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New Castle Candidate: Supervisor Using Ethics Code to 'Dirty Me Up'

By Martin Wilbur

A candidate for New Castle Town Board accused Supervisor Robert Greenstein last week of trying to haul him before the town's Board of Ethics in a politically motivated attempt to sully his reputation as Election Day approaches.

Jeremy Saland, one of the town's three prosecutors and running on the Democratic slate opposing the Republican-backed Team New Castle 2.0 ticket led by Greenstein, said he was contacted at about 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 13 by the town's attorneys who questioned recent dismissals of parking tickets.

Saland said he was told by town attorneys Edward Phillips and Nicholas Ward-Willis that a resolution would be drawn up for that evening's town board meeting to consider a referral of the matter to the Board of Ethics.

Saland, making his first run for public

office, charged that Greenstein wanted to have his cases in town court reviewed in hopes of gathering information that could be used against him in the remaining weeks of the campaign.

"Rob Greenstein wants to find a way to dirty me up," a livid Saland said last week. "The reality is I'm completely above board in every situation."

He also said that he's learned Town Administrator Jill Shapiro has been looking to see how much revenue is being raised through the prosecution of tickets.

"Jill Shapiro has been reviewing my cases looking for information on how much money I've gotten for the town, and that's not what being a prosecutor is about," charged Saland, a criminal defense attorney who spent seven years as an assistant district attorney in

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Demolition Underway at Toll Bros. Townhouse Site in Pleasantville

By Arthur Cusano

Demolition has begun at a former Pleasantville business complex that will soon become a luxury townhouse development.

Mayor Peter Scherer made the announcement at last week's village board meeting, saying he had received calls from residents curious about the now-bustling construction work on Washington Avenue.

"A number of people have asked me about what is being built there, and it turns out there is some misinformation about what it is," Scherer said.

Site plan approval for the 68-unit project at the former Saw Mill Office Campus at 485 Washington Ave. was granted to national luxury housing developer Toll Brothers last December. The approved



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

Demolition work has begun at the site of a planned townhouse development on Washington Avenue.

plan includes townhouses on an 18-acre parcel, a project with a far larger footprint than the two office buildings now being torn down. The units will be sold as fee-simple homes, as opposed to condos or co-

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Wearing the Pink



Village of Mount Kisco employees came together and wore pink earlier this month to support their co-worker Lisa Ann Graziadei during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Graziadei's grandmother passed away 18 years ago this month from breast cancer.

Mount Kisco Planners Critical of 'Boxy' Modell's Plan

By Neal Rentz

A proposal to bring Modell's Sporting Goods to the site of the former Borders bookstore was thrown into doubt last week as most of the Mount Kisco Planning Board expressed opposition to the application.

Four of the five board members said they didn't want a big-box store in the heart of downtown, contending that the chain would be too large for the neighborhood. They also said that the interior of the store shouldn't be seen through the building's front windows.

Vice Chairman Anthony Sturniolo said Mount Kisco is a small community with mom-and-pop stores. The downtown has a distinctive look, he said, but Modell's is "far too large and boxy" for Main Street.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

William Null, an attorney representing Modell's Sporting Goods proposed for the former Borders site on Main Street, debated the merits of the plan with the Mount Kisco Planning Board last week.

William Null, an attorney representing Modell's, countered that the proposal conforms to the area's zoning.

"It is a better fit for the Route 117

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Manhattan. "Rob Greenstein basically wants me to extract money from the residents. But being a prosecutor is about doing the right thing."

Attempts on Monday to contact Shapiro, who was appointed by the current board majority to her post in January 2014, were unsuccessful, but Greenstein vigorously denied Saland's charges of political motivation. He said that having a town prosecutor remaining active while running for office could give the appearance of currying favor with potential voters.

"I decided to wait before calling for a vote because the town prosecutor told our town attorney that he wanted time to research the matter, and he wasn't due back in town court until after the election," Greenstein said in a statement. "That was fine with me. But I do think that the question should be addressed by our Ethics Board for the benefit of future prosecutors and other appointed officials who might want to run for office. We had a similar controversy during the last town election. Everyone should play by the same rules."

After the campaign is over, the town

should address the issue of whether a prosecutor can continue to serve while running for town office, he said. Greenstein said he thinks a leave of absence might be appropriate.

Saland, who intends to step down as prosecutor if he wins the election, fired back at Greenstein's comments about agreeing to give him more time as "a blatant lie." He said he sat through a marathon town board work session and regular meeting last Tuesday ready to defend himself if the issue was raised in public.

Phillips said interest was piqued

because town officials have been immersed in the 2016 budget process and noticed a large number of tickets recently that were dismissed. While no one is accusing Saland of unethical behavior, he said the issue is a legitimate one.

"The numbers are what the numbers are and they stand out," said Phillips who acknowledged that the town's current ethics code doesn't specifically prohibit a town prosecutor from continuing to serve while running for office.

On Oct. 1, the last time Saland served as prosecutor, 20 of 22 tickets were dismissed in town court that night. However, Saland showed The Examiner copies of parking tickets that he agreed to dismiss with each one explaining the reason.

As of last week, Saland has dismissed 46 tickets this year compared to 74 by Stuart Miller and 34 by Alan Sash, the town's two other prosecutors.

He also said that when he prosecutes tickets he does not check whether the person before the court is a New Castle resident. About 2.6 percent of the more than 2,000 tickets that came before the town court in a six-month period earlier this year were dismissed, he said.

"The real story isn't about Jeremy

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ops, which generates less tax revenue.

"We have not been told what the price point will be, but we expect that these are fairly big and expensive units," Scherer said. "And I think it will be a very good addition to the tax base in Pleasantville and to the range of housing options offered."

There is a substantial planting plan that will put trees in front of the already installed retaining walls to create a more attractive streetscape and to shield the future residents from the road, he said.

About half of the planned units will have ground-level master bedroom suites, which Scherer said will be attractive to

older residents and empty nesters.

Village Building Inspector Robert Hughes said the developer has approval for all site work – water lines, sewage, drainage, electrical work and the construction of the retaining walls on the property.

"There are no approvals for building permits for each of the 23 buildings yet, but that's just because of the process," Hughes said. "They have to do it in phases. There is so much site work that has to get done."

Hughes said he anticipated his office will soon receive final design plans to be approved, and that site managers had told him the plans were being finalized.

Demolition of the current buildings was delayed due to the discovery of more asbestos at the site than previously expected, which led to a more involved abatement process, Hughes said.

Andrea Lastella, regional marketing manager for Toll Brothers, said she was not authorized to publicly comment on the project yet. Artist renderings of the development have not yet been released, she said.

The village will receive \$340,000 from the Horsham, Pa.-based developer for its recreation fund.

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Saland dismissing tickets, it's about their abuse of power, trying to use the ethics code as a sword against someone who they feel will endanger their futures," he said.

Pace Law School Professor Jay C. Carlisle, who teaches the class Professional Responsibility and served on the state Bar Association's ethics committee, said which public servants can maintain their positions while they run for office is sometimes a murky area. Local ethics codes often fail to adequately address the issue, he said.

"It can be argued that it's unfair because he has an advantage here, but I don't see an ethical issue involved," Carlisle said. "I think that if he's elected for town board, at that point you have to leave."

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business corridor," said board member Ralph Vigliotti.

He added that Main Street stores should have "village-like signage."

A goal of the 2003 revision of the village zoning code was to limit the size of new stores to 8,000 square feet on Main Street, Vigliotti said. Proposed stores larger than that size require a special permit from the planning board.

Vigliotti also said the public should not be able to look into the store through the front windows. He suggested that Modell's position a wall by the windows, similar to what has been done with T.J. Maxx and Rite Aid Pharmacy.

"It's a better look," he said.

Modell's typical signage would be out of character with the downtown, Vigliotti added.

Null responded that the plan complies with the village's sign laws and that the applicant would work with the board on what could be seen through the front windows.

Douglas Epstein, Modell's senior vice president of real estate and general counsel, said the company's representatives did not want to follow the example of T.J. Maxx and Rite Aid.

"You'd be looking at a blank wall," he said.

Board Chairman Joseph Cosentino

said the board was required to analyze a proposal's potential impact, and approving Modell's could encourage other large chain stores to move to downtown.

Modell's would only occupy a portion of the space, which had formerly housed a box store, Null argued.

The typical Modell's is about 15,000 square feet, Epstein said. While stores located in Manhattan are often about 7,500 square feet, other locations are as large as 30,000 square feet, he said.

Despite the criticisms from most planning board members, Cosentino stressed that the "board has nothing against Modell's."

The only board member to support Modell's last week was John Bainlardi. The closing of Borders, which was "an anchor for that location," has been a major loss for the village and that the Modell's use would be appropriate for the Commercial Business zone, he said.

Borders occupied the entire 22,600-square-foot space at 154-162 E. Main St., which has been vacant since September 2011 after the bookstore chain filed for bankruptcy. Kisco Retail, LLC sold the property for \$6.5 million in an August 2014 auction to Modell's and the New Jersey-based Lerner Properties.

The board's opposition to the plan drew the ire of downtown business owners who attended the meeting. Leslie Bijoux, co-

owner of Yogi's Paw and Evolution across the street from the site, said Modell's is needed for the economic viability of downtown.

Cathy Deutsch, owner of Tiger Lily boutique, said she believes a majority of the board is against Modell's taking over the space. She said she found the board's opposition unusual because Borders was also a large store.

Modell's would occupy all but 6,000 square feet of the upper level of the two-story building, while one or more additional tenants that have not been determined would fill out the remainder of the space.

With several vacant storefronts, the sporting goods store would attract more shoppers downtown and give the area greater vitality, Deutsch said.

"We are fed up," she said. "I'm very passionate about this."

Modell's could find exterior signage that would fit in with Main Street, Deutsch added. Starbucks, also a national chain, conformed to neighboring downtown businesses on South Moger Avenue, she said.

The only major interior changes would be the installation of a new elevator and staircase.

The Modell's project is scheduled to return to the planning board agenda on Oct. 27.



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Pace Celebrates Opening of New Dorm, Environmental Center

By Arthur Cusano

Pace University faculty and staff celebrated the grand opening of the university's newest residence hall and a new environmental complex last week, which they hope will help make the suburban campus a destination for students.

Completion of Alumni Hall and the Environmental Center Complex, which will house all of the school's environmental programs, are among several projects completed this school year. A renovated student center, new athletic fields, football stadium and field house have also been completed.

The 125,000-square-foot dorm, which will soon include a new dining facility run by Chartwells and a Starbucks coffee shop, houses 540 students. Most of them are freshman, with some upper-class students living in residential suites.

The year-long construction project was part of the \$100 million master plan to consolidate the Briarcliff and Pleasantville campus and upgrade facilities in an effort to keep more students on campus and make it less of a commuter college.

"This marks a huge step in accomplishing our vision of transforming the Pleasantville campus into a distinctive suburban residential campus - a true living, learning community," said William McGrath, chief operating officer for Pace's

Westchester campus.

University President Stephen Friedman said the new residential facility serves as an expanded hub for student opportunity for academic and career growth.

"There is no doubt that our new buildings on this campus are shaping our students every day," Friedman said. "They will shape the lives of successful thinking professionals for years to come."

The environmental center complex includes the Dyson College Environmental House, a replica of the former farmhouse that was located where a second planned new dorm will soon be built. The center features a LEED-qualified classroom space and an outdoor pavilion, an animal facility, an aviary and a bee apiary, which will allow the school to produce honey and eggs.

