, 260 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Mount Kisco.

7 p.m. Members: Free. Non-members: \$5. Info: 914-666-8448 or visit www.westmorelandsanctuary.org.

Coexisting With Coyotes in New Castle. A workshop led by Dr. Daniel Bogan of the state Department of Environmental Conservation's Bureau of Wildlife and a lecturer in environmental studies at Siena College. The goals of the workshop include creating a better understanding of the role of coyotes, educate residents with reasonable recommendations, review coyote behavior and practice hazing techniques for residents. A question-and-answer session will follow. New Castle Town Hall, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free.

Thursday, Apr. 3

Pleasantville Garden Club Monthly Meeting. Speaker and fellow club member Carolyn Ramsey talks about how to propagate mouth-watering tomatoes as the start of spring tempts us to grow our own vegetables. This hands-on workshop includes seedlings planters to take home. All welcome. Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, 400 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. General meeting at 9:15 a.m. Program at 10:30 a.m. Free. Info: Contact Valerie Bailey at 914-747-1049 or visit www.pleasantvillegardenclub.org.

Poets and Writers Series. Wang Ping, a creative writing professor at Manchester College in St. Paul, Minn., is a poet whose roots are deep in Chinese poetry. Born in China, she experiments with the weaving of two cultures, two languages and two poetic traditions. newest poems focus on the female body. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 9:30 and 11 a.m. Free. Info: 914-606-6716.

Let Your Yoga Dance Classes. The popular Kripalu noon dance class is now in Chappaqua! Combines easy dance, gentle yoga and great music. Come join this noncompetitive, heart pumping and joyful experience. Drop-ins welcome. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. \$20 per 75 min. class. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-238-8974 or email claudiayogadance@gmail.com.

Toddler Time. Uses finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening skills, learning and speaking skills. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Tuesdays through April (except for Apr. 15 and 17). Recommended for children one to two and a half years old. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Preschool Story Time. An interactive story time using picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive., Valhalla 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Recommended for children

two and a half to five years old. Tuesdays and Thursdays through April (except Apr. 15 and 17). info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Yiddish Vinkle. Yiddish speakers (or dabblers) enjoy Yiddish poetry, current events, short stories, humor, songs, music and great camaraderie. Rosenthal JCC, 600 Bear Ridge Rd., Pleasantville. 1 to 3 p.m. \$6 suggested donation. Meets every Thursday. Info: 914-741-0333 ext. 24 or visit www.rosenthaljcc.org.

Multilingual Mother Goose. Learn and share songs and rhymes in other languages. For children birth to five years old; with an adult. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 2:30 p.m. Free. Meets every Thursday. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-238-4779.

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

Lyme Disease Presentation. Naturopathic physician Dr. Abby Egginton of Westchester Center for Natural Health will discuss Lyme disease prevention and natural approaches for treatment. Mount Pleasant Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548.

Friday, Apr. 4

Zumba Gold. Try this low-impact approach to Zumba for the older active adult and baby boomer with the same sassy, sweaty, fun-filled cardio workout in an easy learning environment. Ongoing classes; drop-ins welcome. Addie-tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. \$12. Four- and eight-week cards available. Meets every Friday. Info: 914-747-0808 or email instructor at olin.amyj@gmail.com.

Origami With Hitomi Kahara. Make colorful flowers for spring. For students in grades 6-12. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Zumba Fitness Class. Addie-Tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. \$15 a class. \$29 for four classes. \$55 for eight classes. Meets every Friday. Info: 917-215-1720, email AddietudeDance@gmail.com or visit www.Addie-tude.com.

Friday Night Cinema and Conversation. The 2007 release "Eklavya: The Royal Guard" will be screened. In Hindi with English subtitles. With LIU Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

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Spring is Finally Here and So is Baseball and Beer

It's opening day for our national pastime, but it really doesn't feel like it. The weekend was a wet washout, a few flakes even flew, and if you look around a bit, you can still find clumps of snow where the sun, as the saying goes, don't shine. But when the ump calls "Play ball!" hope springs eternal.

Bryan Carney of Sparkill, across the Tappan Zee Bridge, wears a Mets cap and a sheepish smile. So he's a fan of the Metsies, yes?

"You could say that," Carney said with a shrug, the way Mets fans do.

He and Ally Nolan have been talking about visiting Captain Lawrence for years, and—at long last—got around to it today.

