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Pearl Harbor Diary Holds Deep Meaning for Chappaqua Woman

By Martin Wilbur

In the living room of Marvelle Gilbert's Chappaqua house, there are photos of her late husband, Paul, in his Army uniform during World War II and of the young couple shortly after they were married in 1945.

But there is another possession Marvelle has that provides maybe an even deeper connection to the man she was married to for more than 50 years.

Shortly after Paul died in January 1997, she found in his desk drawer a typed seven-page, double-spaced, first-hand account of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Gilbert, an Army tech sergeant who was stationed at the Hawaii military installation on Dec. 7, 1941, and throughout the war, jotted down notes that day of what was happening around him. Sometime later, he typed up his notes and put the one-day diary into the



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Marvelle Gilbert holds a picture of her and her late husband, Paul. After he died in 1997, she found in a drawer his first-hand account of the bombing at Pearl Harbor.

bottom of the drawer.

Not long after Paul's passing, Marvelle, now 91, was looking through some of *continued on page 2*

Everyone's Favorite Snowman



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

It may have been raining last Saturday but that didn't dampen anyone's enthusiasm on Frosty Day, Armonk's annual celebration of Frosty the Snowman. As darkness set in, crowds swelled on Main Street for the parade with local organizations marching followed by Frosty. The parade ended at Wampus Brook Park for the Christmas tree lighting. For more photos of the day as well as the Westchester Winter Wonderland last Friday, see page 17.

Mount Kisco Approves Modell's for Former Borders Space

By Neal Rentz

A Mount Kisco storefront that has been empty for more than four years since Borders bookstore vacated will finally be occupied next year.

The village planning board voted unanimously Nov. 24 to approve a special use permit to allow Modell's Sporting Goods to take over most of the space.

The roughly 22,600-square-foot space at 154-162 E. Main St. has been vacant since September 2011 when the bookstore chain went out of business after filing for bankruptcy. The property is co-owned by Modell's and New Jersey-based Lerner Properties.

Douglas Epstein, general counsel and vice president of real estate for Modell's, said the company is looking to open the *continued on page 4*



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

The Mount Kisco Planning Board voted unanimously Nov. 24 to approve a Modell's Sporting Goods for a portion of the East Main Street property that formerly housed a Borders bookstore. Attorney Taylor Palmer, representing Modell's, is shown addressing the board.

Pleasantville Adopts Higher Meter Rates Throughout Village for 2016

By Arthur Cusano

Metered parking rates will increase in Pleasantville starting in January following the adoption of new rates by village trustees last week.

On-street meters will cost 25 cents per 20 minutes, up from 25 cents for 30 minutes, while off-street meters will cost 25 cents for a half-hour, an increase from 25 cents an hour. Short-term meters, which will all be less than 30 minutes, will cost 25 cents.

Daily parking permits at train station lots for residents will cost \$10 per day, up from the current \$5. Those will cost nonresidents \$15 a day, an increase from the current \$10. Annual parking rates will remain at \$600.

Trustee Mindy Berard was among

four of the five village board members to vote in favor of the increases. She said plans to install new electronic meters had to be funded and the village hasn't raised rates in years.

"I don't think it makes that much of an impact to shoppers," she said.

The higher prices would also help increase parking turnover on the street, she added.

"It coincides with the thinking that we need to raise your prices for the off-street and have the on-street more expensive, so if they're going to shop and eat they'll park in a lot versus on the street," Berard said.

The dissenting vote was cast by Trustee Joseph Stargiotti, who said the hikes might discourage shoppers.

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his belongings and found the diary. She wasn't completely surprised at her discovery. Over the years, Paul, who spent most of his career working as a publishers' representative, would author poems and other writings for her.

"It brings me closer to him," Marvelle explained. "He loved to write. I loved to write. Both my sons love to write. Of course when I found it I cried."

Marvelle said she and Paul had met the previous year at a dance in their native Indiana. An accordion player, Paul was leading the band and Marvelle was convinced by a neighbor to attend, although she was just 16. During the dance, the trumpet player came off the stage to ask her who she was because the band leader wanted to meet her. Almost before he could speak, Marvelle was quizzing him about the band leader.

From early on in their courtship, she had a feeling Paul was the one.

"I knew it right away, but we had a few differences that had to be worked out," Marvelle said. "Then he was drafted, so we didn't really get to have a long-term relationship."

Paul, 10 years older than she, was drafted in early 1941. Although they wrote to each other daily, he wasn't allowed to divulge where he was stationed. She wouldn't learn until about six months

after the attack that he had been at Pearl Harbor, and survived the bombings that killed more than 2,400 American servicemen.

On the opening page, Paul Gilbert wrote about how the morning of Dec. 7 was a peaceful tropical morning. At 7:30 a.m. local time, about 20 minutes before the first wave of attacks started, many of the men, particularly the new arrivals at the base, were in the midst of writing letters home. That peacefulness was shattered a short time later.

"We heard explosions nearby," Gilbert's first entry at 7:55 a.m. read. "Some of the men looked up, then went back to writing their letters. Explosions are common around here...But not on Sunday! Odd! A plane roared by overhead. Very low. We heard the sound of men running...So we ran out too."

He saw a brown Japanese pursuit plane completing a circle and approaching the base again, flying extremely low.

"I could see the pilot's goggled head peering out at us from over the side of the cockpit," Paul continued. "I was puzzled at the insignia painted on the plane. It was the Rising Sun insignia of Japan. Could this be a super-realistic maneuver?"

Bullets flew over the heads of Gilbert and the men he was with, narrowly missing them and they dove for cover.

Gilbert's account includes how the Americans scrambled to respond, but

struggled to get their weapons out and planes into the sky. He also wrote about the carnage that he saw and the gruesome casualties of the men who were gunned down or ambushed, some while still in their barracks.

"The three fellows hit by the plane don't look at all like the ones you see die in Hollywood war films, where death is very clean and you die in one piece," he wrote.

During the 9:30 a.m. entry, which was between waves of attacks, Gilbert mentioned that one man was "suspiciously eyeing my jotting down these notes. He comes up now with an officer to have me investigated. Fortunately, this officer happens to be my commander so it's OK."

By 11:30 a.m. the attacks were over and

all was quiet.

After the war, Gilbert was discharged at Fort Dix, N.J. Marvelle had attended college during the war and many of her friends were from New York, so the couple decided to come east and rented an apartment in Jamaica, Queens, before eventually settling in Chappaqua to raise their two sons. Marvelle has remained in town for the past 46 years.

Marvelle said that her husband rarely talked of his military service or his experience at Pearl Harbor. But she believes he wanted her to find his account among his papers.

"He knew I would be looking in his desk," she said. "There were several things there that were very important."

Fall 2016 Bet Torah Nursery School Registration Open

Registration for Bet Torah Nursery School is underway for families wishing to enroll their children in preschool programs for fall 2016. Two-, three- or five-day morning classes are offered for two-year-olds from 9:30 until 11:45 a.m. Children in the 3s and 4s program meet Monday through Friday from 9:15 a.m.

until noon.

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store in the spring. Epstein said a second tenant has not yet been found.

The plan is for Modell's to occupy 12,793 square feet on both levels of the two-story building. Of that space, 1,419 square feet would be common space on both floors shared by Modell's and a second tenant. Most of the remaining space would be occupied by the other tenant.