"This is the first time we've had all of our environmental programs contiguous," said Dyson College Dean Nina Hermann. "And it has provided a really good opportunity to exchange information not only with this campus, but also with the law campus, which has one of the highest ranked environmental law programs."

Dean of Students Lisa Bardill Moscaritolo said the new expanded student center and residence hall are helping to transform campus life as part of the university's strategic plan. A key portion of that plan are the First Year



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

Pace University President Stephen Friedman was among those on hand to celebrate the opening of Alumni Hall last Thursday at the school's Pleasantville campus. The new dorm houses more than 500 students and will have a new dining facility.

Interest Groups (FIGS), which began last year. All first-year students, including commuter students, are required to join a group to discuss a chosen topic. Each dorm floor has a FIG lounge that caters to one of several topics, such as sports, nursing, leadership or pop culture.

"Eighty-nine percent of students said they felt more connected to the residential community because of the FIGS, and 84 percent felt more connected to the university," Moscaritolo said.

The project received help through

Westchester County's Local Development Corporation. County Executive Robert Astorino said the county was proud to assist the project.

"I'm happy Westchester could play a small role in this in helping them find \$98 million in low-cost, tax-exempt bonds through our local development corporation," Astorino said. "It was government working at its best to help local institutions thrive, and that's the kind of government I like."

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Blythedale Receives \$8M Gift for New Long-Term Care Center

Blythedale Children's Hospital announced Oct. 13 that it has received an \$8 million gift from the Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation to help fund the construction of the hospital's new 24-bed, 17,000-square-foot pediatric long-term care unit.

The Cohens' gift is the largest single donation ever received by Blythedale, New York's only freestanding, specialty children's hospital.

"We are deeply grateful to the Cohen Foundation for this historic gift," said Blythedale President and CEO Larry

Levine. "There is a desperate need for facilities specializing in long-term care for medically fragile infants and children in New York. Through their generous gift, Steven and Alex are ensuring that we have the opportunity to extend our exceptional care to children who require a longer hospital stay."

"It is very important to Steven and me that all children have access to the best healthcare and facilities, regardless of their financial situation or where they live," said Alexandra Cohen, the

foundation's president. "We are happy to support Blythedale and the children and families right here in our community."

Blythedale Board Chairman David Pedowitz expressed his appreciation to the Cohens for their commitment to Blythedale and advancement of specialty pediatric healthcare.

"We are thrilled to be the recipient of this transformational gift, and grateful for their recognition of the importance of our mission," he said.

The Steven and Alexandra Cohen Pediatric Long Term Care Pavilion,

currently under construction, will replace a former inpatient unit vacated in 2012 when the hospital opened its new 86-bed inpatient wing. The unit will include 11 double-bed rooms and two private rooms, all with piped-in oxygen. It will also include appropriate ancillary and support space, a dining-recreation area, infant play room, teen lounge and dedicated therapy area.

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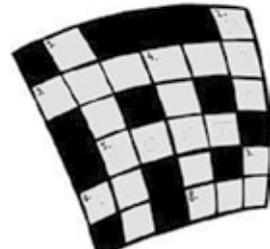
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Balter Revises Plan for Affordable Units at Chap Crossing

By Martin Wilbur

The developer retained to create affordable housing units at Chappaqua Crossing's cupola building strongly recommended that workforce housing be omitted from the plans last week but could be added at the site in the future.

William Balter, of Wilder Balter Partners, Inc. who was recently brought in by Chappaqua Crossing developer Summit/Greenfield to build the units, told the New Castle Town Board last week that it is not feasible to combine affordable units with workforce housing because of economic factors.

"We have a limited number of units, very high fixed costs to do it, it just doesn't work to put workforce housing in this mix," Balter said.

His comments came during the Oct. 13 town board meeting where three simultaneous public hearings were held to accommodate recent revisions in the Chappaqua Crossing plan. The board entertained discussions to allow residential units in the cupola building, which is zoned for business, research and office; to amend the residential Planned Development Concept Plan (PCDP) because of the removal of the affordable units from the project's East Village, where 91 townhouses would be built; and to incorporate changes in the retail (PDCP).

The retail plan changes include having one 40,000-square-foot structure to

house a Lifetime Fitness facility instead of three smaller buildings and the proposed roundabout for Route 117 and Roaring Brook Road.

Although Balter rebuffed the board's overtures from last month to place workforce housing in the cupola building, he agreed to enlarge many of the affordable units. He has eliminated all studio apartments, reduced the number of one-bedroom units from 24 to 17 and increased the two-bedroom units from four to eight. There would also be three three-bedroom units.

Since the apartments are larger, the number of units have been reduced from 32 to 28, Balter said.

Balter, who built Stone Creek in town more than 20 years ago and a couple thousand affordable units throughout Westchester, said he was excited to be part of the project because there's a unique opportunity to build these residences near transportation, a job center, schools and walking trails. He said he was so impressed with the site, he would move his company's offices from Elmsford to Chappaqua Crossing.

"This site is really special," Balter said. "To be able to do affordable housing in the top two stories of this amazing building is great."

Supervisor Robert Greenstein, one of the proponents of having workforce housing at the cupola building, said while that will not happen with this project, he was pleased



Developer William Balter addresses the New Castle Town Board last week regarding building affordable units in the cupola building at Chappaqua Crossing.

to hear the building would be able to accommodate workforce units at a different time.

Last week's hearings also focused on traffic surrounding the site, particularly the proposed roundabout at Route 117 and Roaring Brook Road, and improving pedestrian safety and access. Project Planner Andrew Tung said Summit/Greenfield representatives are scheduled to meet with state Department of Transportation officials today (Tuesday) to discuss the roundabout.

Tung said that the developer is now planning a crosswalk so residents from Annandale Drive and nearby streets can walk to the site. There would also be a sidewalk on the property's frontage on Route 117 and Roaring Brook Road for pedestrians.

However, Greentsein said he was concerned that without a signal a danger could still be posed despite the 20-mile-per-hour speed limit. Many of the nearby

residents are likely to go on foot once the site opens.

"We just have to make sure that we have safe ways to get there from all different neighborhoods," he said.

Resident Bob Lewis, speaking on behalf of the Roaring Brook Road Association, said while the proposed roundabout is a vast improvement, said he and his neighbors were adamantly opposed to having an access point on their street across from the Horace Greeley High School opening.

"We can't accept the retail entrance on Roaring Brook Road opposite the entrance of the high school without insisting that the town consider our objection and publicly consider alternatives," Lewis said.

He also was concerned that with the previously agreed upon removal of four structures on the Chappaqua Crossing site to accommodate the project would eliminate buffer.

Councilman Jason Chapin asked Summitt/Greenfield President Felix Charney whether the Roaring Brook Road access could be downplayed. However, Charney said that the seven tenants who have committed to the site, including Whole Foods and Lifetime Fitness, have done so in part because of the access points.

The board agreed to close the hearings pertaining to the affordable units at the cupola building and their removal from the East Village. The retail PDCP hearing was adjourned until Nov. 4.

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Cottage School Student Arrested, Charged in Stabbing

By Arthur Cusano

A Pleasantville Cottage School student was hospitalized and another arrested following an assault with a pair of scissors on Oct. 13.

Liana Brown, 16, was arrested at about 6:45 p.m. at the school just after the incident occurred, according to Mount Pleasant police.

Brown was arraigned in Mount Pleasant Town Court on the charge of second-degree assault, a class D violent felony, said Police Chief Paul Oliva.

"That's assault with a weapon," Oliva said. "Bail was set at \$10,000 and she was transported to the Westchester County Jail."

The female victim is a juvenile under 16, he said. Oliva said he did not know how the two residents knew each other or what led to the assault.

Responding officers recovered a pair of scissors believed to have been used in the attack, Oliva said.

The stabbing was confirmed by Cottage School Director of Communication and Marketing Leslie Gottlieb.

"One of our residents, a young woman, was injured on campus on Tuesday evening, taken to a local ER and promptly returned to our care hours later," Gottlieb stated via e-mail. "She is doing well. We are cooperating fully with the police investigation."



Liana Brown, the suspect in last week's stabbing at the Cottage School.

Pleasantville Cottage School is a facility for abused and neglected children run by the Jewish Child Care Association. The cottage school houses emotionally troubled boys and girls ages 7-16.

Last week's assault was not the first incident at the facility this year. In August, three students - two 19-year-olds and a 17-year-old - were arrested by town police for slashing a 17-year-old student in the face and neck with a box cutter.

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Pleasantville Police Department

Oct. 10: Following a traffic stop on Bedford Road at 7:48 p.m., a 19-year-old Peekskill man and a Montrose male under the age of 18 were charged with unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation. They were issued tickets to appear in village court.

Oct 12: Police were notified of graffiti on the Sunnyside Avenue train underpass off Marble Avenue. The graffiti is believed to have been painted between Sept. 9 and Sept. 13.

Oct. 13: A 66-year-old Ossining woman was arrested at 6:08 p.m. on Hopper Street and charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, an unclassified misdemeanor. She was issued a ticket to appear in village court.

Oct. 16: Police responded at 3:15 a.m. to a report of a suspicious package in the breezeway over the Pleasantville

train station. The package was found to be a rodent trap.

North Castle Police Department

Oct. 9: Report of a grand larceny on Sterling Road South at 9:31 a.m. The complainant reported the possibility of a past theft of wine from her residence.

Oct. 9: Report of a dispute in the past at 2:31 p.m. The complainant stated the dispute had been aboard a La Quinta Inn shuttle bus in the parking lot on Business Park Drive.

Oct. 11: Report of three raccoon carcasses on Route 128 between Wrights Mill Road and Wampus Lake Drive at 10:35 a.m.

Oct. 11: A complainant reported at 12:47 p.m. the larceny of eight cases of Corona from a business on North Broadway.

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New Castle Zeroes in on Downtown Chappaqua Improvements

By Martin Wilbur

Work on downtown Chappaqua's streetscape may begin as soon as next summer, but New Castle officials must make decisions about what features to include, including whether to bury power lines, and the cost of the project.

During its work session last Tuesday night, the town board met with representatives from WSP Sells, its consultant on the Chappaqua Hamlet Improvement Project. Several visuals were brought to help illustrate the proposed upgrades.

Robert Severance, design manager for WSP Sells, said the locations that are being targeted for improvements are King Street and South Greeley Avenue, King and Senter streets and the triangle at the end of the Route 120 bridge at South Greeley.

Decorative crosswalks, new sidewalks with bricks on the outer portions near the curbs, planters, new street lights, granite curbs and steel bollards are among the improvements proposed for King Street from South Greeley up to Senter Street, Severance said. There would also be areas with outdoor seating and tables and flowering trees.

Beautifying the area on the triangle with benches similar to a small park is also part of the proposal.

Consistently attracting people to downtown and improving pedestrian movement is a key component of the plan,

said Jared Anderson, a WSP Sells engineer.

"The way it functions today is not ideal but we also want to try and keep people in the town and patronizing (businesses), rather than turn it into a thoroughfare," he said.

Several years ago when the project was first discussed, it was estimated to cost about \$6 million, but the town is now looking at up to a \$10 million expense.

Severance, who said he expects work to begin next year, cautioned that officials will have to make choices, including whether it makes sense to place the utilities underground, which can be a prohibitive expense. A meeting with Con Edison will be planned, he said.

"In all honesty, to be fair to the people here, if you were to do every element of the project as it's currently been considered, it would go far beyond that cost," he said.

Councilman Adama Brodsky, the town board's liaison to the Streetscape Committee, said it is crucial to improve the vitality of Chappaqua's downtown. One drawback is that there would be a loss of six parking spaces in the area with the new sidewalks, something the town board will have to weigh, he said.