"We finally got some time off," said Nolan, sipping the Kevin's Bacon Ale, brewed with a mix of Irish malts, maple syrup and, yes, bacon. "We finally made it."

Carney likes the Imperial IPA a lot more than he likes the Mets' hopes for 2014.

"Eighty wins—that's the goal," he said.

Nolan is more of a passive fan. "She's been upset with them since they traded R. A. Dickey," Carney explained. "And Jose Reyes."

Across the tasting room on a mostly mellow Sunday, Michael Giuliano of North



Michael Malone
(malone5a@yahoo.com).

White Plains is also a Mets fan—something of a rarity here in the Bronx's backyard.

"My dad was a Brooklyn Dodgers fan," he said with the same shrug Carney showed a minute before. "That's what happens."

He's having the monster ale Seeking Alpha, but would prefer something a little less hoppy than a triple IPA. Wife Enzara is enjoying her

favorite: The Brown Bird Ale. They serve it at Victor's in Hawthorne, where Enzara bartends. She's happy to spend a lazy Sunday in the tasting room.

"You get stuck in the house all winter and you get cranky," she said. "But you go out for a few beers and it's not so bad."

Giuliano has the good humor of a long suffering Mets fan. He tells the story of his church's pastor, regaling the congregation in Valhalla about the time he gave Mets tickets to a parishioner, who gave them to another parishioner, and so on—until the pastor's tickets ended up coming back to him.

"I look for [the Mets] to go .500," he said. "It's gonna be tough. The pitching's OK, but they've got no sticks."

While there have been three separate Jeffersons to play in the major leagues (Jesse, Reggie and Stan, if you're scoring at home),

Pavel and Milan Jefferson, brothers living in Hartsdale, have but a passing interest in baseball.

"Is A-Rod still out?" Milan asked.

They grew up in San Jose and sort of root for the A's. They have the best seats in the brewery—a handsome pair of Adirondack chairs, emblazoned with Captain Lawrence logos, all alone in the rectangular viewing area outside the tasting room.

"Actually, someone took our stools inside," said Milan. "We came out here and saw these beauties."

Pavel enjoys the Demon Sweat black pale ale. Milan said the 'IP'Session India Pale Ale is "pretty awesome." Pavel, a tennis teacher, had hoped to go snowboarding, until the rain put a damper on his plans.

"I wanted to do something fun in the area," he said, "and thought, where else can I go?"

He does have one fond baseball-ish memory: having his graduation from NYU at the old Yankee Stadium, when a streaker ran the bases and made it to third before the nude dude was tackled. The memory, and the Demon Sweat, bring a smile to Pavel's lips.

Speaking of Yankee Stadium—and Demon Sweat—a few samples of the dark, dark ale have struck Josh Glantz of Scarsdale

with a blast of promotional genius: tie in Captain Lawrence to Derek "The Captain" Jeter's final season with the Bombers.

"You gotta get it into Yankee Stadium!" he enthused.

"He's a marketing guy," noted pal Michael Deforge, also of Scarsdale.

Glantz has been visiting Captain Lawrence since the early days, with a growler showing a Pleasantville address to prove it. It's Michael's first time at 444 Saw Mill River Rd. He looks lovingly to the patio outside.

"As soon as the sun is out, I might be here every weekend," he said.

Deforge is from hops country in Washington State, and roots for the Mariners...to go .500 this year.

"You've got King Felix! You've got Cano!" countered Glantz.

"That's it," Deforge said. "Stop now."

Hailing from the Bronx, Glantz loves the Yankees, and says some younger players—and A-Rod watching from home—will at least make them more fun to watch this year.

Whether they're rooting for the Yankees, Mets or Mariners, everyone in the room is pulling for spring to finally show itself.

"I'm desperate to get outside," Glantz said. "With the grill...and the beer."

Notes From the Tasting Room



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WCC Friday Night Film Series: "Any Day Now." The first of six films to kick off the series. Inspired by a true story, the film chronicles a gay couple in the 1970s who take in an abandoned teenage boy with Down Syndrome, but disapproving authorities step in to tear the boy from the only stable environment he has ever known. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla (Use Parking Lot 1). Doors open at 7:10 p.m. Refreshments at 7:30 p.m. Movie at 8 p.m. Single admission: \$11 Seniors \$10. Season subscription: \$54. Seniors: \$48. Info: Contact Bob Bruckenthal at 914-723-3186.