Before the vote, several conditions were discussed with representatives of the sporting goods chain. Planning board members agreed to a request from Taylor Palmer, an attorney representing Modell's, to allow periodic guest appearances to last up to two hours instead of one hour to provide enough time for an autograph session or other

purposes.

Village Attorney Whitney Singleton said the permitted use for the future second tenant of the building would be retail. If the second tenant sought another type of use, a special permit must be obtained from the planning board, he said.

The proposal had generated some stern debate among several downtown merchants, some arguing that Modell's would help make Mount Kisco a destination for shoppers. The planning board, with the exception of member John Bainlardi, had objected to the initial plan, contending that Modell's would be a big-box store that would be out of character with the rest of downtown. However, board members supported a revised plan.

Mt. Kisco Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony Slated for Dec. 4

The Mount Kisco Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Mount Kisco will hold the annual holiday tree lighting ceremony outside Village Hall on Friday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m.

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Legion to visit with Santa and enjoy cookies and cocoa donated by the American Legion and Holiday Inn.

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Pleasantville Adopts Higher Meter Rates Throughout Village for 2016

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"To me, parking rates and what you charge should cover the cost of the enforcement and collection, and maybe a little more to help with maintenance and parking areas and things like that," he said.

Stargiotti cited figures listing the 2014 meter and permit revenue at \$442,000 and another \$279,000 generated from fines. For this year, the village has had meter and permit revenue of \$458,800 and revenue from fines of close to \$300,000. Parking enforcement and court fees have cost the town \$287,000 in 2015, he added.

Stargiotti said two new electronic parking meters purchased by the village that will be installed in municipal lots are projected to cost about \$25,000, which he said Pleasantville could afford. Plans by the village to purchase property to add more parking in the business district has not yet come to fruition, he added.

"Without having some specific use associated with parking, what we're really doing is generating revenue, and that may not be a bad thing, but I think that's a budget discussion," he said. "If we need to raise rates to pad the budget or raise more income, it's a discussion

to have but I don't like the idea of doing it now."

Berard countered that officials had discussed rate hikes during its last budget discussions before Stargiotti was seated on the board as a way to pay for necessary meter improvements.

Mayor Peter Scherer said the rate hikes were needed to pay for parking improvements and additional parking, which he said could never be paid for by parking meter revenue. The state property tax cap, and the efforts to stay below it, made it difficult to fund capital projects such as parking improvements, he said.

"The reality is that parking meters are a form of user fee," Scherer said. "It is the one mechanism we have to get a contribution to the cost of the parking and our future goal to enhance parking, both the supply and ease of using it through new technology. We can charge residents extra money in their tax bill, but the reality is that we're trying to capture dollars from the users parking so heavy users in the downtown will pay more and residents who hardly ever park downtown will pay nothing."

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County Approves Funds for New Castle Sewage Diversion Project

By Martin Wilbur

Residents in three New Castle communities saw the chances of having their homes connected to sewers increase significantly last week when the Westchester County Board of Legislators authorized spending \$16 million for the town's sewer expansion project.

By a 12-5 vote, the Board of Legislators approved an intermunicipal agreement with the town on Nov. 23 to pay for the majority of the costs for connections for Riverwoods, Random Farms and Yeshiva, which consists of roughly 300 residences.

The three communities have had failing sewage treatment facilities that have threatened the Croton Reservoir, a major source of drinking water for New York City and parts of Westchester.

The resolution was signed the next day by County Executive Rob Astorino.

"After 18 years of debate, we've done right by the environment and these citizens and these homeowners," said Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers), whose district includes New Castle and the affected neighborhoods.

The action allows the county to distribute the money from the East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program Fund. The money had been provided by New York City and its Department of Environmental Protection in a 1997 Memorandum of Agreement with the county to improve drinking water quality in the city's watershed

by paying for various projects.

New Castle Supervisor Robert Greenstein said work calls for a county sewer trunk line, which now ends near Route 100 in Briarcliff Manor, to be extended to the Riverwoods Wastewater Treatment Plant and through Random Farms. More than 38,000 linear feet of pipeline and four new pump stations would be constructed, he said.

"This project is critically important," Greenstein said. "We need to solve the problem of failing waste water treatment plants that are impacting the Croton Reservoir, as it affects the water supply for Westchester County and New York City."

While the funding is an important component, it does not guarantee the project will happen. Greenstein said the estimated price of between \$24 million and \$26 million will require additional sources of funding. Earlier this year the town applied for a \$5 million grant through the state's Water Quality Improvement Program for Yeshiva. If the town can secure that grant, he said the chances could increase to obtain the remaining funds through other grants and by lobbying their state representatives.

"We will continue to work hard to secure the additional funds that's needed in order to complete this project to offset the cost for the local taxpayers," Greenstein said.

Kaplowitz said it was a struggle over the years to convince a majority of the Board of Legislators to vote for the funding. The four legislators from Yonkers, all of

whom voted against Monday's resolution along with Legislator Alfreda Williams (D-Greenburgh), had been strongly opposed to the project, which will divert an estimated 200,000 gallons of sewage a day from the three neighborhoods to the county plant in Yonkers.

Unlike another diversion project more than a decade ago that would have sent sewage from Yorktown to a county plant in Peekskill that stalled because of capacity issues, that was not the case here, Kaplowitz said. The Yonkers plant has a daily sewage capacity of 120 million gallons, but is

currently operating at about 90 million gallons a day, he said.

Kaplowitz, who had worked on this issue since first being elected in 1997, said the county will move forward with odor remediation at the Yonkers sewage plant, one of the key issues in the fight to secure the funding. But he was pleased that many of his colleagues concluded that this project needed to move forward.

"This is a big victory and it feels quite good to see it from beginning to end," he said.

Important Lesson

The 4's classes at The Rosenthal JCC Early Childhood Center in Pleasantville sit in front of a small fraction of the goods collected during the JCC's Food and Toy Drive for the Interfaith Emergency Food Pantry in Pleasantville. Families were extremely generous, with more



than 300 pounds of canned food collected, along with other dry goods, frozen turkeys and 61 new toys. The toy drive continues through Dec. 24. For more information, contact the Rosenthal JCC at 914-741-0333 or the Interfaith Food Pantry at 914-769-3944.

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2:00 PM - 2:45 PM
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- Photo Ops with Santa and other characters
- Crafts at Hip-kid
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No. Castle Schedules Jan. Hearing for Age-Restricted Proposal

By Martin Wilbur

The North Castle Town Board agreed to schedule a public hearing for next month on proposed zoning text amendments that could allow a 16-unit age-restricted development to be built on Old Mount Kisco Road in Armonk.

Despite some reservations that the revised single-building proposal might be too large for the area, the board reached consensus to open a Jan. 27 hearing on developer Frank Madonna's application.

Originally, Madonna proposed townhouses in six separate buildings

that were smaller but situated on a higher elevation and with significantly less setback. He needs a zoning change to build multifamily housing in the single-family zone.

"The planning board has seen this twice already," said Kory Salomone, the attorney representing Madonna. "They like the single-building option. Whatever zoning that needs to be changed to effectuate this, they've essentially already blessed."

To help the town board better visualize the scale of the proposed project, Madonna's representatives showed a short animated

3D video two weeks ago of how the project would look from various vantage points along Old Mount Kisco Road and Route 128. The 3D visualization also included screening.