"What creates energy downtown is sidewalk activity," Brodsky said. "What creates sidewalk activity is wide, vibrant sidewalks so there's a balance between parking, which is what brings people here,



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Representatives of WSP Sells discuss proposed improvements to the center of Chappaqua's downtown last week.

and having seating and more comfortable pedestrian walking."

Brodsky said he would expect the town to coordinate the work with its underground infrastructure work, which is scheduled to start next summer.

Severance said officials should also have a good idea how to coordinate the streetscape with the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan update.

"It's also important that the town is wrapping up a certain element of its master planning and it's very important

that since you are spending this money on the infrastructure, before you go back and improve the street and make it all nice, that you consider the future implications of where the town is going to go and make sure your infrastructure is properly sized to handle that need," he said.

Town officials are planning to place artists' renderings of the proposed streetscape improvements in the vicinity of King Street and South Greeley Avenue in hopes of eliciting feedback from the public.

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Obituaries

Armando Marelo

Armando Marelo of Thornwood passed away on Oct. 12 at Westchester Medical Center.

He was 85.

Marelo was born on Sept. 7, 1930, in the Bronx to Luigi and Caterina Degano Marelo. On May 22, 1954, he married the love of his life, Evelyn Genazzi, at St. Rock Church in the Bronx, where they resided on De Reimer Avenue. At 18 years old, he began working as a terrazzo polisher in New York City. In 1965, Marelo and his wife moved to Thornwood where he worked as a foreman for the Town of Mount Pleasant. He retired in September 1992. He was a life member and ex-captain of the Thornwood Fire Department and was one of the founders of the Junior Corps, which started in 1982.

He enjoyed traveling to Switzerland every year with his wife during the grape harvest and winemaking season. During his free time, he enjoyed hand

wood carving and made his own kitchen cabinets. He donated his talent to the fire department and Town Hall with a presentation of a hand carved presidential seal.

Marelo is survived by his wife of 61 years; his six sons and their wives, Steve and Debbi, Ron and Diana, Louis and Mary, Larry and Michelle, Eric and Diane and Robert and Nicole; and devoted Nono to his 15 grandchildren, Christopher, Kenneth, Jessica, Glenn, Jeffrey, Dominic, Jessica, Amanda, Erica, Dan, Louie, Brian, Christine, Nicholas and Gracie.

Visitation was held at Beecher Flocks Funeral Home in Pleasantville on Oct. 14. A funeral Mass was held on Oct. 15 at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Thornwood Fire Department Junior Corps, 770 Commerce St., Thornwood, N.Y. 10541 or Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, 100 Woods Rd., Valhalla, N.Y. 10595.

Charles Biagio Reina

Charles Biagio Reina of Somers and formerly of Pleasantville, builder of many homes, loving husband and caring and proud father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away on Oct. 14.

He was 94.

Reina was born on March 16, 1921, in Corleone, Sicily, Italy to Frank and Rose Reina. He is predeceased by his wife of 72 years, Josephine Reina, and is survived by his brothers, Louis Reina of Vernon, Conn. and John Reina of Thornwood; his three daughters, Rosemarie (Andrew) Suozzi of Chappaqua, Joann Reina of Orange, Calif. and Susan (James) Mariano

of Valhalla; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation was on Oct. 18 at Beecher Flocks Funeral Home, Inc. in Pleasantville. A Mass of Christian Burial took place on Oct. 19 at Holy Innocents Church in Pleasantville followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

As an expression of sympathy and in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society online at www.cancer.org, by phone at 800-227-2345 or by mail at the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73123-1718 to help fight this terrible disease.

Constantine Nowakowski

Constantine J. (Joe) Nowakowski of Hawthorne died on Oct. 12.

He was 92.

Nowakowski was born on Sept. 19, 1923, to the late Casimir and Josephine Nowakowski in the Bronx. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Nowakowski was a retired police officer with the NYPD.

He was predeceased by his devoted wife, Gloria (nee Sica) Nowakowski, in

2005, and also predeceased by his loving children, Stephen Nowakowski in 2007, Constance Tammany in 1989 and Gloria Nowakowski in 2014. He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home today (Tuesday) from 10 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a funeral Mass at noon at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne. Interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne followed.

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Chappaqua Church to Hold Fair to Encourage Youth Volunteers

By Martin Wilbur

When last school year's confirmation class at the First Congregational Church of Chappaqua made their annual trip to provide food to the hungry in Boston Commons, the youngsters weren't fully prepared for what they encountered.

Rev. Martha Jacobs, the church's senior minister, said while there were expectations that plenty of people would line up for the charity, the church's group didn't expect to see children younger than themselves as part of the needy crowd.

"There were children standing in line and they were shocked," Jacobs said.

That experience helped spur discussion among the students and church leaders about what each individual can do to help others and to interact with the people who need the assistance.

This Sunday, the First Congregational Church will be hosting its first Youth Volunteer Opportunities Fair, where representatives from more than 25 local charities, organizations and nonprofits will be on hand to provide information about their mission and how students can decide what types of outfits they may be most interested in helping.

Students in grades 5-12 from the community at large, and not just from the church, are invited to attend the event. While the fair has been organized

by the church, it is supported by the Town of New Castle, the Chappaqua School District, Chappaqua Cares and the Chappaqua Interfaith Council. Other houses of worship that are part of the council are also expected to have their youngsters participate, Jacobs said.

"Our focus is on youth, not just those who attend but to recognize that we need to give back no matter what our faith," she said.

The Chappaqua Public Library, the town's historical society and Northern Westchester Hospital are a few of the organizations that are involved in Sunday's effort, which will take place at the church from 12 to 2 p.m.

Jacobs said the decision to include students as young as fifth grade was made to include as many children as possible and to introduce them to community service early on, but realizing that children much younger would unlikely be able to fulfill much of a role.

Most of all, it may impress children in a fairly wide age range that it's critical to give back to others.

"We want to be doing, not just talking about it," Jacobs said.

New Castle Supervisor Robert Greenstein said while the fair was the brainchild of the church, the town wanted to lend its support for a good cause.

"It has incredible potential," Greenstein said. "It's going to be good. It's going to be a quality event."

First Congregational Church is located at 210 Orchard Ridge Road in

Chappaqua. For more information about the Youth Volunteer Opportunities Fair, visit the church's website at www.fcc-chappaqua.org. Lunch will be served during the fair.

Job Well Done



The Mental Health Association of Westchester will honor Inside Chappaqua/Inside Armonk magazine's publisher Grace Bennett with the MHA Media Award at its benefit this Friday night at CV Rich Mansion in White Plains. As publisher and editor, Bennett, a Chappaqua resident, has spearheaded responsible and sensitive reporting on topics related to mental health, helping to shatter myths and providing beneficial education to our community.

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Standard Amusements Gets Five-Month Playland Extension

With the 2015 outdoor recreation a distant memory, Standard Amusements a five-month extension of the option agreement for Playland, which ended last Friday.

Extended to March 31, 2016, Standard Amusements will pay the county an additional \$25,000 to complete its due diligence before investing \$25 million in Playland and start taking over management of the park next year.

The extension has the support of County Executive Rob Astorino and the Board of Legislators.

"If Standard Amusements wasn't interested in investing in Playland, we

wouldn't have asked for the extension," said Nicholas Singer, a Standard Amusements partner on Monday. "To date we have committed \$1.4 million to the revitalization effort and based on our review, which began in July, it's likely that our investment would exceed \$25 million. We simply need more time to conduct the due diligence necessary to ensure that our development and completion of the project will be successful."

Astorino said the extension was reasonable and understandable, and that part of the need for the extension was to give Standard Amusements more

time to understand the integration of its investment with the ongoing capital projects that the county will continue to undertake to fulfill its responsibilities as the owner of the park.

"One of the strengths of this deal is that it is a public-private partnership, but that also adds a layer of complexity that requires adequate time to be managed successfully," Astorino said. "The goal is to save Playland for future generations and the extension means everyone remains focused on the goal."

Playland is scheduled to reopen next spring.

The extension gives Standard

Amusements until the end of March to decide whether to go forward with the management agreement negotiated with the county earlier this year.

Under the terms of the agreement, approved unanimously by the Board of Legislators in June, Standard Amusements will pay the county \$2,250,000 up front, \$500,000 of which the county has already received in a non-refundable payment; invest \$22,750,000 million within five years toward refurbishing the park; and make annual payments to the county starting at \$300,000 and escalating 2 percent a year. The county will also receive 7.5 percent of profits once Standard Amusements has recouped its initial investment.

Under the agreement, Standard Amusements will manage the amusement park, parking lot, beach, pool area and boardwalk. Outside the agreement are the Children's Museum, Pier Restaurant & Tiki Bar, Edith Read Sanctuary and the Ice Casino, which is run by American Skating Centers Entertainment through a separate asset management agreement with the county.

Access to the boardwalk and property that surround the amusement park will continue to be free of charge and open to the public.

Chappaqua Schools Receives Strong Audit Report From State

A recent state comptroller's audit of the Chappaqua School District finances gave high marks to the school system for its strong financial condition and maintaining a healthy fund balance.

The report, which analyzed the district's finances from July 1, 2013, through Apr. 8, 2015, provided officials with only one recommendation - to continue monitoring and maintain its finances.

"District officials adequately monitored the district's financial condition and maintained fiscal stability," the report

stated.

Although the audit took in the 2013-14 school year, the comptroller's office extended the scope of its analysis to July 1, 2009, to find budgeting trends. It found that Chappaqua had annual operating budget surpluses for the three-year period ending in 2011-12 of between \$763,500 and \$1.3 million.

While there were operating deficits of \$943,600 and \$1.2 million, respectively, for the next two years, the district had planned those deficits while maintaining its unrestricted fund balance at about 4

percent of its operating budget, the legal permissible limit. The current year's budget is \$117.9 million.

Total fund balance, which also includes, was \$18.9 million as of June 2014, down about \$400,000 from five years earlier.

In a brief response to the comptroller's regional office in Newburgh on Sept. 25, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lyn McKay pledged that the district would continue to monitor its finances and maintain stability.

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Westchester Medical Center Opens New Intensive Care Lounge

By Arthur Cusano

Of the thousands of families that come to the trauma center at Westchester Medical Center each year, only about half expected to be there. The other half arrive following a medical emergency, like Ben and Debbie Lieberman of Chappaqua, whose son, Evan, was a passenger in a car that crashed in 2011.

"The way that day began was a normal day," Ben Lieberman recalled. "We had no intention of being here. People are catapulted into this place, and they don't know what to do."

The new Evan Lieberman Friends and Family Lounge, unveiled on Oct. 15 at the hospital in front of a large group of friends and family, was designed to accommodate and support families with loved ones in the Trauma Intensive Care Unit. The new lounge boasts more than 2,400 square feet of space and includes an expanded waiting area with comfortable seating. The area also has showers, lockers, nutrition stations and overnight accommodations for guests.

The Liebermans spent a month in the hospital trauma intensive care unit with Evan, 19 after he initially survived injuries sustained when he was a passenger in a vehicle that crashed because the driver was distracted. Evan eventually succumbed to his injuries.

Ben Lieberman recalled the family sat wherever they could find room in the

hospital wing, including an abandoned reception area.

"Over the next few days people brought air mattresses and we practically felt like we were in Trump Towers because we had air mattresses," he said. "There was a loud family talking outside the room while we tried to sleep, so we shut the door. The door got stuck and they thought we were locking them out and they wanted to argue, as if we didn't have other things to worry about."