"Gravity." Director Alfonso Cuarón's Oscar-winning film starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney on a big screen with popcorn. Katonah Village Library, 26 Bedford Rd., Katonah. 7:30 p.m. Come at 7 p.m. to talk with others about science fiction movies and books. Free. Info: Visit www.katonahlibrary.org.

"Into the Woods." Arc Stages presents this production of Stephen Sondheim's musical. Directed by Ann Shenkman. Arc Stages, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. \$25. Students and seniors: \$20. Also Apr. 5 and 12 at 2 and 8 p.m. Apr. 6 and 13 at 7 p.m. and Apr. 11 at 8 p.m. Info and tickets: Visit www.arcstages.org.

Saturday, Apr. 5

Chappaqua Farmers Market. Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 191 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 8:30 to 1 p.m. Every Saturday until May. Info: Visit www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org.

Pleasantville Farmers Market. The market is back indoors and even better than last year, with more winter-grown produce, meats, breads, cheeses, prepared foods and all the goodies you know and love. Pleasantville Middle School, 40 Romer Ave., Pleasantville. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday until mid May. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Amphibian Rescue Corp. Millions of frogs and salamanders are killed by automobiles during their spring migration from hibernation sites to ponds and vernal pool. The corp is comprised of volunteers who head out on the first rainy night of early spring to help these valuable animals as they cross roads in our area. Learn how to identify different amphibians, proper handling techniques and equipment. Westmoreland Sanctuary, 260 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Mount Kisco. 10 a.m. Free for those who join the corp. Info: Contact Steve Ricker at sricker@westmorelandsanctuary.org.

Twigs Thrift Shop Spring Garage Sale. Featuring clothing and accessories, jewelry, books, seasonal items, small furniture, household bric-a-brac, tools and much more. Donations of small furniture

items would be appreciated. Twigs Thrift Shop of Northern Westchester Hospital, 449 Lexington Ave., Mount Kisco. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info and to donate items for the sale: 914-666-6557.

Amadeus Summer Theater and Art Day Camp Open House and Scholarship Day. Clifford Carter, keyboardist for James Taylor and Art Garfunkel, will be performing. Amadeus Conservatory of Music, 201 King St., Chappaqua, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: 914-238-0388 or visit www.amadeusconservatory.com, www.amadeustheaterartscamp.com or amadeus@amadeusconservatory.com.

Westchester Philharmonic Open Rehearsal. Children and families welcome. Purchase College's Performing Arts Center, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 10:30 a.m. Free. Info: Visit www.westchesterphil.org.

Gan Shabbat. Children's Sabbath services for nursery school age students and their families. This interactive introduction to Shabbat songs, stories and prayers is for toddlers to children in second grade. Followed by a kid-friendly Kiddush of refreshments. Once a month through June. Bet Torah, 60 Smith Ave., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to noon. Free. Info: 914-666-7595.

Learn Chair Yoga. Experience greater flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, improved balance, strengthening and toning of muscles, better digestion, stress reduction, mental clarity, improved breathing, relaxation and an overall sense of well-being. No previous yoga or fitness experience exercise necessary. Led by Alka Tewani, registered yoga therapist and certified chair yoga instructor. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday through June 7 (except for May 24). Info: 914-273-3887.

Sci-Fi Book Club. Join a lively chat about the book "Sphere" by Michael Crichton as well as other science fiction books and movies. May's meeting will take place on a weekday evening. Katonah Village Library, 26 Bedford Rd., Katonah. 1:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.katonahlibrary.org/about/science-fiction-book-club.

DIY Garden Series Part 1. Do you have questions on how to start or maintain a vegetable garden at home? This series covers topics including garden location and space allotment, soil testing and treatments, animal exclusion techniques and more. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Part 2 on Apr. 6 at 2 p.m. Attendance at first session is not required to attend the second session. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Walkable Westchester Second Edition Book Launch. Come hear from Jane and

Walt about the updated guide which covers more than 600 miles of trails in over 200 parks and sanctuaries in Westchester, including Saw Mill River Audubon properties, with new maps and descriptions. Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave., Ossining. 2 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org.