Should the project be approved, Madonna has proposed to install sewer hookups to North Castle Sewer District No. 2 for about half of the residents on Old Mount Kisco Road, an area that has been plagued by failing septic systems. A separate proposal from the developer for six single-family houses nearby would complete the hookup for the remainder of the street.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro said that he still had concerns about the mass of the building as well as having 16 two-bedroom units measuring 1,800 square feet each receive the condominium taxation rate. However, he said he's comfortable enough to take the next step and go to a public hearing.

"There's no getting around it, it's a big building," Schiliro said. "Having the mature trees certainly helps but before that we have to understand they're going to be significantly lower, so the impact of that building is going to be pretty big."

Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto said she appreciated the 3D imagery, which helped her visualize the project more effectively, while still not certain it's right for the neighborhood.

Although the building's size is significant, Director of Planning Adam Kaufman said something is likely to be built on that property.

"The question is what are you comparing it to?" Kaufman said. "If you're comparing it to what's there today, yes, it's a significant change. But the reality is there's either going to be single-family houses, the townhouses or some (form) of a single building."

Madonna said that the footprint for the single building is just under 17,000 square feet, including terraces, as opposed to 24,000 square feet with the previous plan. The townhouse plan also placed the structures 25 feet closer to the road and about eight feet higher in elevation.

Police Blotter

Pleasantville Police Department

Nov. 21: A village resident reported at 2:29 p.m. saying they had their Kohl's credit card used by an unknown person to purchase a vacuum cleaner online. A report was filed.

Nov. 25: An 18-year-old Pleasantville man was arrested at 5:58 p.m. on a warrant stemming from failure to appear in village court for an aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle charge.

North Castle Police Department

Nov. 20: Report of a grand larceny at Byram Hills High school on Tripp Lane at 3:03 p.m. The complainant arrived at headquarters with her mother reporting

that her watch was taken from the locker room while she was in gym class.

Nov. 22: A dispute between two neighbors reported on Whippoorwill Road East at 9:16 p.m. The complainant stated that there is a minor water leak coming from the upstairs apartment, but when she rang the bell the resident refused to answer the door. The complainant then banged on the door at which point the husband answered and threatened the complainant in a harassing manner. No physical contact occurred. There is water on the floor of the downstairs apartment but no immediate hazard is occurring.

Nov. 23: An Ilana Court resident reported seeing a bear in her yard digging

through her garbage cans at 7:29 p.m. The state Department of Environmental Conservation was notified but the agency does not respond unless the animal is threatening someone or there are unusual circumstances. The responding officer spoke to the homeowner. The bear apparently left the area.

Nov. 24: A 31-year-old Bedford man was arrested at 5:40 p.m. and brought to headquarters for violating probation in connection with an offense in another jurisdiction. He appeared in North Castle Justice Court before Judge Douglas Martino and remanded to Westchester County Jail in Valhalla.

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Non-Profits Blast Proposed Cuts in \$1.8B County Budget

By Arthur Cusano

Speakers at the first two public hearings on the proposed 2016 Westchester County overwhelmingly opposed planned cuts in nonprofit funding in County Executive Rob Astorino's \$1.8 billion budget.

Next year's spending plan contains no tax increase for the sixth straight year but eliminates 25 positions in various departments. Those cuts follow a buyout of 158 employees over the summer. Another 60 vacant county positions will be eliminated.

At the second hearing on Nov. 24 at Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua, more than 100 speakers turned out to support an assortment of nonprofit organizations that face funding cuts. Speakers included a large contingent from My Sisters Place in White Plains, which helps domestic abuse victims and their families. My Sisters Place has been slated to lose \$179,000 in county funding next year.

CEO Karen Cheeks-Lomax told attending legislators that the organization assists thousands of Westchester families from every district in the county. Over 1,000 clients come from Yonkers and 600 from Mount Vernon and White Plains. They also serve close to 300 clients in New Rochelle and Pelham combined, more than 200 clients in Peekskill and another 130 clients in Ossining and Mount Kisco. In the area that encompasses the more upscale communities of Armonk, Bedford Hills, Chappaqua and Pleasantville, 50 clients are served.

"That just tells us what we already know – domestic violence impacts people from all walks of life," Cheeks-Lomax said. "It transcends geography, race, ethnicity and economic income."

The Pace Women's Justice Center, which also helps abuse victims, is targeted for cuts as well. Executive Director Cindy Kanusher said the proposed budget eliminates funding for the center's elder abuse program. Kanusher said an estimated 200,000 county residents are over 60 years old, and statistics show about 15 percent of those will be elder abuse victims.

"The Pace Women's Justice Center is the only legal service provider specifically dedicated to providing legal services to elder abuse victims," Kanusher said. "So if you think about that number, there's not a lot of us doing this work to meet the demand."

Community Capital NY Executive Director Kim Jacobs asked legislators to raise the tax levy to help fund the targeted programs. She said reinstatement of funds would be a negligible increase for taxpayers since the majority of taxes paid go toward school districts.

"The estimated \$5 per person it would take to restore so many of these important programs to the county budget is a solid investment in creating the kind of community that we want to be in," Jacobs

said.

The organization received \$106,000 for 2015, which helped provide 300 affordable homes that allowed seniors, young adults and county employees live in local communities they otherwise could not afford, she said. It also helped to provide loans to 300 small business owners.

In 2015, the housing developments that Community Capital NY helped complete generated \$38 million in revenue, \$6.6 million in tax revenues and 485 jobs, Jacobs said.

The Cornell Cooperative Extension faces a 75 percent cut that would slash its county funding from \$800,000 to \$200,000 next year. Executive Director Barbara Sacks said such a move would be detrimental since the organization does not receive state funding or an endowment from Cornell University, which it is not affiliated with. State and federal funding are based on county funding, she said, and county funding leverages three times as much additional funding.

"When county dollars are reduced, all the other resources are also reduced," Sacks said. "Westchester ends up getting fewer federal and state dollars, and we lose many of the hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of in-kind services, not cash resources, that Cornell University does provide to the county and charges us nothing."

Muscoot Farm in Katonah is among six county-owned farms that will lose a curator and at least one caretaker. Former farm manager Sue Mocha said the curator not only oversees the farm's budget and 100 programs with 50,000 participants, but also fills in for the farm manager and farmers.

The proposed budget replaces the curator with a \$6,000 increase in the hourly budget line; another \$6,000 will pay for other labor needs. Hiring part-time labor

Tickets on Sale for Jan. 23 Mental Health, Suicide Prevention Benefit Concert

Friends, family and members of Westchester's music community will gather for Music & Miles: Changing Minds, a pre-show benefit reception supported by the funk jam band Lettuce in Garcia's at The Capitol Theatre in Port Chester on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The evening is to celebrate life and support music education and performance while bringing attention to the importance of emotional health and suicide prevention among teens and young adults.

All proceeds from the reception benefit The Jed Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the emotional health of teenagers and colleges students, and The Miles Applebaum Music Scholarship Fund at Lagond Music School, established to honor and remember Miles Applebaum, a 21-year



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

My Sister's Place CEO Karen Cheeks-Lomax was among the more than 100 people who spoke out against the proposed 2016 Westchester County budget at a Nov. 24 public hearing at Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua.

would not be simple, Mocha explained.

"Finding hourly staff willing to commit to the physical demands of farm work is extremely difficult," she said. "Being a farm laborer is not a dream of most young people in Westchester County."