Lieberman also said there was little privacy for patients and families, with serious conversations often taking place in front of total strangers.

"So not only was there a lack of privacy, but there is also a certain dignity that there should be while you are here," Lieberman said.

Because of their son's age, they were able to use the Ronald McDonald House adjacent to the hospital, but most patients are over 21 and their families don't have that option.

Over the past few years, Evan's friends and family have taken part in fundraisers to help raise money for the center, including dinners, golf outings, dodgeball events and raffles.

"That's how Evan's team was created," Lieberman said. "We were hesitant at first, because we didn't want to be in everyone's pocket every time they turned around, but truth be told, we did like that there were



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

Ben and Debbie Lieberman and their daughters, Jamie and Rachel, unveiled the Evan Lieberman Friends and Family Lounge at Westchester Medical Center last week. It is named for their son, who died four years ago after a car accident.

events in Evan's name."

Evan's Team raised \$500,000, mostly through small donations.

"We called it Evan's Team, but it was team in a lot more than a name, to have that many donations and that many participants," Lieberman said.

Westchester Medical Center President Mike Israel thanked the Liebermans and those who supported them for taking a difficult situation and turning it positive.

"The support and the comfort in really trying times that this will give families of loved ones and friends of our patients...this will have a profound impact on them and on the medical center," he said.

The Liebermans have also worked to remember their son by highlighting the problem of distracted driving. The accident

occurred in Orange County just off the Bear Mountain Bridge with Evan a backseat passenger while driving with friends to a summer job at Woodbury Commons. Lieberman said the family learned through phone records obtained via court subpoenas that the driver was texting.

The couple has created Distracted Operators Risk Casualties (DORCS) to warn motorists of the dangers of distracted driving and to encourage new legislation and the enforcement of traffic safety laws. The organization's website is www.dorcs.org.

"That was done by design," Lieberman said. "We want to keep the dorks off the road. So we're trying to approach it like Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The social stigma like that against drunk driving doesn't exist. When you see somebody with a phone in their hand, you're not as outraged as if you saw someone drinking a beer or swigging a Jack Daniels."

In order to end distracted driving fatalities, there has to be a culture change, the Liebermans said.

"If you're not buckled up and you get into a car collision, you can get hurt," said Debbie Lieberman. "But if you are texting, you can actually hurt other people. So you have to think a little further than just yourself."

More information on the annual fundraising events can be found at www.evansteamny.com.

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New Castle Ethics Issue is Legitimate, But the Timing is Not

It was likely to happen sooner or later. The simmering and potentially combustible political atmosphere that has been gathering in New Castle for much of the past two years was due to erupt at some point before the 2015 campaign reached the finish line.

Not counting the new wave duels on social media, last week was that time. Jeremy Saland, one of the town's three prosecutors and a candidate for town board on the Democratic ticket, went on the offensive against Supervisor Robert Greenstein. He accused Greenstein of trying to damage his reputation less than three weeks before the Nov. 3 election by threatening a town board resolution calling into question his continued service as prosecutor while running for town board.

No one on the town board brought up the matter at last week's meeting and Greenstein said it won't be addressed again until after the election.

But of course the issue blows up tantalizingly close to Election Day,

barely three weeks before voters head to the polls.

At first glance, the two sides have raised valid points. The question of whether a town prosecutor should continue to serve in his or her role if that individual becomes a candidate for town office is certainly a legitimate one. A prosecutor can use his or her discretion to come to compromises on a wide range of matters, even at the local level.

Mind you, no one in this dustup is suggesting that Saland did anything unethical in his duties as prosecutor. It can be argued that this is simply a terrific issue to debate among ethics wonks with strong arguments to be made on whatever side you want to take.

However, these situations never occur in a vacuum. Like many issues in the political arena, it's not so much the question itself but the timing and how it is played out. Saland counters that by raising the issue and by bringing up the matter of multiple parking ticket dismissals, it suggests that there is

something nefarious at play on his part.

The question that was skirted last week by Greenstein and the town attorneys in this episode is why now? The New Castle Democratic Committee officially announced its slate on May 29, nearly five months ago. Saland has been a town prosecutor since 2010, and prosecutors regularly cut deals with people who appear before a court, whether it's for more serious offenses or if it's for parking tickets. That's part of their job.

It would stand to reason that sometime between the end of May and Labor Day, after which local campaigns typically kick into high gear, that someone who would have seen this as a legitimate issue would have had the foresight to bring up whether a prosecutor running for public office should continue in his or her role.

But no one did. That may be an unfortunate coincidence, but it also fuels the suspicions that the entire matter was politically motivated. How can it not?

Sudden Objections to Modell's Application Doesn't Make Sense

So the Mount Kisco Planning Board doesn't want big-box stores with large windows that passersby on Main Street can see through.

Is a perpetual 22,000-square-foot vacancy any better?

It would be great if all the stores in a commercial corridor like the heart of Main Street in Mount Kisco would be filled with unique, independently owned shops.

But that's not reality and it's certainly not feasible when you have a yawning big-box space that's been a black hole in the middle of downtown for four years and counting.

The sudden complaints to Modell's at last week's planning board meeting seemed to come out of nowhere. Windows that you could see through, unattractive signage and a space that's supposedly too big for the surrounding area.

But what exactly was Borders? A big-box national chain with large windows that you could see through, especially after dark. So instead of seeing shelves and tables of books, the public would get to see running shoes and baseball gloves. It's better than the status quo.

The arguments by the majority of

the planning board last week seemed contrived, as though the board was looking for excuses to jettison the sporting goods chain out of the village.

Perhaps a bookstore, even if it was a big chain, was a little more acceptable to people's sensibilities. And a lot of people enjoyed the Borders café with the WiFi service where you could meet a friend or a client or sip a latte and catch up on e-mails.

But Borders is long gone. Most people know enough about business to understand that change is constant. It's no secret village officials tried to entice Barnes & Noble to the space, but those attempts unfortunately fell by the wayside.

If the village and the building's owners don't care for a big-box space then it has to do take the next logical step: subdivide the space. When there is a single, 20,000-plus-square-foot space vacancy, no one tenant that isn't a national chain is going to move in. Not in 2015 or anytime in the foreseeable future. In fact, even Modell's wouldn't be taking up the entire space if its plan gets approved.

Should Modell's be able satisfy all the valid requirements obstacles shouldn't be

erected to thwart its arrival.

If not, village officials should be forthright and say they don't want a sporting goods chain because it doesn't fit the image they envision for the downtown and don't want to put a competing local shop owner in peril.

If that's not the reason, then last week's objections don't really make sense.

Friends of Mt. Pleasant Library Book Sale Opens Oct. 22

The Friends of the Mount Pleasant Library will hold its semiannual book sale from Oct. 22 through Oct. 27 at the main library in Pleasantville, located at 350 Bedford Rd. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the book sale.

The Friends' Preview Sale will open the sale on Oct. 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for members. New members can join at the door. It continues for the general public on Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25 is Bag Day running from 1 to 4:30 p.m. New this year on Monday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for a \$10 admission is an all-you-can-carry sale. Admission is free for Friends members.

Free leftover books will be made available on Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to noon.

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Preeti and Jeff Schreier Floral Shop Owners, Pleasantville

By Martin Wilbur

Preeti and Jeff Schreier may come from very different backgrounds, but it's their creativity – and technology – that helped bring them together.

Jeff grew up in Dayton, Ohio, the son of a floral designer with a love of gardening. He earned a master's degree in art therapy at Nazareth College in Rochester before arriving in the metropolitan area.

His wife, Preeti, came to New York from Bombay (now Mumbai) to attend the Fashion Institute of Technology to study graphic design.

They met online, intrigued by each other's creative interests. Preeti Schreier called their meeting "a miracle," since at the time she was working long hours in advertising and living in Manhattan while Jeff had worked as an art therapist and later in merchandising.

"I came to New York 14 years ago and all I did was work," said Preeti, who never expected to stay permanently after school since all of her family remains in India. "So how was I ever going to meet somebody and have a family and all that

good stuff? It was meant to be that we met."

Now they have taken another bold step. Earlier this year they opened a small floral and garden shop, Fox & Bramble, in the same space on Wheeler Avenue once occupied by The Pony Express near the Pleasantville train station.

Despite the challenges in an always competitive business environment, not only from other brick-and-mortar stores but through the online marketplace, they reasoned that the time was right to take the plunge and start their own business.

Jeff said considered launching an online floral business but thought that the best way to stand out is to have customers look, touch and smell the product.

"To me, I'm a visual person, so I like to go in and touch things," he said. "By not having a store, you can't really do that."

Jeff manages the store as Preeti regularly commutes into the city to her job as an associate creative director at Bloomingdale's. It also keeps him close to their Pleasantville home and two young children, ages seven and two.



But it wasn't just the convenience of being within walking distance of home that helped them make the decision to open the store where they live. Although they looked at a variety of communities throughout Westchester, the couple reasoned that they wanted to bring their talents and passion to their home village and that people in the area were more apt to gravitate toward what they have to offer.

"We wanted to be in Pleasantville because we feel like this is the community that could appreciate something like that," Preeti said. "It's such a walking town and we wanted that sort of old-school service."

They said that Fox & Bramble, whose name was partly inspired when they saw a fox outside their Pleasantville house where they have lived for the past seven years, offers traditional arrangements and also modern floral designs. Some customers enjoy experimenting with eclectic combinations, even for special occasions and weddings, such as mixing succulents with bright flowers.

The couple looks at themselves as not just florists but floral designers. Having the store allows them to tap into the emerging modern trends, which seems to be more prevalent among younger customers, Preeti said, but also allows people to walk in and get ideas or ask about what arrangements might be appropriate for a certain occasion.

Jeff said that he also works with customers to come up with something they like and is appropriate for the occasion that is within their budget.

"Some people come in and they don't have much of an opinion, but a lot of people do," Jeff said. "So you kind of get a blend for both and I think people have that option."

So far their fledgling shop has been well received, particularly during the special days in spring. While summer was slow, they hope to tap into more special event opportunities, such as weddings, parties, and bar and bat mitzvahs.

Regardless of what the future holds, they're happy they made the choice to open the store.

"This was our dream; this was his dream and I think you have to try to make it happen because at least you have tried," Preeti said.

Fox & Bramble is located at 30 Wheeler Ave. in Pleasantville and is open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 914-747-4477 or visit www.foxbramble.com.



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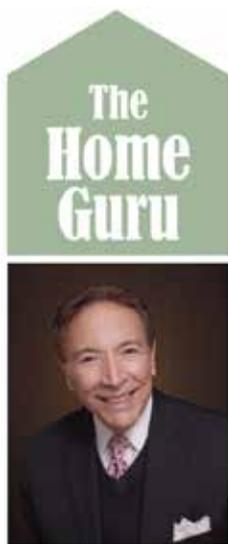
A Random List of Homeowner To-Do's for Winter

Each fall throughout the years I have given various tips for preparing for the long, cold winter ahead, and among them, here are some that are top of mind.

For the lawn, rather than gathering leaves and lawn clippings in bags, cut the leaves while dry with your lawnmower into dime-sized pieces. They will fall among the blades of grass where they will decompose and nourish the lawn over the winter. Bagging them is such a waste of nutrients.

Also outside, remember to disconnect all garden hoses and drain the water that remains in the faucets. Water that remains can freeze and cause pipes to burst as the ice expands. If you don't have frost-proof faucets, turn off the shut-off valve inside your home.