"Aspects: Two Visions in Black and White" Opening Reception. An exhibit of black and white photographic works by Ruth Raskin and Rita Baunok. Raskin displays images from "Road Trip: New Mexico," taken during her 14-day journey and Baunok exhibits "Gypsy Row," images taken during her trip to the historic region of Olcsvaapati in the county of Szabolcs Szatmar Bereg, Hungary. Mamaroneck Artists Guild Gallery, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 3 to 5 p.m. Free. Exhibit runs through Apr. 26. Gallery open Tuesday through Saturday 12 to 5 p.m. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

Hudson Chorale Benefit Concert. The chorale's 2014 benefit event is a concert staging of "My Business Is to Sing!" by local playwright Barbara Dana. This new pla explores the life, letters and poems of Emily Dickinson. Directed by Anthony Arkin featuring mezzo-soprano Kathleen Shimeta and Tony Award nominee Amelia Campbell as Emily. Chappaqua Public Library Theater, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7:30 p.m. \$60 (includes ticket and post play reception). Info and tickets: 914-332-0133.

Danceworks Performances. Westchester Community College's dance company, a diverse ethnic and cultural combination of college students and alumni, will present a special program. Led by Company Director Mollyann Franzblau. Westchester Community College's Academic Arts Theatre, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. \$15. Children, seniors and students: \$10. Also Apr. 6 and 13 and 3 p.m. and Apr. 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. Info: Visit www.sunywc.edu. Tickets: 914-606-6262. Tickets may also be bought at the door.

Rockin' Spring Bash. Chappaqua's Natterjack Toad, a rock, fund and blues band, in association with the Chappaqua-Millwood Chamber of Commerce and Music is Medicine, will be performing. Paulie's, 14 Marble Ave., Pleasantville. 9 p.m. Info: Visit Natterjack Toad's Facebook page.

Sunday, Apr. 6

Church Service. St. John's Episcopal Church, 8 Sunnyside Ave., Pleasantville. Rite I Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. Rite III, a service geared toward families with young children at 9:15 a.m. Rite II Choral Service Holy Eucharist at 10:45 a.m. Every Sunday. Info: 914-769-0053.

Turtles 101. During the spring and summer, Westmoreland conducts turtle monitoring as part of its conservation

efforts. allowing us to access the health and wellbeing of our turtle population. This program gives participants a glance at the lives of our local turtles, turtle identification, creating a backyard habitat and learning what to do should you see a turtle crossing the road. For anyone eight years old and up. Westmoreland Sanctuary, 260 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Mount Kisco. 11 a.m. Members: Free. Non-members: \$5. Info: 914-666-8448 or visit www.westmorelandsanctuary.org.

Teaching Trails: A Community Path for Environmental Education. Join guided trail experience through the woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own heat to help melt through the late winter ice. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Meets every Sunday (except Apr. 20). Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Hearing Loss Association of America's Westchester/Rockland Walk4Hearing Kickoff. The Westchester Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America will host this event as a kickoff to its May 17 Walk4Hearing. The ninth annual walk invites everyone to have fun, get fit, learn more about hearing loss and raise money for this important cause. Featuring food and wine and special guest speakers. WCBS-TV sportscaster Otis Livingston will host. ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. 1 to 3:30 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: Contact Deborah Dolgin Wolfe at 845-368-0968 or email deborahdwolfe@gmail.com.

Monday, Apr. 7

Veterans Roundtable. Informal discussion and camaraderie among members and public service projects. Clinton Street Center, 1A Clinton St., Pleasantville. 1 to 2 p.m. Free. Meets every Monday. Info: 914-769-2021.

Stories and More. Stories and snacks. For children in grades K-3. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 4:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

"The Power of Building Content and Community." Manhattanville College's School of Graduate and Professional Studies will host this marketing panel highlighting best practices in content marketing and corporate social responsibility from powerful Westchester-based companies. Part of Manhattanville's "Insights into Leadership" speaker series. Reid Castle, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$25 in advance; \$35 at the door. Info: 914-323-5188 or email GPSevents@mvil.edu. Registration: Visit www.community.mville.edu/pages/gps-event-4.7.14.

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Enjoying Wine as a Transcendent Sensory Experiment



By Nick Antonaccio

At my periodic wine tasting events for consumers, I always emphasize that we each have individual, unique palates. Our individual palates influence our unique senses of taste and smell;

our individual palates influence our appreciation of one wine over another; our individual palates segregate us into varying camps, such as red wine lovers or white wine lovers or dessert wine lovers.