Prior to the first hearing on Nov. 29 in Yonkers, the organization Nonprofit Westchester (NPW) and a coalition that represents hundreds of nonprofit groups held a press conference to urge officials to reconsider the proposed cuts. They launched an online advocacy campaign, #KeepWestchesterThriving.

Joanna Straub, NPW's executive director, said the currently proposed budget would negatively "impact the fabric of our community."

"The proposed budget calls for major cuts to funding for many services that are essential for Westchester to thrive," Straub said. "It is our job as citizens to advocate for our community so that everyone can reach

their full potential and fully contribute to the community."

ArtsWestchester CEO Janet Langsam said cultural events attract tourism and drive business to local stores and restaurants, which generate sales tax. Funding for the arts also creates jobs for small businesses such as photographers, designers, film crew and dance schools, she said.

"Every dollar the county allocates to ArtsWestchester triggers another \$40 in other funds," Langsam said. "Put another way, the \$330,000 cut to ArtsWestchester could cost the arts in this county some \$13.2 million. I say could because I hope the Board of Legislators will do the math and turn this around."

The final budget hearing will be held next Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at the county office building located at 148 Martine Ave. in White Plains.

old jazz guitarist from Armonk and former Lagond Music School student who suffered from depression and took his life in 2014. The scholarship will help provide disadvantaged aspiring musicians an opportunity to ignite their passion and study music at Lagond where Applebaum received his training.

"As a teenager, Miles found a passion and haven in music at Lagond that set him on a lifetime direction," said Rosanne Lana, executive director at Lagond Music School in Elmsford. "He was inspired to continue his studies at Temple University's Boyer School of Music and Dance in Jazz Guitar and performance. Mental illness cut his life short, but his passion and memory can live on. Miles's story was felt throughout the county and beyond. Unknowingly, it touched all the people we have asked to

come together for this very special event."

The Music & Miles: Changing Minds benefit reception takes place in Garcia's and includes an appearance by members of Lettuce, in advance of their headlining performance at The Capitol Theatre that evening, open bar, silent auction, gourmet food and live music by Lagond Music School faculty and students. There will also be special guest artists plus a general admission or reserved loge ticket for the 8 p.m. Lettuce concert.

Benefit tickets are \$125 for general admission or \$200 for reserved seats and available online at www.ticketfly.com or by calling 877-987-6487. Tickets are also available at The Capitol Theatre box office located at 149 Westchester Ave. in Port Chester.

Mt. Pleasant Negative Fiscal Outlook Removed; Town Taxes to Rise

By Neal Rentz

Moody's Investors Service recently removed Mount Pleasant's negative financial outlook, the first time in two years that the town has operated without that designation.

"The removal of this negative outlook reflects the town's improved financial condition after two consecutive years of surpluses and our expectation that the town will demonstrate positive operating performance in 2016," the ratings service stated.

The town's Aa2 bond rating has been

maintained.

However, town taxpayers will face a noticeable jump in taxes next year. The proposed tax rate increase in the \$48.3 million 2016 budget is 8.8 percent. The tax levy increase stands at 2.4 percent, but adheres to the cap.

For the average homeowner in town, that will translate into an increase of between \$50 and \$100 depending on what special districts they reside, said Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said.

"The rate in certain areas may go up but

(is) offset by other savings such as the refuse districts with a savings of over \$400,000, so the increase is a variable number," he said.

Officials have opted against using any of the town's \$6,427,849 fund balance. Fulgenzi said the town instituted a fund balance policy that reserves that money for unforeseen situations as recommended by the state comptroller.

Though the state tax cap is .73 percent for next year, several factors, including a formula that calculates growth in town, allows Mount Pleasant up to a 2.4 percent hike.

In addressing Moody's positive change in economic outlook, Councilman Mark Rubeo said two years ago the town bonded some of its employee retirement expenses, which was viewed as a negative. Since then, officials have halted that practice, he said.

The town has also been successful in generating increased commercial development, added Councilwoman Laurie Smalley.

The final budget hearing is scheduled for next Tuesday, Dec. 8. The board is expected to approve the budget that evening.

Healthy Soils, Healthy Plants Workshop Set for County Center Dec. 8

A half-day workshop titled "Healthy Soils, Healthy Plants: Laying the Groundwork for Success" will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. The workshop, offered by Westchester County's Department of Planning and Soil and Water Conservation District, will address the critical role soils play in the environment to sustain people and plants and beautify the landscape.

The workshop is relevant to homeowners and gardeners and of special interest to professionals in agriculture, environmental management, landscape maintenance, property management, development and landscape architecture.

"The U.N. proclaimed 2015 to be the International Year of Soils. In recognition of its proclamation, this workshop focuses

on the relationship between soils and plants and addresses how improving the soil will benefit our ecosystem and our communities," said Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino.

The scheduled topics and speakers are:

- Start With the Soil: The Groundwork for Healthy Plants; Stephanie Murphy, director of the Soil Testing Laboratory at Rutgers University/New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station.
- Weird Science: Addressing Plant Symptoms Related to Soils; Tamson Yeh, pest management and turf specialist for Cornell University's Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County.
- Strategies for Remediating Compromised Soils in the Landscape; Nina Bassuk, professor and program

leader of the Urban Horticulture Institute at Cornell University, Horticulture Section, School of Integrative Plant Science.

- Composting to Reduce the Waste Stream and Make a Great Soil Amendment; Jean Bonhot, director of the Waste Management Institute at Cornell University, Soil and Crop Sciences Section, School of Integrative Plant Science.

The workshop runs from 8:30 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. Registration and breakfast begins at 8 a.m. The \$35 workshop fee includes a continental breakfast and program materials. Advance registration and payment is required by Dec. 3. Parking at the County Center, located at 198 Central Ave. in White Plains, is \$7.

For additional information, download the event flyer at www.westchestergov.com/soilwater or contact Robert Doscher at 914-995-4423 or e-mail rrd1@westchestergov.com.

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Gold in Your Attic Holiday Fundraiser at Greeley House Dec. 5-19

In addition to the New Castle Historical Society's annual holiday activities, this year there is a special addition to the festivities – A Gold in Your Attic holiday sale at the Greeley House.

Visitors to the Greeley House from Dec. 5-9 will have the opportunity to purchase unique treasures through this special sale. The sale contains one-of-a-kind treasures from antiques to midcentury modern, including silver, crystal, jewelry, artwork and decorative accessories.

More than 25 years ago, Gold in Your Attic started as a booth at the historical society's annual Chappaqua Antiques Show. The booth began as only one table with several small objects for sale. The booth has grown every year and dealers and show attendees seek out the booth to see what the community has donated and/or consigned for sale to benefit the historical society.

Each year "Gold in Your Attic," offers an array of treasures for shoppers to consider. Some of the more recent items include a rare Russian samovar, an opaline glass light fixture from Paris, vintage embroidered Japanese kimonos and Tiffany candlesticks. Over the years Gold in Your Attic has also sold rocking chairs, antique desks, mirrors and a variety of artwork.

While the Chappaqua Antiques Show did not take place this year, the dedicated volunteers of the Gold in Your Attic booth have been working hard preparing for this year's special holiday sale at the Greeley House.

The Greeley House is located at 100 King St. in Chappaqua. The sale hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Thursdays it will remain open until 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Cassie Ward at 914-238-4666 or e-mail director@newcastlehs.org.