Remember, your roof is your first line of defense in protecting your home throughout the winter season. Without your roof functioning in good condition, water damage can occur, which in turn can cause deterioration to insulation, wood and drywall, making electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems vulnerable. It's better to proactively deal with repairs in the fall



By Bill Primavera

than to discover a leaky roof during a snowstorm.

When all the leaves have fallen, it's time to clean out gutters and downspouts, flush them with water, inspect joints and tighten brackets if needed. Clogged gutters are one of the major causes of ice dams. Replace old or damaged gutters with new ones that have built-in leaf guards.

This kind of advice is easy to dole out, but honestly, for safety's sake, I have never once been on a ladder to the second story of any home I've owned. Actually, it's not for safety's sake. It's my fear of heights. No matter the reason, it's always a

good idea to have a roofing professional or handyman check out the condition of your roof.

It's also a good idea to extend downspouts three or four feet to take water away from the foundation of the house.

On ground level, I have checked weather stripping and caulking on doors and windows, walking around examining the areas where window, door and corner trim meet the siding, caulking any gaps I've found.

Inside, the goal is having a home

that is well-insulated, devoid of drafts, which occur when cold air seeps in from the outside or when warm air exits. Having always lived in older homes, I've probably used every trick in the book to supplement inadequate insulation until it could be upgraded. Among them, and my favorite, has been the frequent use of draft snakes at the foot of doors to keep drafts at bay between rooms.

The draft snake was adopted during the Great Depression as one of the easiest ways to cut back on energy waste. You can make one on your own by simply rolling up a towel or filling up a pouch of fabric with either sand or kitty litter. There are many on the market that can lend craft charm to the winter indoor landscape, even though you have to nudge them out of the way when that door has to be opened and closed. It's worth the bother to save heat, however.

The old-fashioned remedies of lined draperies at windows and at open doorways between rooms still work today as well as they did 200 years ago in stopping drafts.

But air leaks around windows and doors are not the main culprits in robbing a house of warmth in cold weather. According to the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star program, the more significant leaks come from the attic and basement - knee walls, which

are the side walls that support attic rafters; the attic hatch; wiring holes for cable, electric and phone lines; recessed lights; furnace flues or ducts; and basement rim joists, where the foundation meets the wood framing.

The very best chore on your checklist should be to have a home energy audit, which can determine where your energy is being wasted and prioritize your efficiency upgrades. The auditor analyzes your energy bills, completes visual, health and safety inspections and may use special equipment to detect sources of energy loss.

The good thing is that there are incentives and rebates available through New York State and Westchester and Putnam county agencies to help finance your energy upgrades. Any provider found online will be happy to explain how they work and assist you through the process.

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What Women Need to Know About Breast Density

Once a woman turns 40, the American Cancer Society and most recognized medical authorities recommend yearly mammograms.

But mammograms aren't uniformly sensitive in all women. Between 40 and 50 percent of women have dense breasts – fibrous tissue as opposed to mostly fatty tissue – and that density can obscure potential problems.

Most women probably don't realize breast density is an issue. As a result, the state of New York requires doctors to notify women in a letter when their mammogram reveals this is the case. Do not become alarmed if you get this letter. All it really means is that you should have a conversation with your doctor about your overall risk.

You and your doctor will want to



By Dr. Bonnie Litvack

thoroughly vet your risk factors. Dense breasts can make mammograms less sensitive, and they may also contribute to cancer risk. You'll need to speak with your doctor about your individual lifetime risk. Your doctor will use factors to determine your risk such as your family history of breast and ovarian cancer, your age when you

had your first period, whether you have children, when you had your first child and any history of chest irradiation, among other potential risk factors.

The good news is the risk for many women with dense breasts won't be elevated enough to warrant any changes in screening.

Women who are at high risk (greater than a 20 to 25 percent lifetime risk) and who have dense

breast tissue should have annual screening breast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in addition to a mammogram. MRIs are very sensitive and can pick up some cancer missed on a mammogram. Why wouldn't all women, regardless of their breast density, get an MRI? There are many false positives with breast MRIs. Therefore, a screening breast MRI is recommended for those women who are at high risk because they will derive the most benefit.

Dense breasts are normal, and regardless of your breast density, make sure you get your yearly mammogram and discuss your risk factors for breast cancer with your physician.

Excellence in Breast Imaging

The Women's Imaging Center at Northern Westchester Hospital is an acclaimed Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by The American College of Radiology (ACR) for Mammography, Stereotactic Biopsy, Breast MRI and Breast Ultrasound. The use of Picture Archiving and

Communication System (PACS) allows diagnostic tests to be interpreted, stored and viewed in digital form. This technology speeds up the results process and makes them instantly accessible whenever they are needed.

You can also access a full range of integrated breast care services and diagnostics at The Breast Institute in Yorktown. Using the same PACS, images are interpreted by subspecialists at Northern Westchester Hospital.

All women's radiology services are provided by certified staff members with expertise in breast imaging.

The Women's Imaging at Northern Westchester Hospital can be reached at 914-666-1445. The Breast Institute at Yorktown can be reached at 914-302-2880.

Dr. Bonnie Litvack is director of women's imaging at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco. She is fellowship trained in MRI and brings extensive experience in all aspects of women's imaging, including mammography.

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Tuesday, Oct. 20

Essential Vocal Warm-ups for the Professional Voice User. By performing these systematic exercises, you'll be able to speak and sing with more freedom. Goals are to release muscle tension, increase range and expressiveness and have fewer vocal problems during a presentation or performance. Bring a yoga mat. Led by voice rehabilitation specialist Leah Ross-Kugler. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center's C-Level Classroom, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 6 to 7 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3010.

Simply Diamond. A tribute to Neil Diamond starring Brian LaBlanc, who exudes Diamond's warmth and flexibility. He soars through the ballads and rocks the up tempo numbers with a crack band behind him. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. \$84 per person. Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 21

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

Zumba Fitness. Achieve long-term benefits while having a blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life. For all fitness levels. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. Every Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. Info: Contact Peggy at 914 960-4097.

Baby Time. A fun interactive lap-sit story time that includes songs, rhymes and a few very short stories. The experience gives babies an opportunity to socialize and parents a time to share. Recommended for newborns through 12 months old. Mount

Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday and Wednesday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Pound Fitness Program. A 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics, isometric movements and poses. Using lightly weighted drumsticks called Ripstix™ and combining constant simulated drumming resulting in working the entire body. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10:15 a.m. \$20. Every Wednesday. Info: Contact Peggy at 914 960-4097.

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

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

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

Artistic Gems of the Uffizi Gallery. Discover the artistic gems housed in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence. Symbolism in works such as Botticelli's Primavera will be decoded, making the art much more understandable. As aesthetic components are explored, glorious details will be put into focus. This will be a fantastic artistic cultural voyage of one of the oldest and most prestigious art institutions in the world. The guest speaker will be Cherise Gordon. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 11:15 a.m. Free. Info: 914-606-6790.

Chair Yoga With Alka Kaminer. Experience greater flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and improved balance, strengthening and toning of muscles, better digestion, stress reduction, mental clarity, improved breathing, relaxation and an overall sense of well-

being. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887.

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

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

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

Bereavement Support Group for Parent/Sibling Loss. Led by Jody Monkovic. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center, Suite 225, 755 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Suggested donation: \$10 per meeting. Wednesdays through Dec. 2. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Contact Bess Steiger at 914-366-3957 or e-mail bsteiger@pmhc.us.

Art Series With Professor Valerie Franco: "Alessandro Lori." Born in 1535, Lori was raised by Bronzino after his dad died when he was five years old. A very well-respected Mannerist painter who focused on his portraits and allegorical images. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

REPAIR Community Group Meeting. Rivertowns Episcopal Parishes/Action on Inclusion and Race will be discussing theologian Howard Thurman's influential book "Jesus and the Disinherited." Please read at least one chapter in advance for discussion. Also, a presentation by Neighbors Link members about their work with immigrants in northern Westchester and sharing news about community and countywide programs to foster racial justice. Refreshments will be served. All Saints' Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 201 Scarborough Rd., Briarcliff Manor. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-941-6955 or e-mail revjoanneizzo@gmail.com.

Thursday, Oct. 22

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-minute class. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-238-8974 or email claudiaayogadance@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Mahjongg Club. Intermediate players welcome. Participants must bring their own set. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-864-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

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

Bereavement Support Group for Spouse/Partner Loss. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center, Suite 545, 755 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 2:30 to 4 p.m. Suggested donation: \$10 per meeting. Thursdays through Nov. 19. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Contact Bess Steiger at 914-366-3957 or e-mail bsteiger@pmhc.us.

Gaming Old School. Join old school gaming enthusiasts to play board games like a kid again. Open to all ages. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every

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Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisolibrary.org.

Friends of Mount Pleasant Library Book Sale. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (for members). Sale continues on Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Oct. 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. and Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (\$10 all-you-can-carry sale; free for members. Free leftover books to all on Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Grief: What Helps When it Hurts? While each of us grieves differently, there are things that can help ourselves and those around us cope with loss. Learn about the signs to be aware of that may indicate the need for a counselor, clergy or support group. Includes a film about the ways that grief affects us physically and emotionally and a panel discussion. Briarcliff Public Library, 1 Library Rd., Briarcliff Manor. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3325.

Play Reading: "The D Life." Playwright Boo Killebrew will read from her play. Wine and refreshments will be served. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-669-5161 or www.keelerlibrary.org.

Forbidden Films: The Hidden Legacy of Nazi Films. Of the 1,200 feature films made in Germany's Third Reich, 100 of these were blatant Nazi propaganda. More than 40 of these films remain under lock and key. Director Felix Moeller explores the pros and cons of the possible release of these films, interviewing German film historians, archivists and filmgoers in an investigation of the power and potential danger of cinema when used for ideological purposes. Followed by a discussion and Q&A with Moeller. The Picture House, 175 Wolfs Lane, Pelham. 7:30 p.m. \$12. Seniors and students: \$10. Members: \$6. Info and tickets: Visit www.thepicturehouse.org.

Friday, Oct. 23

Zumba With Amy. Low-impact Zumba for the older active adult or beginners. Ladimax Sports & Fitness, 1 Commerce St., Valhalla. (The Cliffs complex). 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Drop-in rate: \$10. Every Friday. Info: 914-643-6162 or e-mail olin.amyj@gmail.com.

Tag Sale. The First Congregational Church of Chappaqua will hold its seventh annual fall sale consisting of new and gently used merchandise. First Congregational Church, 210 Orchard Ridge Rd., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Also Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. All remaining items free on Oct. 24 from 2 to 3 p.m. following charity pickup. Info: 914-238-4411 or visit the church's Facebook page.

Tai Chi Classes. A graceful form of exercise that helps reduce stress and improve overall health. Phelps Memorial

Hospital Center's James House, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. \$10 per session. Also Nov. 6 and 13. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937.

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

Mary Cassatt in France. Attend a compelling presentation about Mary Cassatt's journey to becoming a professional artist in France. Share her struggles to balance family obligations with career goals as well as instructor Susan Courtney's own journey in researching Cassatt's life for her play, "Girl in Blue Armchair." Includes images of Cassatt's work and those of her contemporaries, as well as her residences in France and in Maine. Westchester Community College, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 12 to 2 p.m. \$25. Registration: Visit www.sunywcc.edu/mywcc. Info: 914-606-6830.

Halloween Window Painting. For children five to 12 years old. Rose Hill Shopping Center, Columbus Avenue, Thornwood. 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. and 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. \$5 per child. Pre-registration required at the Town of Mount Pleasant Recreation Department. Info: 914-742-2310.