Why is this?

The sensory experience we have with wine is focused and centered on two very distinct senses: our sense of taste and our sense of smell. When we savor a glass of wine it is these two senses that transmit

ethereal data points to our brain cells and create impressions of the wine. One person's perception of sweetness may be another's perception of savory. One person's perception of an earthy wine may be another's perception of a barnyard characteristic.

'the influences of our senses'

Let's delve into the attributes and influences of these two of our five senses.

1. Our sense of taste. We all remember ninth-grade biology. We have four components of our sense of taste: sweet, salty, sour and bitter. More recently, science has unraveled and defined a fifth sense--umami (savory) that I never knew I had but thank laboratory research for helping me discover it in my physiological make up.

We experience these senses when we sip wine and it interacts with our tongue and the lining of our mouth. It is these interactions that send signals to our brains and thereby form impressions of a Cabernet Sauvignon or a Pinot Noir. In turn, our receptors create memory banks for future reference so that the next time we taste a wine, these cells, through the signals from our tongue and mouth, will help identify if the wine is Cabernet Sauvignon or another wine.

This would be a fine explanation of how we interact with and perceive a glass of wine, but in fact it is much more complicated.

2. Our sense of smell. It is with this

sense that we truly experience wine. Our brain receptors, and therefore our experience with wine, food and all things aromatic, are influenced significantly greater through our sense of smell than our sense of taste. Our physiological make up bears this out. When we experience wine, it is our nasal passages that provide the sensory perception of our encounter, much more than our sense of taste. The body of receptors and interactions through our sense of smell includes more than 10,000 components.

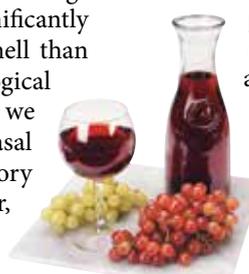
Therefore, our experiences with wine, and our brain's ability to record and remember these experiences, are overwhelmingly centered in our sense of smell. From fruit characteristics such as cherries or blackberries to nature's natural essence of ocean brine or earthy forest, we encounter all around us through our sense of smell. Without this, we would not be able to distinguish fruity wine from vegetal, or even red wine from white. These olfactory senses emanate from our nasal passages. This is why I have my wine guests go through a ritual each time they experience a wine: Swirl the wine in the glass to open its bouquet

and distinctive aromas; then aggressively insert your nose in the glass to absorb the aromas; then sip the wine and swirl it in your mouth. In this way you are opening the

aroma receptors in your nasal passages and your mouth to enjoy the full experience of appreciating, analyzing--and remembering--the wine at hand. It is in this way that I, and my guests and students, are able to anticipate the profile of a bottle of Italian Barolo to be earthy and voluptuous and a French Chablis to have elements of ocean brine or seashells.

The next time you encounter a glass of wine repeat the exercises I've outlined above. From then on your interaction with wine will have a baseline of comparison and a finely focused approach to fully experiencing and memorizing individual wines for future reference.

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Panthers Have Some Unfinished Business on Their Minds

By Andy Jacobs

A year ago, the fast-rising Pleasantville boys' lacrosse team advanced to its first-ever sectional championship game and then threw a huge scare at top-seeded Bronxville by scoring the first three goals.

The Panthers walked off the turf that day without the Class C title plaque in hand, but with a vow they would do whatever it takes to return 12 months later to try to put an end to the Bronco dynasty.

"It's something we've talked about since that game ended last year," Panthers coach Chris Kear was saying last Thursday, shortly after the curtain had finally risen on his team's 2014 season. "So there's no secret what we're trying to do. We have 11 seniors and a lot of them are very hungry to finish the season in a pile and make sure that we climb that mountain and conquer the team ahead of us."

The climb up the mountain for Kear and the Panthers had just begun a bit earlier that afternoon with a lopsided 19-6 victory at home against Ossining. Brendan Halloran and Josh Della Puca each provided five goals as Pleasantville began the new season by breezing to an easy win despite the frigid weather.

Halloran and Della Puca are part of the talented core of seniors who figure to make the Panthers one of the most explosive teams in all of Section One this year. Another of those seniors, Owen Reda, didn't even play last season, and Kear calls his return to the lineup "a great addition." It didn't take him long to make an impact in the season opener.