Diaper Bank Celebrates First Anniversary, Looks to Serve More

Last Tuesday, Nov. 24 marked the first anniversary of the Westchester County Diaper Bank, established through a partnership between the Junior League of Central Westchester (JLCW) and the Westchester Department of Social Services (DSS).

The anniversary was celebrated on Nov. 19, with a volunteer diaper packaging event at the JLCW headquarters at Wayside Cottage in Scarsdale.

"The partnership between the county and JLCW is motivated by the mission of 'Changing Babies...Changing Lives.' Diapers are a basic need for children – as essential as food and shelter," County Executive Rob Astorino said.

Through the program, the Diaper Bank gives families an opportunity to apply for a package containing a week's supply of diapers and wipes up to three times a year per child. Intended to help get families through the tough times, the Diaper Bank serves families through the DSS. A family does not have to be an existing client of DSS to apply for diapers, although proof of Westchester County residency and a child's birth certificate are required for eligibility.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at any of the county's district offices in Mount Vernon, Peekskill, White Plains and Yonkers or can be



Celebrating its one-year anniversary, the Westchester County Diaper Bank serves many parents and their children in the county.

downloaded from the JLCW's website at jlcwcentralwestchester.org/diaperbank. Diapers are distributed on a monthly basis from the district offices. Applications are due approximately three weeks before the distribution dates.

In its first year of operation, the Westchester County Diaper Bank distributed 150,600 diapers (or 3,012 packages), an average of 274 packages monthly, to local families in need. The Westchester County Diaper Bank relies on donations, community drives and corporate sponsorships.

For more information about receiving or donating diapers, contact the Junior League of Central Westchester at 914-723-6442, e-mail jlcwdiaperbank@gmail.com or visit www.jlcwcentralwestchester.org.

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Obituaries

George Smith

George Lloyd (Bud) Smith passed away peacefully on Nov. 25 at Rosary Hill Home with his wife of 63 years, Louise, and family at his bedside.

He was 93.

Smith was a decorated veteran who served in the Army Air Corps during World War II as a liaison pilot. He returned home to attend Rutgers University, where he earned a business degree. He went on to work in the insurance industry for 25 years.

He was an amateur musician and artist and could fix anything. He was an avid, if sometimes frustrated, fisherman, who had a love of the Jersey shore.

Smith is survived by his wife, Louise Martin; son George and his wife, Annmarie; grandchildren George Geoffrey Jr., James Devin and Erica Marie; and loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville on Nov. 30. Services were held at the Beecher Flooks Chapel on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Smith's name to Rosary Hill Home, 600 Linda Ave., Hawthorne, N.Y. 10532.

Jean Miliambro

Jean A. Miliambro of Hawthorne died on Nov. 22.

She was 88.

Miliambro was born on Apr. 24, 1927, to the late George and Pearl (nee Partelow) Kelsey in Mount Kisco. She was predeceased by her devoted husband, Louis Miliambro, in 2009, and her brother, Edward Kelsey. She is survived by her loving children, Terry Grasso, of Hawthorne and son-in-law Zino Grasso of Yorktown Heights, Tommy (Judy) Miliambro of Fishkill and Robert (Nancy)

Miliambro of Hawthorne; her nephew, Thomas (Elizabeth) Kelsey, of Yorktown Heights; nine cherished grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Nov. 24. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne on Nov. 25 followed by interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Hawthorne.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated.

Mary Clarke

Mary T. Clarke of Pleasantville died on Nov. 24.

She was 89.

Clarke was born on Jan. 6, 1926, to the late Cornelius and Catherine Buckley in New York City. She was a retired secretary with the Book of the Month Club Publishers. She was a Eucharistic minister and taught CCD at Holy Innocents Church in Pleasantville.

Clarke was predeceased by her two brothers and two sisters and is survived by her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Nov. 27. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Innocents Church in Pleasantville on Nov. 28 followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

Nancy DiCampli

Nancy Jane DiCampli of Pleasantville and formerly of Yonkers died on Nov. 28.

She was 65.

DiCampli was born on May 7, 1950, in Yonkers. She raised her children in Pleasantville.

She leaves behind her brother, Craig; husband Antonio DiCampli; three children,

Jessica, Anthony D. and Christian T.; and her two grandchildren, Abigail and Jaxson.

Visitation is at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Wednesday, Dec 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. A funeral Mass will be held at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. followed by entombment at Ferncliff Mausoleum in Hartsdale.

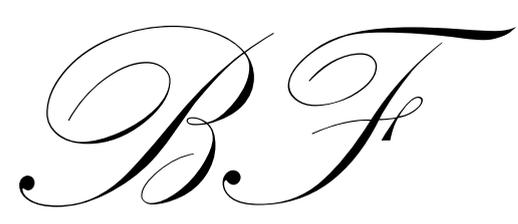


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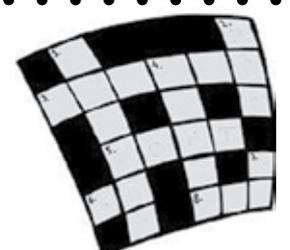
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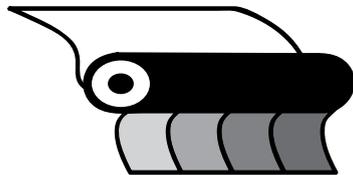
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Pleasantville's Parkway Field to Get New Restroom Facility

By Arthur Cusano

After many years of talk among village officials and residents, Pleasantville's Parkway Field will get new restroom facilities in time for next spring.

Village trustees unanimously voted at their Nov. 23 meeting to approve bid requests for the amenity at the park featuring full plumbing that would be open to the public.

The park, which has been owned by the village since the 1960s, currently has facilities that is opened by the Pleasantville School District during certain school athletic events; however, it is closed most other times. Portable toilet units are used at the field throughout the year.

The project is being funded with

\$340,000 in recreation fees received from Toll Brothers as part of the 68-unit townhouse development project that is currently under construction on Washington Avenue, said Mayor Peter Scherer.

"Everyone, the board among them, has been looking for a way to solve the problem of (no) permanent bathrooms down in Parkway Field, and here is our moment," Scherer said.

The new planned modular pre-fabricated building would be 23 feet long, about 11 feet wide and stand just under 12 feet tall. It will feature three separate unisex single-occupant bathrooms and one ADA compliant unisex restroom. The new building will be built just off Hopper



An artist's rendering of the new restroom facility planned for Parkway Field in Pleasantville.

Local Holiday Events to Benefit SPCA of Westchester

This Friday, Dec. 4 join the SPCA of Westchester from 5 to 9 p.m. at Desires by Mikolay at 55 King St. in Chappaqua for an evening of shopping, food and wine.

There's something in store for everyone, including jewelry, handbags, scarves, candles and accessories for men. Enjoy 10 percent off your purchases that evening. The SPCA will be receiving a generous portion of all

proceeds.

Then, if you're in the market for a new car, check out Prestige Imports Subaru in Pleasantville. The dealership has chosen the SPCA of Westchester as its charity during the Subaru Share the Love event. For every new Subaru purchased or leased now until Jan. 2, Prestige Subaru will donate \$250 to the SPCA shelter in Briarcliff Manor. It is located at 590 N. State Rd.

Street adjacent to the storage building already in place.

An alternate bid would add a concession stand area to the plan, but that concept was still being discussed with groups that use the field, including Pleasantville AYSO and Dad's Club.