Friday Night Films: "The Girl on a Bicycle." Paola finally is ready to take the plunge and propose to his longtime girlfriend when he is captivated by a woman passing by on a bike. This 2013 romantic comedy is in Italian, French and German with English subtitles. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Also. Oct. 30. Info: 914-273-3887.

WCC Friday Night Film Series: "The Ghostwriter." The brooding sky hangs over much of this Roman Polanski film. In this high grade pulp entertainment, the world has gone mad — so all we can do is puzzle through the madness, dodging the traps with our ironic detachment and tongue lightly in cheek. Includes a brief introduction to each film, film notes, refreshments and discussion. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. Refreshments at 7:15 p.m. Screening at 7:45 p.m. \$11. Seniors (60 and up): \$10. Info: 914-606-6716.

"Other Desert Cities." A Hudson Stage production of this play written by Jon Robin Baitz, a Pulitzer Prize finalist and creator of hit the TV series "Brothers & Sisters" and contributor to "The West Wing." Whipoorwill Hall, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 8 p.m. \$30 and \$35. Also Oct. 24, 30 and 31 at 8

p.m. and Oct. 25 and 31 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: Visit www.hudsonstage.com.

After Dark Halloween Marathon. Get ready to stay up all night with six films including "Goodnight Mommy," a new DCP of Sam Raimis "The Evil Dead," the return of the We Hate Movies comedy podcast doing a live commentary over the 1980s cheese-fest "Friday the 13th VIII: Jason Takes Manhattan," a Wes Craven tribute screening of "Scream" and other surprises. There will also be food, drinks, a costume contest and more throughout the night. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 9:30 p.m. (Check in from 8:30 to 9:15 p.m.) Members: \$35. Non-members: \$40. \$10 early bird discount through Oct. 16. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Saturday, Oct. 24

Pleasantville Farmers Market. Come experience the largest farmers market in Westchester, the one voted Best of Westchester 2014 and 2015 by the readers of Westchester Magazine. With over 55 vendors, seven nearby parking lots and creative weekly programming, it's a delicious good time every Saturday. This week, we welcome back Pleasantville's "House Band" Nannyhagen Creek. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rain or shine. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Chappaqua Farmers Market. Brining locally-raised and produced food to the community in a weekly market, creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. Featuring about 40 vendors weekly. Also includes music, children's activities and a food demonstration. Chappaqua train station, Chappaqua. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org.

Mount Kisco Farmers Market. St. Mark's Church, 85 Main St., Mount Kisco. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: Visit <https://www.facebook.com/MtKiscoFarmersMarket>.

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

Adult Salsa Class. Addie-Tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. Free. \$12. Every Saturday. Also Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Info: 917-215-1720 or visit www.addie-tude.com.

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. Every Saturday and Sunday (except Oct. 25 and Nov. 15). Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Pound Fitness Program. A 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics, isometric movements and poses. Using lightly weighted drumsticks called Ripstix™ and combining constant simulated drumming resulting in working the entire body. TADA Theatre And Dance Arts, 131 Bedford Rd., Katonah. 11:45 a.m. \$20. Every Saturday; also Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Info: Contact Peggy at 914 960-4097.

Iona Prep Open House. A great opportunity for prospective students and families to tour the classrooms, meet faculty and student ambassadors and find out about the school. Iona Preparatory School, 255 Wilmot Rd., New Rochelle. 12 to 3 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info: 914-632-0714. Registration: Visit www.ionaprep.org/apps/forms2/?f=2266.

The Montrose Trio in Concert. The Friends of Music Concerts welcomes this exciting new ensemble, which will be making its series and Westchester debut. Two former members of the Tokyo String Quartet, violinist Martin Beaver and cellist Clive Greensmith, have been joined by Canadian pianist Jon Kimura Parker exploring traditional and new works in the piano trio repertoire. Sleepy Hollow High School's Kusel Auditorium, 210 N. Broadway (Route 9), Sleepy Hollow. 8 p.m. \$30. Students (under 18): Free. Info and tickets: 914-861-5080 or visit www.friendsofmusic.org.

Sunday, Oct. 25

PEACE OUTside Campus 5K Fundraiser. This annual event supports the programs of PEACE OUTside Campus, The Lindsey M. Bonistall Foundation. The foundation was created in memory of Bonistall, a sophomore at the University of Delaware who was killed, a victim of a violent crime. Its mission is to promote peaceful and safe living environments in college communities by empowering students and their families to be proactive in safeguarding themselves against crime. Purchase College, SUNY 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 9 to 11 a.m. Adults: \$40. Students: \$30. Children: \$20. Info and registration: Visit www.lindseyrun.com.

Scarecrows and Pumpkins Parade. Follow friendly scarecrows along the pumpkin trail and meet storybook characters along the way. Come in costume to enjoy cider, treats and more. A fun

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Applying to College? Then it's Time to Embrace the Interview

Unless you are so confident in your chances for college admission that you are certain you won't need it, or you so lack confidence in your conversational abilities that you are certain you can't hack it, consider the interview to be a vital and necessary element of your college application strategy.

An interview is your chance to add the ultimate human dimension to the otherwise virtual self-portrait that you have painted with written words and numbers in your college applications. Accepting the invite or, if necessary, taking the initiative by requesting an interview – either on-campus or with a local alum – demonstrates seriousness of intent and provides you with a chance to enlist the support of another ally in your quest to gain admission.

To be clear, most schools do not require interviews, and in most instances they aren't decisive in determining a successful or unsuccessful admissions outcome. But increasingly, colleges and universities are looking for ways to differentiate applicants in more

personal ways. Recently 80 schools have joined in forming the Coalition for Access, Affordability and Success, offering a new online application that challenges the common application's one-size-fits-all approach by offering more flexibility to self-style many elements of the application.

Just last fall, Goucher introduced a video application that, according to their admissions office, is "the first college application process with a video as the decisive factor when evaluating students for admissions." My point is this: if schools are looking to get to know their applicants better, then what better way to let them get to know you than in a 30-minute face-to-face conversation at the end of a college visit or on a Sunday afternoon at your local Starbucks?

Here are a few preliminary guidelines to put you in the proper



By Jack Brandon

mindset for your interviews.

All Interviews Are Evaluative. Don't make the mistake of thinking that you are not being judged even if the setting is local or informal. Consider any interviewer to be a representative of the admissions office.

Do Your Homework.

Research the school online, in your favorite college guides and with friends and alumni before you interview. Anticipate the questions you will be asked and prepare three questions you want to ask.

Don't Make This Your First Conversation of the Day. Talk with someone – anyone – before you sit down with your interviewer. Get your mouth and your brain working together and practice your opening greeting so you're not starting the interview cold.

Arrive Early, Never Late. If you're meeting at the admissions office get

there 10 minutes early and hit the bathroom to clean, refresh and to do a mirror check. If you're meeting at Starbucks, then get there early to find a free table before your interviewer arrives.

Greet and Part Company With a Handshake, a Thank You and With Eye Contact. Welcome to the adult world. This is how we roll.

Dialogue Don't Monologue. The best interviews are interactive conversations. Resist the temptation to babble on. If you do that it probably means you're either nervous or you're meandering out loud around a question you haven't anticipated.

Cell Phones Off. Not on vibrate. Off!

Dress Appropriately. Casual neat. No jeans, no tees, no flip-flops.

Follow Up With a "Thank You" E-mail. It's expected and it reinforces your interest and maturity.

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Understanding the Science and Nuances of Wine Enjoyment



By Nick Antonaccio

During the eight-plus years of penning this weekly column and the 20-plus years of conducting corporate and private wine tasting events, I have been approached on numerous occasions with various questions.

In the what's-your-opinion category, I've been asked, "What's your favorite wine?" "Which wine pairs well with mango salsa grilled salmon?" These questions invariably involve suggestions from my personal tastes and preferences, which I am more than happy to address. Simply e-mail me at the address at the end of this column.

In the inquiring-minds-want-to-know category, the questions are focused on science-based matters. Here are a few of the most frequently asked, with the answers I offer each time asked.

1. Does the size and shape of a glass really matter?

Always. Wine is a living, breathing organism. Its life and maturity are muted once the wine is bottled and sealed with a cork or screwcap. The introduction of oxygen into a bottle or glass of wine allows it to continue its life cycle. Oxygen allows the aromas of a wine to burst forth and present the qualities muted while in a bottle. Each type of wine has specific characteristics. A wine glass especially designed to enhance the aromas of a grape varietal will enable a wine drinker to better appreciate its best qualities.

White wine aromas tend to be less powerful and more subtle than those of red wine. Hence, a carefully engineered wine glass designed for white wine has rather straight and narrow walls. This quickly focuses aromas, forcing them to the rim of the glass quickly, capturing the essence of the wine in the olfactory senses of the nose.

In contrast, a wine glass designed for red wines is taller and has a wide bowl shape that tapers toward the top. This shape provides for better aeration of the wine; a wide surface area of a poured red wine allows for greater penetration and mixing with oxygen. By

allowing the wine to breathe and open up, the powerful aromas of a red wine waft to the narrow rim of the glass, concentrating the aromas to the olfactory senses.

2. Is aeration important?

See the response above. Our sense of smell is the most important component of wine appreciation. While our sense of taste has five components, there are tens of thousands of smell receptors residing in our olfactory receptors. It is the sense of smell that defines our impression of a wine.

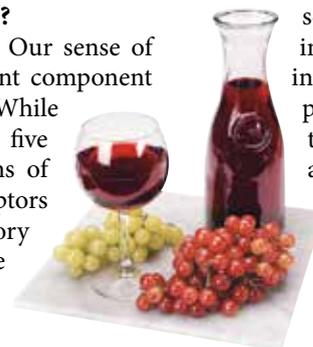
While the best way to appreciate wine aromas is to sniff from the proper glass, the best way to release trapped aromas into a glass is to agitate the wine. There are several ways to accomplish this; my preference is to place a poured glass of wine on a firm surface and vigorously swirl it in a rapid clockwise motion. This forces oxygen into the liquid, quickly releasing its bouquet of aromas. And then there is the molecular gastronomy approach. This method recommends pouring the entire contents of a bottle into a food blender, press the high-speed button for 30 to 60 seconds and voila, a fully aerated bottle.

3. Is there an ideal portion size when pouring wine into a glass?

Yes. Fill one-third of a glass. This translates to about a five-ounce pour (which is also the amount of a typical restaurant/wine bar pour). The science behind this is rather intuitive. As noted above, the introduction of oxygen into a poured glass of wine releases the quiescent bouquet and aromas of the wine. A glass filled less than a third contains too little wine to interact adequately with oxygen. A glass filled to the rim leaves little room for oxygen to influence aromas and can be rather precarious when attempting to vigorously swirl a glass.

Enjoying a glass of wine is a pleasurable experience. Understanding how to enhance your enjoyment can be just as pleasurable – and rewarding.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted numerous wine tastings and lectures. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at antonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.



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Miles Inaugurated as WCC President in Special Ceremony

Dr. Belinda S. Miles was inaugurated as the third president in the history of Westchester Community College on Friday, Oct. 2 before more than 400 attendees. Miles began leading the college in January.

The ceremony, which included dance and musical performances, was highlighted by remarks by national leaders in higher education, elected officials and others.

Dr. Nancy Zimpher, chancellor of the State University of New York, presided over the official ceremony.

"I am thrilled to invite Dr. Miles to the esteemed group of SUNY presidents," Zimpher said. "She brings to us a commitment to access, completion and success, which are all very important to SUNY."