"Owen was out all of last season with an ACL tear," said Kear. "He's back this year and he came out and scored the first goal of the season for us. And that was a huge emotional lift for everybody. He brings an extra scoring threat to us and he's a dynamic player."

Reda's goal came a mere 20 seconds after the opening faceoff. Ossining responded with two quick goals to take a short-lived lead before Halloran supplied his first two goals of the game just 14 seconds apart that gave Pleasantville the advantage for good. By the time the first quarter was over, Halloran had already scored three times, Reda twice, and the Panther lead was up to 7-3.

At halftime, Pleasantville's margin had stretched to 12-4, but Reda was back on the bench and through for the day after tweaking his surgically repaired knee. "Just maybe a strain, or something like that," said Kear about the preliminary word he was given on the sideline. "So we're optimistic that it's just gonna be a couple of days he'll be out."

The Panthers won 20 of 26 faceoffs against Ossining and outshot the Pride by a whopping 45-13 margin, so Kear, now



Pleasantville's Baylor Rosenbaum tries to get to the goal against visiting Ossining.



Pleasantville's Josh Della Puca protects the ball as he moves up the field vs. Ossining last Thursday afternoon.

in his third year at the Pleasantville helm, didn't get much of a chance to see what his defense is capable of this season.

"We did play a couple of really good teams the last week or so that really did test our 'D,'" said Kear about preseason scrimmages against teams such as North Rockland, Brewster, Scarsdale, John Jay and Fordham Prep. "We don't have a lot of depth, so it was good to have a game where the 'D' didn't have to work too hard and our legs are fresh for the next game."

That next game came Saturday afternoon against Nyack, again at home. Halloran, who had six assists in the opener, this time produced four goals and three assists as the Panthers crushed the Indians 17-4. Greg Drillock chipped in with a pair of goals and three assists.

The Panthers' early domination on the scoreboard against overmatched rivals seemingly makes it difficult for Kear to glean much about how they'll match up once they face better opposition, but he claims he was still able to learn a few things while watching the demolition.

"We found out a couple of things that we need to work on because we felt we could've been more efficient," he said. "We felt like there were a few plays that we left on the table that would've been easier plays



Pleasantville goalie Chris Doerr guards the cage in Thursday's season opener.

if we were a little sharper. So you can see, even in games like this, some of the things you need to work on."

The Panthers figure to get tested by Putnam Valley, Mahopac and Somers within a five-day span the second week of April, but Kear has plenty of confidence in his players, whose mission this season can be clearly seen on their sweatshirts that read "Finish '14" at the bottom.

"They know what kind of talent we have and they know what's ahead of us, so they've been very clear on their goals," he said. "They understand what steps they need to take to get to that point. It's not the kind of group that's gonna back down very easily."

Whether or not the Panthers can end the three-year title run of Bronxville remains to be seen, but two games into a new season they seem like a team to be reckoned with.

"It's always nice to start the season with a 'W' and get that first one out of the way," said Kear. "It's a good momentum builder and hopefully we can get on a little run, especially before we go into league play. Hopefully, we'll have some tests along the way that can prepare us for the sectionals."



The Panthers' Greg Drillock fires a shot toward the cage in Thursday's season-opening victory.



Austin Tomasetti of Pleasantville runs past Ossining's Mike Pappalardo.



Brendan Halloran, who had five goals and six assists, heads for the cage during the Panthers' 19-6 rout of Ossining last Thursday.



Pleasantville coach Chris Kear watches his team in Thursday's season opener.

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Ryder Beitzel of Fox Lane unleashes a shot during Saturday's 12-7 loss to Putnam Valley.



The Foxes' Andrew Harrison gets set to send a shot on goal against visiting Putnam Valley.

Upper left: Fox Lane's Adam Markhoff searches for an open teammate in Saturday's game vs. Putnam Valley.

Left: Fox Lane's Jack Alexander celebrates after scoring a goal in the second quarter of Saturday's season opener.

Far left: Fox Lane's Dan Tracy moves the ball up the field in a steady rain on Saturday afternoon at the Foxes' Memorial Stadium.

SPORTS SCENE



Left: Kat Cox of Byram Hills controls the ball in the Bobcats' season-opening win against the Golden Knights.