Village Administrator Patricia Dwyer said quotes from the Public Restroom Company of Minden, Nev. lists the cost of the basic unit at \$114,245 and \$135,580 with the concession stand. Turnkey installation of either building would cost an additional \$18,430, she said.

Site installation of the basic unit is

estimated at \$132,675, and installation of the units with concession stand would cost \$154,010. An additional security system for the building would run \$4,595, according to the quote.

Capital projects over \$30,000 must be put out to bid by municipalities. Dwyer said the village will do that for this project in the coming weeks.

Village officials said they expect to have bids returned by late this month and award a bid for the project in January. The construction is expected to be completed in early spring.

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Realtor Announces Sale Price for Old Millwood Firehouse

By Martin Wilbur

Houlihan Lawrence Commercial Group announced last week that the old Millwood Firehouse on Route 120 sold for \$730,000.

The Millwood Fire District unloaded the 6,700-square-foot building at 60 Millwood Rd. that sits on less than an acre of land to a still unidentified buyer. After the sale is recorded, the new buyer will be on file with the Town of New Castle.

Houlihan Lawrence, which represented the fire district in the transaction, declined to divulge the buyer's identity or any plans that may be in place regarding future use of the property, said Cari Nogas, an

account executive for the realty company.

The Millwood Fire Department vacated the 91-year-old building in late October to move to its new and larger firehouse that is nearly three times the size several hundred feet away on Millwood Road. Most of the funding for the new facility was approved by voters in a 2011 referendum.

The former headquarters was antiquated for use by a fire department, with the fire apparatus barely able to fit into the bays.

The old firehouse consists of two separate buildings, a one-story structure and a two-story structure, along with room for 32 parking spaces, according

to Houlihan Lawrence. The larger structure contains about 1,100 square feet of garage space along with a meeting hall, a commercial kitchen and two bathrooms on the second floor.

The one-story building has storage space for equipment and workshop.

More than 20 years ago, the department sold the property to the district for \$1 with the promise that it would get a state-of-the-art firehouse in the future.



The old Millwood Firehouse sold recently for \$730,000.



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Open Door Foundation Launches Holiday Toy Drive

Every year the Open Door Foundation collects toys for children from needy families to make sure that every child will receive a new toy during the holiday season.

Santa Claus visits all five Open Door Family Medical Center sites and its administrative offices in Ossining to personally deliver the gifts. Open Door is accepting donations of new toys, valued between \$10 and \$20, through Dec. 10 for children up to 14 years old. The goal is to collect 2,500 new, unwrapped toys.

Collection sites are in Mount Kisco at 30 W. Main St.; 165 Main St. in Ossining; 5 Grace Church St. in Port Chester; 80 Beekman Ave. in Sleepy Hollow; 155 Main St., Suite 101 (lower level) in Brewster; and at 2 Church St., Suite 101, (lower level) in Ossining.

The toy drive also needs donations of holiday gift wrap and batteries (sizes AA, AAA, C and D and 9-volt.)

Monetary donations are being accepted. Open Door elves will take care of the shopping. Checks made payable to Open Door Foundation may be mailed to Alicia Ward, Open Door Foundation, 2 Church St., Suite 101, Ossining, N.Y. 10562. Credit card donations may be made at: <https://www.opendoormedical.org/join-us/volunteer/holiday-toy-drive>.

For those with a knack for wrapping, Open Door is also looking for volunteers to help organize and wrap the gifts, which will be distributed by Santa when he visits each Open Door health center in December. Wrapping days are Dec. 5, 7, 9, 14 and 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Volunteer Coordinator Alicia Ward at 914-502-1468 or e-mail award@odfmc.org.

Great Stuff Is Always Brewing at The Black Cow in Pleasantville

By Roberta Lasky

Captivating aromas of freshly roasted coffee at The Black Cow Coffee Company in Pleasantville have the ability to instantly attract customers. Alluring scents fill the store's air. On a daily basis, the quaint independent shop serves coffee, tea and other beverages, as well as tasty baked treats such as cookies, croissants and muffins.

"I like that it is a really friendly local business with great coffee," said Sleepy Hollow resident Sherry Liou.

Proprietor Michael Grant opened the Pleasantville location on Wheeler Avenue four years ago, taking over the space formerly held by the Dragonfly Cafe. He knew he had a good thing brewing when his popular Croton store, established in 1995, was bubbling over with customers. Grant wanted to expand his business elsewhere in Westchester.

The Black Cow is a pleasant oasis in the village. The vibe inside is casual and relaxed. The inviting ambience welcomes people to "chillax" and enjoy their time at the homey cafe. Two tables with seats are set up outside in front of the store, in addition to the indoor seating.

"The store is so convenient, coffee is good, pastries are better than other shops and the people are nicer here," remarked customer Chris Rigney.

Conveniently located across the street from the Pleasantville train station, The

Black Cow opens its doors at 5:30 a.m. weekdays so commuters can grab a cup of joe before boarding their train. There is metered parking across the street as well as a five-minute parking lane right in front of the store for quick pick-ups.

"Good iced coffee, lots of options, very reasonably priced," said Shanu Varghese, who picks up her beverages on her way to work in Valhalla.

A collection of large red plastic containers on one side of the store displays roasted coffee bean varieties and flavors sold by the pound. Roasts offered are Full City, French, Italian and West Coast French. The array of coffees find their origins in Central and South America, Africa, Asia and the United States, including Hawaii, Jamaica and Puerto Rico.

The Black Cow Coffee Company produces more than 30 different blends. In-depth descriptions of the different varieties of coffee offered are available at www.blackcow.com/Beans/Beans.html.

The Black Cow has a strong commitment to being the crème de la crème supporter of the community. Grant often donates to local school and church fundraisers. The store features a special coffee grounds rescue program. Baristas will gladly provide coffee grounds to customers in a returnable bucket to use as compost. Coffee grinds are known to do wonders by giving soil an added boost.

Unsold food items are donated to food



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

For those who like great coffee and an inviting ambience, The Black Cow Coffee Company in Pleasantville offers that and more.

banks. A large bulletin board hanging in the front of the store is filled with posters and flyers about upcoming community events.

Both stores showcase artwork on their walls from a different artist each month, enhancing the café's atmosphere.

Live jazz music on Thursday nights is being planned for the Croton store. Announcements on the music performances will be forthcoming on The Black Cow's website.

Whatever your fancy, The Black Cow

offers everything from café au laits to cappuccinos to lattes.

For more information, visit www.blackcow.com or check the shop out at www.facebook.com/TheBlackCowCoffee10570.

The Black Cow is located at 7 Wheeler Ave. in Pleasantville. The Croton location is at 4 Old Post Rd. South.

Hours at both locations are 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.



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Guest Column

Chasing Utopia From Walt Disney to Woodstock to the New World Order

By Richard Cirulli

The Baby Boomer's defining moment in history was the 1960s. This rebellious decade, now forever a part of our national consciousness and history, is ripe with stories and commentary, both in the negative and affirmative depending on one's point of view in the telling of these transforming years.

From a politico/socio view, this era was a watershed on multiple levels that divided child against parent, young versus old, traditionalist versus libertine, and most importantly, divided many of the Baby Boomers' own souls and consciousness against itself.