Under Miles' tenure since January, there has been a successful visit by the Middle States Commission of Higher Education accreditation unit, the organization of the college's academic programs into "schools," which will better support students on clearer pathways to credentials and jobs; the partnership with JPMorgan Chase

Foundation on a study of in-demand middle-skills jobs; and the college's inclusion in the national Achieving the Dream network for community colleges committed to student success.

"Let's use this point in history to reaffirm our commitment to our mission of providing accessible, high quality and affordable education to meet the needs of our diverse community," Miles said. "Let's dare to know, as our motto says, sapere aude, who we serve and how we change their lives. Let's dare to dream of a nation that's stronger, and a stronger Westchester County, where every person has the knowledge and skills they need for family-sustaining jobs and an enriched life."

Miles has had a distinguished career, primarily in the area of community college leadership. Her record as a passionate advocate for the promotion of community college accessibility, an administrator who challenged and supported students through high quality academic programs and a leader focused on improving student success and completion outcomes, was built primarily in Cleveland.

The Queens native became provost



Left to right, SUNY Board Chairman H. Carl McCall with Westchester Community College President Dr. Belinda Miles and SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher at Miles' inauguration earlier this month.

and executive vice president of Access, Learning, and Success at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) in 2011 with oversight of four campuses and multiple extension sites in Cleveland and surrounding suburbs. The institution serves 48,000 students in a wide scope of career and transfer degree programs.

"I always say that the intellectual capital that we have in Westchester is one of our great competitive advantages and Westchester Community College helps

to feed into that capital," said County Executive Rob Astorino. "We are very fortunate to have someone of Dr. Miles' caliber. We're thankful for her leadership and I am thankful for her partnership in moving the college forward in the right direction."

Miles attended public schools, including the City University of New York's York College, earning a bachelor's in political science. She attained a master's in educational psychology and in higher education organization and leadership development from Columbia University Teachers College. She and her husband, Keith, will relocate to Westchester County. Their son, Gordon, recently graduated from Tuskegee University with a degree in engineering and is employed in the field.

Westchester Community College is sponsored locally by Westchester County and is governed by the college's board of trustees. Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, WCC educates more than 13,000 credit students and more than 13,000 non-credit students through day, evening and weekend courses at various locations and online.

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Halloween event for young children. Rain or shine. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members \$5. Non-members \$10 (online registration only by Oct. 24). Children (under 2): Free. Day of event: Members--\$8. Non-members--\$15. Children (under 2): Free. Registration: Visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org. Info: 914-723-3470.

"Thomas Merton: The Unquiet Monk." Scholar and author Michael W. Higgins discusses the enduring relevance of the life and thoughts of Merton, a Trappist monk, spiritual writer and social critic during the celebration of his birth. Maryknoll Mission Center, 55 Ryder Rd., Ossining. 2:30 p.m. Free. Reservations requested. Info and reservations: 914-941-7636 ext. 2445 or e-mail MaryknollSpeakersSeries@maryknoll.org.

Memories and Visions. The Borromeo Quartet performs the String Quartet No. 4 by Pulitzer Prize-winner and MacArthur Foundation Fellowship recipient Gunther Schuller, and String Quartet No. 3 by Copland House Resident Jorge Villacencio Grossmann, winner of the 2013 Copland House/Borromeo Quartet Award. Merestead, 455 Byram Lake Rd., Mount Kisco. 3 p.m. \$25. Friends of Copland House: \$20. Students: \$10. Info and tickets: 914-788-4659 or visit www.coplandhouse.org.

"The Pit and the Pendulum." Voice actor Alan Sklar performs a dramatic reading of this Edgar Allan Poe work.

A sophisticated Halloween treat full of literary thrills and chills for adult and teen audiences. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Monday, Oct. 26

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. Every Monday. Info: 914-769-2021.

Wild Encounters Story Time. Nature discovery for youngsters. Enjoy a nature-themed story and discover the wonders of nature while exploring fields, forests or landscaped grounds. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme weather conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. For children three to five years old; with a parent or caregiver. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$9 per child. Non-member: \$12 per child. Every Monday. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Defensive Driving. A two-evening certification program that lowers insurance premiums, reduces violation points and sharpens driving skills. Led by instructor Robert Fogel. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center auditorium, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$45. Continues on Oct. 27. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3220.

Just Write! A six-week writing workshop. Led by Mary Johnson. Class

members will write a definition of a story, share these and try to come up with a definition everyone agrees with. This will lead to an introduction to mind mapping. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Zumba Class. Open to all. Drop-ins welcome; no membership needed. PFX, 101 Castleton St., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$10 a class. Every Monday. Info: Contact Amy Olin at olin.amyj@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

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

How to Choose Hearing Aids. Purchasing hearing aids is an expensive and sometimes stressful endeavor, but it doesn't have to be. Learn how an audiologist navigates the hearing aid industry to provide appropriate and comfortable amplification for patients. Presented by Susan D. Reilly, coordinator of audiology services. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center auditorium, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3010.

The Magic of Adam Trent. Adam Trent is taking the magic world by storm, blending dancing and singing to own original pop music with innovative stage illusions, charming wit and emotion to create an experience that is part magic show, part concert and part standup comedy. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Dinner at 8 p.m. \$84 (plus tax) per person. Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

Book and Coffee With Lisa Ragano. Join a lively conversation over coffee to discuss the newest bestsellers and suggest some great book club titles. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

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

The Restaurant Examiner

Thai Restaurant Seaspice Opens in Sleepy Hollow

By Jerry Eimbinder

Seaspice, a sister restaurant to Noodles Plus in White Plains, has opened in Sleepy Hollow.

"Except for fresh Chinese dumplings, almost all of the dishes on the menu are Thai," co-owner Saisuda Ittichaicharn said. "Most are spicy, sour or both; the salads are normally spicy too. The amount of spice in a salad can be specified by the customer (timid, typical or truly hot)."

Ittichaicharn's partner at Seaspice is her older sister Saichol, who occasionally helps greet customers but spends much of her time in the kitchen.

Fried and steamed dumplings are very popular at Noodles Plus – the reason for their inclusion on the Seaspice menu. Usually served six to a dish, the dumpling choices typically cost \$5.95 and include mushroom with vegetables, chicken and crab meat with pork (\$6.95). A combination plate with an assortment of dumplings costs \$10.95.

A seafood, rice and healthy-herb plateful called pad-cha is Seaspice's equivalent of a signature dish. Priced at \$16.95, it mixes shrimp, squid, mussels and scallops with garlic, chili, green peppercorn and basil leaves.

"It has phed," which is Thai for kick, Ittichaicharn said in describing the dish's degree of spiciness.

Recommended as an appetizer to accompany the predominantly seafood pad-cha are two possibilities. One is golden curry puffs, four to a serving (\$6.95), containing wrapped minced chicken and potato and served with a dipping sauce. The other is gluten-free summer roll (\$6.95), available with shrimp and vegetables or with vegetables only.

Popular fish entrées are red snapper and salmon (\$17.95 each). They come with a choice of nine sauces (chili, sweet and sour, basil, ginger, curry, tamarind, pad-cha, tangy lemon and ginger/soy). The two most preferred sauces, Ittichaicharn said, are tamarind and basil. A popular non-fish entrée is crispy duck (\$18.95).

The \$8.95 daily lunch special consists of chicken, beef, tofu, vegetable or soup entrée; a choice of two spring rolls, two fried dumplings or two shumai (a pork and shrimp combination); and a beverage such as Thai iced tea or soda.

Only one of the 13 salads isn't spicy and even it can be ordered spicy on request. The salads include beef, crab, duck, Tum Thai (papaya, long beans, tomatoes, peanuts, chili and lime juice),



SEASPICE PHOTOS
Tum Thai (papaya) salad.



Khao Soi Noodle

pork, shrimp and squid. The non-spicy salad includes vegetables and fried tofu and is served with peanut or ginger dressing (\$5.95).

Noodle soup comes in 15 varieties and is served in a huge bowl and can be a meal in itself (priced from \$8.95 to \$10.95). For a real spicy treat, try the Tom Yum hot and sour broth with shrimp, cilantro, bean sprout, scallion and seasoned exotic Thai herbs.

The menu also has a soup called beef pho soup, a hot broth with thinly sliced beef, Vietnamese rice noodles, cilantro, basil, scallions, bean sprout and hoisin sauce.

The menu also includes Khao Sai noodle (a northern Thai food) and fried tofu (an appetizer).

Desserts include ice cream (\$3.50), fried ice cream (\$5.95), custard bun (\$5.95) and lava cake (\$6.95).

A children's dumpling and steamed vegetables deal is offered for children up to 12 years old for \$6.95. It comes with a glass of juice and a choice of fried



JERRY EIMBINDER PHOTO

Seaspice has opened in Sleepy Hollow.



Grilled shrimp salad

rice, shrimp wonton noodle soup or stir-fried noodles.

A long Thai poem appears on one of the walls. Ittichaicharn said it is about both love and curry dishes and is taught to schoolchildren in Thailand.

Ittichaicharn said she acquired her knowledge of food through frequent trips with her parents to China, Hong Kong and other places in Asia from their home in Bangkok. Most of what she knew about food was taught to her by her father, a businessman.

Seaspice replaced Tyrynda Thai Restaurant, opened by Sunny and Darunee Soncharoen in March 2009. Before that, the location was occupied for many years by Thai Garden.

A happy hour runs from 4 to 7 p.m. and offers half-price wine by the glass and half-price beer. The beverages include Asian beer, Thai wine and Japanese sake. The bar has eight stools and the restaurant seats at least 60.

Nonalcoholic Thai iced tea or Thai iced coffee are delights – sweet and creamy and well worth their \$2.50 cost.



Fried Tofu

Fruit smoothies are available at \$3.50.

An application to provide full cocktail service is awaiting village approval.

Seaspice is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 9 p.m.

Lunch is served until 3 p.m. and the dinner menu is available all day. The restaurant is closed Mondays. Delivery is free for orders over \$25. Catering trays are available for events and parties.

Seaspice is located at 128 Cortlandt St. in Sleepy Hollow, across the street from the Sleepy Hollow Fire Department station. It has a parking lot in back (enter the lot from College Avenue) and walk to the entrance on Cortlandt Street. Both free and metered parking are nearby.

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Six Inductees to Enter W'chester Sports Hall of Fame This Week

Six county residents who have gained national prominence and contributed to sports in Westchester, including two who were raised locally, will be inducted into the 2015 Westchester Sports Hall of Fame during a ceremony to be held this Thursday at the County Center.

Considered one of the best swimmers in the county by Westchester's swimming community, Thornwood native Lou Dearstyne was a multiple conference and Westchester County champion and was honored in 1984 by the Larchmont Shore Club as the best opposition competitor. He was undefeated in his Iona Prep dual meet competition for his last three seasons. Dearstyne was a six-time All-County, all-section and freestyle champion in 1985 and 1986 (records in each); CHSAA

League MVP in 1986 and the National Catholic High School Champion and record setter in those events in 1986. He also won the Con Edison Scholastic Sports Award in 1986. At Villanova University he became the first swimmer to win the same event at the Big East Championship in all four of his competition years. This year, Dearstyne was honored with induction into the Villanova University Sports Hall of Fame.

A Pleasantville native, Diane Swertfager graduated from Pleasantville High School in 1979, where she was a multi-sport star excelling in volleyball, basketball and softball. As a volleyball player, she was an all-county performer for the Panthers. Swertfager went on to attend Springfield College, graduating in 1983 after serving

as a four-year member of the volleyball team, as well as being appointed team captain her senior year. She is currently a Section 1 volleyball coach and sports coordinator at Hendrick Hudson High School. Since 1986, Swertfager has amassed over 500 career wins, making her only the third Section 1 coach to achieve that milestone.