Lower left: Taylor Verboys of Byram Hills battles for possession in Saturday's season-opening win vs. Nanuet.

Below: Byram Hills' Caroline Bucher prepares to send a shot on goal in Saturday's 11-7 home win over Nanuet.

Right: Noelle Love of Byram Hills heads for the goal during the Bobcats' 11-7 victory over visiting Nanuet.

Lower right: The Bobcats' Emily Byrne looks for a teammate to pass to in Saturday's home win.



Bears Debut on New Turf Field by Routing Rye Neck

By Skip Pearlman

On a dreary, rainy day when most teams without an artificial surface to play on would be sitting home, the Briarcliff boys' lacrosse team got its chance to shine.

The Bears broke in their brand, spanking new turf field on Saturday with a laughter, a 22-4 dismantling of Rye Neck, in the season opener for both teams.

Briarcliff played unselfish ball, racing to an 8-1 lead after one quarter, and stretched that to 11-1 by halftime.

Bears coach Rob Anderson saw a lot he liked from his team on opening day.

"We played unselfish," Anderson said. "They're friends on and off the field. They played hard, stayed aggressive on ground balls and executed when we had opportunities. We were patient on offense and we communicated on defense. They were all on the same page."

It was also a coming-out party of sorts for freshman Keaton McCann, who erupted for seven goals and an assist after not scoring in three pre-season scrimmages. Junior Dan Millner had five goals and three assists, Stefano Paone had three goals and three assists, and Ethan Krupa scored twice and dished out two assists. Briarcliff goalie Graham Goldheim stopped nine shots on net.

"I'm very proud of our freshman, McCann," Anderson said. "He was inconsistent in scrimmages, but I had a



Matt Klarnet shoots in a win Saturday at Briarcliff

good feeling Saturday when I got to the field. He was the first one there and had that look in his eyes. And the guys also fed off our goalie, Graham. He played with confidence and I'm proud of him. John Plimpton on faceoffs was strong and the other faceoff guys fed off that, and I like the way our defense came together. Sam Hahn led us in ground balls and had a great game. And Millner and Stefano, they are our unselfish leaders and played great."

Anderson was also thrilled to see the new field come to fruition.

"The administration, the youth program and our athletic director, they care so much about the community and these kids," Anderson said. "And this field shows how much they care and how much they're



The Briarcliff boys lacrosse team played its first game on the new turf Saturday at Briarcliff HS.

willing to give the kids. They (the kids) work hard, in and out of the classroom, and they deserve the best. So I'm proud of the program – and the field is an example of the program. And it's absolutely beautiful. Just walking down here, it's so picturesque... the way it sits below the stands, you almost have a three-tier look at it. It's just unbelievable, and they haven't even finished the lower portion of the project."

Krupa, one of the Bears' team captains, also gave his approval.

"It's great... so much better than our old field, which was like a dust bowl," Krupa said. "This is so soft, ground balls are great on it. We're happy playing in the rain, everything about it is great. I love playing on it."

Krupa also likes the makeup of the 2014 Bears. "Today we had great teamwork, always made the extra pass," he said. "I think the chemistry there was evident. I



Briarcliff's Brendan Krupa had two goals and two assists Saturday.

think we can go far this season. We have good chemistry and a lot of good talent."

Briarcliff athletic director Chris Drosopoulos was also excited to see the field debut – regardless of the rainy surroundings.

"It's all positive, it's been a collaboration between the community and our coaches," he said of the ongoing project. "On a day like today (steady rain), we wouldn't usually be able to play, but now we can play the game. It's still a work in progress, and there are still some things we will finish up in the next couple weeks, but the kids are excited. There's a new synergy throughout the community and, most important, with the kids. The kids are all going to benefit from this."