To establish a better understanding of this contradictory era that simultaneously espoused love and rebellion with equal commitment, we need to view the genesis of this movement from its formative years. The Baby Boomers were fortunate to have grown up in the post-World War II years of economic prosperity and peace – except for the Korean War. The parents of the Baby Boomers, many of them returning veterans, benefitted from the G.I. Bill that successfully promoted home ownership and a college education.

In hindsight, this was America's days of innocence. The Baby Boomers grew up with new technologies, such as TV that afforded them the luxury and security of watching Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom while they whistled along to the Andy Griffith theme song.

While growing up with a repertoire of toys such as the hobby horse, Erector Set, Slinky and the Duncan yo-yo to name a few, many Baby Boomers also found their complacency and security scattered as they viewed on TV the launch of Sputnik, Civil Rights marches, the Berlin Wall, the

Cuban Missile Crisis and the downing of Gary Power's spy plane over Russia. The Baby Boomers' formative years were spent in this contradictory world that helped forge their maturing social conscience. It was amidst this inner turmoil that Baby Boomers believed in earnest they could build a Utopian World.

Many Baby Boomers, who were unable to successfully navigate life's adversities and realities, found themselves developing a bipolar social conscience that promoted rebellion to ensure their "peaceful" agenda. Does the end truly justify the means? Many of the era's demonstrations turned violent, as they denounced America's intervention in Vietnam – deemed necessary by our government to secure peace. As many as 57,000 American servicemen never returned home.

Baby Boomers were now further divided, as some were forced to kill an enemy in a distant foreign land, while others elected to bring peace to fellow Americans with violent demonstrations and bombings. In all instances only violence and death prevailed, absent of any true peace. Baby Boomers soon realized the magic kingdom could not protect them against nuclear annihilation. And the Andy Griffith theme song was the taps played for the death of America's lost innocence.

History has recorded Woodstock as an event of music, peace and love. A closer examination usurps this myth, now elevated to American historical fact. In truth, Woodstock was never intended to be a free concert – rock bands need to get paid – and proceeds were needed to finance the show.

As the throngs of youth descended upon the concert – most without tickets – and started to crash the gates, the promoters

were forced to turn the show into a free concert out of fear of violence. The peace at Woodstock was achieved, in part, not by ideology but rather by placating a hostile "peace" movement. It seems as if contradiction was bred into the conscience of many Baby Boomers.

The '60s ethos ebbed as Baby Boomers matured, retiring their faded bellbottoms and long hair for well-coiffed short hair and pinstripes. Many Baby Boomers headed for the glories of Wall Street and public office, hopeful of finding their materialistic Utopia.

Now, closing in on 50 years after Woodstock, Wall Street is more powerful, abusive and corrupt. America has ever since been engaged in seemingly endless wars and interventions. There is a greater divide between the rich and poor, more wealth is concentrated at the top 2 percent and the nation and the world has become more violent.

As for our elected officials, the news is also ripe with an increase in political scandals and corruption. Just recently New York State was given the grade of "D" for its ethics, amidst the scandals currently plaguing Albany – truly our "New World Order."

The Duncan yo-yos still bob up and down with our ever vacillating political currents and our rusty Slinkies descend further down the dark steps of a humanity in distress as we seek to build our new Utopia. As Sir Thomas Moore most eloquently stated in his writings: "Utopia means nowhere to be found."

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Letter to the Editor

Consider the Source of Arbitrary Allegations By Election Losers

Calling someone a liar or racist (or both) is a very serious charge that should not be made arbitrarily or because someone's feelings are hurt after a crushing defeat in an election. But so goes the case in one Westchester town.

A letter that appeared in last week's Examiner ("Claim of No Knowledge of Racist Phone Call Does Not Ring True")

Correction

In last week's article on North Castle Town Administrator Joan Goldberg's new contract, there were two errors. Goldberg was not terminated from her position as comptroller in Yorktown as was reported, but resigned, and she initiated the lawsuit against the town to be paid for accrued time, not Yorktown. The Examiner regrets the errors.

contained false and refuted allegations about a robo call that went out against a losing candidate in this past election. By the tone of this individual's letter, one would think that the letter writer is a seasoned candidate who has successfully won public office in recent years. To the contrary, this individual was actually a losing candidate for another office in 2013. Clearly her own losing experience translates well to her knowledge of political campaigns in general, where any individual or outside organization can engage in

political activities without a campaign's knowledge or consent.

Just as comparing Westchester County government to ISIS and the Taliban is bad behavior, so too is lodging allegations on a whim to score cheap political points. Our community deserves better, even from election losers.

Anthony Amiano
Valhalla

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Business of the Week

Video SEP Pro Hawthorne

This article is being reprinted because the name of the company was misspelled in last week's issue.

By Martin Wilbur

Placing an ad in the yellow pages or even developing a smart-looking website isn't enough to get a business noticed in today's crowded marketplace.

With many consumers' attention diverted and competition in every industry as stiff as ever, projecting a message that resonates with the public could be the difference between success and failure for an entrepreneur.

Just over two years ago David Vogel and Neco Turkienicz launched Video SEP Pro, a Hawthorne-based agency, which creates videos that business owners, nonprofits and other organizations can use to market their products and services in a variety of situations.

The videos made by Vogel and Turkienicz, who each have well over 20 years' experience in advertising agencies and the television and film production industry, are part of a marketing strategy

developed for each client.

"Basically, this business was created because of the need by businesses to get their message across as quickly and as efficiently as possible," Vogel said.

"We all have short attention spans now, shorter than ever, we are all being pulled in multiple directions, the Internet has changed how businesses operate, how we find information, and we create video content and a marketing strategy that allows them to communicate who they are, why you should be doing business with them and how they differentiate themselves from the competition."

Video SEP Pro, which moved into temporary offices in the Skyline Drive office complex about six months ago after launching as a home-based business, creates a variety of videos depending upon a client's needs. Vogel and Turkienicz can develop an introductory video for a company's website, branding videos, testimonial videos, ones that can be part of presentations and commercials.

"You try to learn a lot about the company. Okay, what do you want to



Video SEO Pro President David Vogel, standing, and Vice President Neco Turkienicz, seated, create specialized videos to help companies market themselves more effectively.

do with this," said Turkienicz, who was born and raised in Brazil and graduated from the Tel Aviv University's Film and Television School where he lived for more than 20 years before coming to New York. "We try to learn all there is and then we come up with a strategy."

Videos can be made with various techniques such as using live action, 2D animation and pieces featuring spokespersons. They can travel to a client onsite or film in a makeshift studio inside their Hawthorne space.

"Content is king and video is the king of content," Turkienicz said.

Vogel, who was raised in Chappaqua and now lives in Somers, said they have the ability to tell their clients' stories in ways that will have impact.

"It's the story of their business, which typically is how the process starts," said Vogel, who became friends with Turkienicz when they both worked for a Manhattan animation company. "That's the first video we make for a client."

There are qualities that set Video SEP Pro apart from similar firms. Turkienicz, a North White Plains resident, said there are few other video agencies that have their level of professional production background. Also, their work is integrated into a larger marketing strategy that can benefit clients' efforts with social media, e-mail marketing and pay-per-click.

Video SEP Pro has attracted clients in a wide variety of businesses of all sizes, including a kitchen renovation company, a law firm and a horse stable, to name a few, along with clients in the non-profit world. They're also becoming increasingly involved in medical-related clients, Vogel said. One example of their work was a branding video for Weill Cornell Medical College's Lymphoma Program.