Michael Chiapparelli has coached Mamaroneck High School baseball for 31 seasons and has been ice hockey and JV football head coach as well. He served as assistant athletic director from 2001 to 2006. Several of Chiapparelli's teams have won championships and received the League Coach of the Year 16 times for baseball and five times for ice hockey. Chiapparelli is the first coach at Mamaroneck High School to ever have over 1,000 wins.

Thomas DePaso was All-County MVP and All-State during his junior and senior years on the White Plains football team. He went on to Penn State where he was a three-year starter at linebacker and was drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals, where he played for two years until he was injured. DePaso left the game to pursue Law School at Catholic University.

A standout athlete in football and basketball in high school and college, Gregory C. Draddy was captain of both sports teams at Rye High School. In

football, he was a Con Ed Athlete of the Week in 1988, with a career record of 18-2.

An outstanding athlete and coach, Mary Henwood attended Eastchester High School from 1978 to 1982 and Hofstra University from 1982 to 1986. At Eastchester, she was a three-sport athlete (volleyball, basketball, and softball) a three-sport captain in 1981-82 and three-sport all-league and all-section in both junior and senior year. Henwood was awarded Most Outstanding Athlete of the Year and recognized as Eastchester's first 1,000+ point scorer in 1982.

The induction event is open to the public and begins at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, dinner and ceremony to begin at 6:30 p.m. Price is \$80 per person and reservations are required. For more information, call 914-231-4564.

The six inductees were chosen from a pool of 70 nominees. In order to be nominated, an individual must be of good character and have gained prominence in either professional or amateur sports as a player, coach, manager, official, owner, writer or broadcaster.

Hall of Fame plaques are on permanent display in the Sports Hall of Fame gallery at the County Center in White Plains. Attendees will be welcome to visit the Hall of Fame and view its exhibits during the evening.

Mt. Kisco Recreation Halloween Events on Tap

Mount Kisco Recreation has spaces available in its "Halloween Window Painting." Join us for this very popular annual special event, which helps get the businesses in the downtown area ready for Halloween. Participants will be given a sheet of acetate to color or paint a Halloween scene and mount the painting in the window of a local storefront.

This program is free for children in grades K-6. Paintings must be completed by Friday, Oct. 23. For the registration

form, call 914-666-3059 or visit www.mountkisco.org.

Halloween Costume Carnival

Mount Kisco Recreation will host its annual Halloween Costume Carnival on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Memorial Pool Complex in Leonard Park. This free special event is open to all. Play some fun carnival-style games, decorate a pumpkin and enjoy some light refreshments. There will also be freshly made cotton candy.

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THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz

By Edward Goralski

Has a Nice Ring to It. "The Return of the King," the third and final volume of J.R.R. Tolkien's epic adventure "The Lord of the Rings," was published 60 years ago on Oct. 20, 1955. Perhaps you will find some of the quiz words taken from "The Return of the King" "precious" enough to add to your vocabulary.

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| 1. wont (n.)
A) habit | B) hobby | C) home |
| 2. bereft (adj.)
A) favorable | B) deprived of something | C) crazed by grief |
| 3. truck (v.)
A) to strengthen | B) have dealings | C) get the better of |
| 4. flagon (n.)
A) a rapid drumbeat | B) most important of a group | C) a large container |
| 5. wroth (adj.)
A) twisted out of shape | B) highly incensed | C) worn out |
| 6. ravening (v.)
A) to devour greedily | B) fall from grace | C) speak incoherently |
| 7. screes (n.)
A) loose rock debris | B) a long piece of writing | C) a moveable partition |
| 8. byre (n.)
A) an area of wilderness | B) a warning signal | C) a cow barn |

- ANSWERS:
1. A. Habit or custom
2. B. Deprived of something
3. B. To have dealings or commerce; traffic
4. C. A large container in which drink is served
5. B. Intensely angry; highly incensed
6. A. To devour greedily; despoil
7. A. Loose rock debris covering a slope
8. C. A barn for cows (Chiefly British)

Axial Theatre to Open 'A Doll's House' Nov. 6 in P'ville

A bold retelling of Henrik Ibsen's timeless classic, "A Doll's House," will open Axial Theatre's 2015-16 season on Friday, Nov. 6 with an opening night event on Saturday, Nov. 7. The 12-performance production runs through Nov. 22.

Directed by Howard Meyer, the production stars Laura Credidio in the iconic role of Nora Helmer, and Dan Walworth as her controlling spouse Torvald.

A seminal masterwork that many say established the Norwegian playwright as the father of modern realist drama, the play had a profound influence on theater and society when it debuted in 1879. It presents the radical transformation of an oppressed wife, Nora, who defiantly declares her independence from a narcissistic husband, Torvald, after years of being treated as a mindless plaything.

What sets apart the Axial production of "A Doll's House" is a set that places the audience virtually inside the home of the principal characters, Nora and Torvald. The setting, in contrast to the original time and place of 19th century Europe, reflects a 20th century American sensibility.

It also may be the first time a production of the play has a rock star in the cast. Carlos Dengler, the former guitarist with the indie rock band Interpol, plays Nils Krogstad, the scheming nemesis of Torvald.

Audiences who attend the performances will find the center aisle serving as a hallway for the characters to an unseen part of the Helmer house, creating the sensation the audience is sitting inside the couple's home.

Meyer is a playwright and the founding artistic director of Axial Theatre and Howard Meyer's Acting Program, now in its 22nd year offering acting classes and presenting plays in Westchester. He was one of 50 artists honored in ArtsWestchester's 50th anniversary celebration this year.

Credidio has been with Axial Theater Company since 2008 and last appeared on the Axial stage in Clifford Odets' "Awake and Sing." In 2011, she directed "Taking Off," featuring plays by Ward Riley and Linda Giuliano. She is an alumnus of the Lincoln Center Theater Directors Lab. A Somers native, she now lives in Brooklyn.

Walworth was a student in Meyer's acting program before joining Axial as



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Part of the cast for Axial Theatre's upcoming production of "A Doll's House." Left to right, are Carlos Dengler, Sophie Sorensen, Laura Credidio and Dan Walworth.

an apprentice member this year. His most recent performances include the company's production of "The Seagull" in 2014 and "Twisted Valentine" earlier this year. A South Salem resident who lives with his wife and two children, he is a graduate of Yale and Northwestern.

Dengler was an original member of the popular New York City indie rock band Interpol, which he left in 2010 to pursue an acting career.

Gail Greenstein of Katonah, also an Axial member, is cast as Anne Marie, the housekeeper. She last appeared in a pivotal role in Axial's spring 2015

production, "Dead Man's Cell Phone" by Sarah Ruhl. She has been with Axial for 12 years.

Axial ensemble members Albi Gorn and Michael Boyle each will play Dr. Rank in different performances. Sophie Sorensen appears as Christine Linde. The Helmer children are played by Carly Waldman, as Emmy, and Dane Beels, as Ivor.

Jaki Silver, managing director of Axial Theatre, serves as the show's production manager.

"A Doll's House" will take the stage for three consecutive weekends at St. John's Episcopal Church, located at 8 Sunnyside Ave. in Pleasantville. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Fridays, Nov. 6, 13 and 20; 3 and 8 p.m. on Saturdays, Nov. 7, 14 and 21; and 3 p.m. on Sundays, Nov. 8, 15 and 22.

Tickets are \$27.50 for general admission and \$22.50 for students and seniors. Tickets are \$40 for the Nov. 7 Opening Night, which includes a wine and small bites reception at 7:30 p.m. before the performance.

For tickets or more information, call 914-286-7680, visit www.axialtheatre.org or e-mail axialtheatre@gmail.com.

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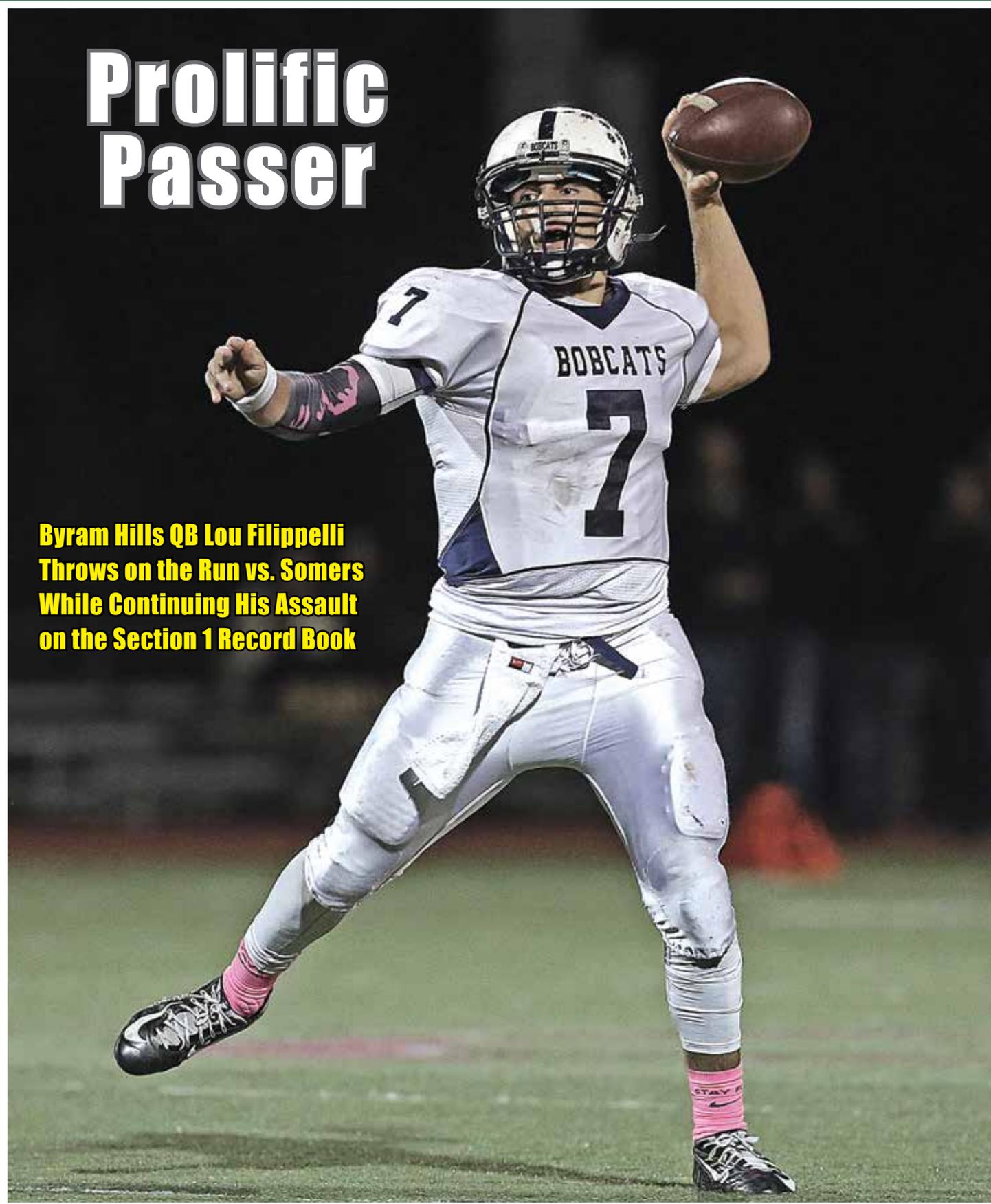
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