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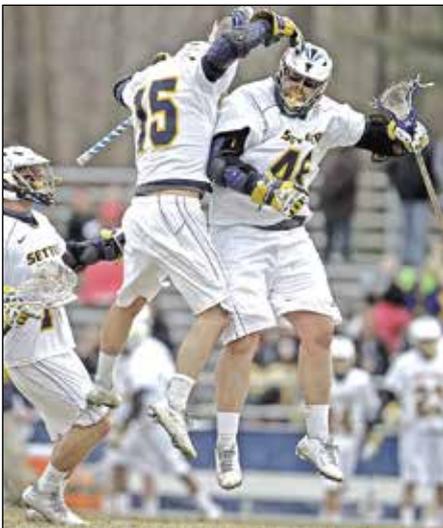
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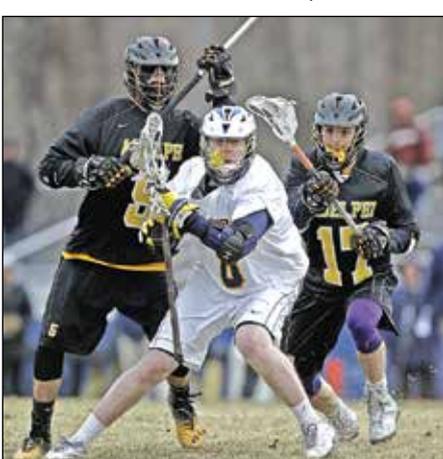
Matt Cossidente of Pace controls the ball in last Tuesday's 13-10 loss to nationally ranked Adelphi.



Pace University's Ryan Valdez tries to get past Joseph Sciarra of Adelphi.



Pace players William Scioscia (15) and Adam Mirkin celebrate a Setter goal in last Tuesday's 13-10 loss to second-ranked Adelphi.



Pace outfielders Shelby Yung (left) and Samantha Garcia nearly collide as they chase a fly ball in short right. Yung made the catch.



Pace's William Scioscia (center) battles for possession of the ball near the cage in last Tuesday's near upset of second-ranked Adelphi.



Second baseman Lana Buchbinder pursues a grounder up the middle in Pace's 3-1 loss last week.

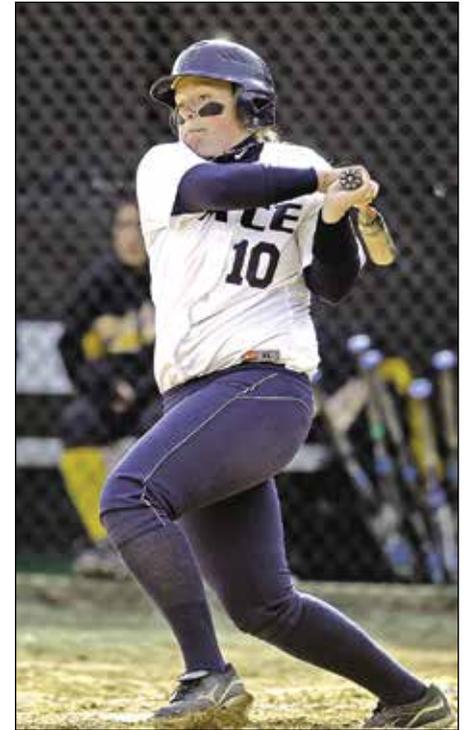


Kaitlynn Nelson of Pace pitches in Thursday's 3-1 loss to visiting Adelphi.

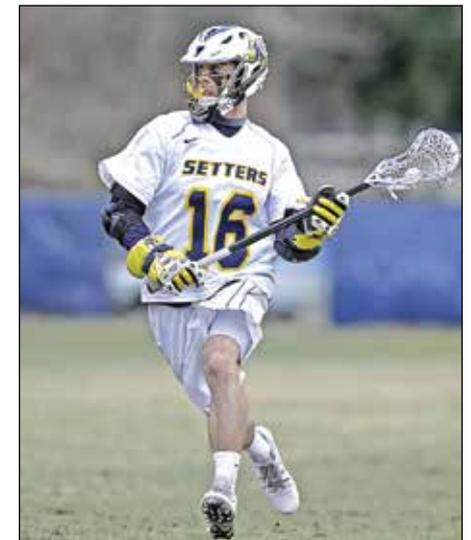
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Natalie Gellos of Pace belts a long fly to left during last Thursday's Setter home loss vs. Adelphi.



Pace catcher Hana Wright takes a big swing during Thursday's home game vs. Adelphi.



Thomas Gilmore of Pace University heads for the goal during last week's home game vs. undefeated Adelphi.

Left: Pace centerfielder Shelby Yung throws the ball to the plate as shortstop Jeane Drury (left) and second baseman Lana Buchbinder look on. Far left: Jeremy Koch of Pace protects the ball as Adelphi's Ralph Faiella and Joseph Sciarra apply defensive pressure in last week's Northeast-10 Conference game.

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