The team is also expert at video search engine optimization, which often helps their clients get placed at or near the top of Google Internet searches.

Vogel and Turkienicz are searching for a larger space for next year but expect to remain in the area, a relatively short commute from their homes.

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Happy, Jolly Crowds Welcome Frosty the Snowman Home



It wasn't a picture postcard afternoon for Armonk's annual Frosty Day but that mattered little as crowds converged in the hamlet last Saturday to kick off the holiday season by celebrating Frosty the Snowman. Families with young children gathered with anticipation along the parade route on Main Street to await the arrival of Frosty. This year marks Frosty's 65th birthday, when lyricist Steve Nelson, an Armonk resident, wrote the words to the popular Christmas song. Before the tree lighting at Wampus Brook Park, the town was presented a letter by the family of the late town clerk Mildred Wago that was written by Nelson's widow, Audrey, in 1997, confirming that her husband had conceived the lyrics with Armonk in mind.



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTOS



Westchester Ushers in the Most Wonderful Time of the Year



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTOS

The Westchester Winter Wonderland returned to Kensico Dam Plaza last Friday as County Executive Rob Astorino helped light the 24-foot Christmas tree. Astorino received help from Victoria Ricotta, a former Maria Fareri Children's Hospital patient. Visitors enjoyed music, rides, a synchronized light show, an ice rink sponsored by the New York Rangers, many other activities, and of course, Santa Claus. The Winter Wonderland will run weekends until Dec. 20, then daily from Dec. 21 through Jan. 3. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.wwinterwonderland.com.



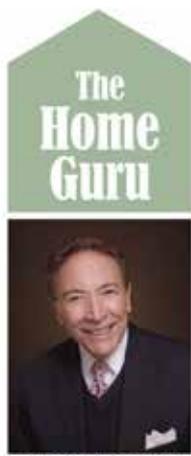
Preparing for Winter, Whether Staying at Home or Going Away

Every year, just as wintry weather arrives, I receive a call or e-mail from the first supplier I ever used when moving to Westchester, Dave Goldberg of Dave Goldberg Plumbing and Heating, making sure to prepare for the frigid months ahead.

This year, he expanded his e-mail with tips for those snowbirds who are going away for the winter. It particularly resonated with me because of a terrible mishap a good friend had last winter.

For the past few years our friend Anne has taken two months off for a stay in Florida. There was never a problem because she felt she had the luxury of locking the door of her attached townhouse-style condo in Mahopac and not worrying about maintenance issues. Her daughter and son-in-law would check the unit every week, just to be on the safe side.

But last year, she was not so lucky. One day she received a phone call saying that water from her unit was leaking into the condo next door. When help arrived, it was discovered that a water pipe had burst, on an interior wall at that, and totally flooded the first floor and walk-out basement level of her home. Everything was destroyed, from flooring to wallboard



By Bill Primavera

to all appliances.

“There had never been a problem in past years, but the severity of last winter was the cause of it,” Anne said. “The pipe was in the ceiling of my kitchen, and although it was not on an exterior wall, it shared a wall with my garage, which is unheated.”

The cleanup was a major project. Basically, the unit had to be stripped to its studs and rebuilt.

“You can be sure of one thing,” Anne said, “this year, I’m having my water pipes drained before I leave.”

Dave Goldberg’s list of precautions for those going away includes the following:

- For those whose systems are on oil, be sure to get a delivery before leaving. When the oil gets low, the sludge on the bottom of the tank might clog up the filter and cause the boiler to shut down.
- If you have hot water heat, it is a good idea to install non-toxic antifreeze in the system. It works just like a car radiator and, of course, because it is a closed system it does not affect drinking water.
- Toilets should be drained and just one or two cups of antifreeze added. The inside of the tank should be drained but don’t put any antifreeze in the tank because it can damage the flapper and gaskets.

- The water lines should be blown out with air.

If you don’t have a security system which alerts you of a drop in temperature, Goldberg has a simple non-tech solution: He attaches a thermostat plugged into a lamp with a red light bulb, which is positioned at his front window. If the temperature drops, the red light comes on and a neighbor could see that there is a problem in the house.

For those who are staying home, Goldberg’s basic tips for winter safety are:

- Have your furnace inspected and cleaned annually by a qualified technician.
- Caulk doors and windows where needed.
- Tape up the boiler switch going to the basement. Many times visitors might mistake the boiler switch for the light switch and turn the system off.
- In the attic, louver vents should be blocked.
- If you have two separate units in the house – one for hot water and the other for air conditioning – you should close the dampers on the air conditioning because hot air rises and the heat will go up through the vents.
- Outside spigots should be drained and left open. The shut-off valve inside the house has a bleeder that should be opened. That breaks the vacuum so the water will drain out.

- A good trick to prevent pipes freezing under kitchen sinks is to install a light bulb in the cabinet that will create just enough heat to prevent freezing.

- Have the phone numbers of the plumber and oil company handy, best kept on a tag on the boiler.

- Everyone in the house should know where the shut-off valves are for the main water line coming in, or with well water, know where the electrical switch is.

- In the event of a power failure, the least expensive way to install a generator is to buy a small gas generator of about 6,000 watts that will take care of the boiler and refrigerator and some outlets. Have an electrician install a transfer switch.

- Keep a multipurpose fire extinguisher accessible, filled and ready for operation.

Goldberg is now retired, but his son-in-law Doug Marr is running Dave Goldberg Plumbing and Heating in Somers. He can be reached for consultation or emergency help at 914-962-3498.

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P'ville Author's Latest Novel Puts Readers in Post-Apocalyptic World

By Martin Wilbur

Joe Wallace remembers the instant his latest novel materialized. He and his wife were on their way to Maine taking their daughter back to college when Wallace suddenly grew quiet and began scribbling notes to himself on the back of any piece of paper he could find.

He doesn't recall exactly what triggered the outline for his new science fiction story, but it certainly has paid dividends.

The result was "Slavemakers," Wallace's third novel and the sequel to his 2013 thriller "Invasive Species." Published by Ace Books, part of the Penguin Books group, "Slavemakers" hits stores today (Tuesday), including The Village Bookstore in Pleasantville and Barnes & Noble.

"I can say in all honesty, of course the story's different, but 90 percent of the concept and work of the events of "Slavemakers" presented itself to me, the entire story, in one instant," said Wallace, a Pleasantville resident. "That has never happened to me before in my life."

The strange part about Wallace's on-the-road epiphany was that he never planned a follow-up to "Invasive Species," where humans were threatened with extinction. In fact, he set the final chapter of that book 20 years after the rest of the story in hopes of avoiding a sequel.

Despite the unplanned return to the

story, Wallace was able to pull it off, and do it in a way that puts readers in the center of the action and making the characters' world seem real.

"With the core-centered characters, with them struggling with what they're struggling with, I want you to respond and identify with it, even if you will never be in the situation they're in," Wallace said.

"They can only communicate that if they feel like a real person living in a real world, even if that world is in the 1920s or living in a post-apocalyptic world," he added.

Whether you've read "Invasive Species," which received excellent online reviews, or are planning to read "Slavemakers," don't expect Wallace to necessarily become a household name in the thriller or sci-fi genre.

From the time he began his writing career more than 30 years ago as a freelancer, Wallace has written on a wide range of subjects. There were health and science articles for magazines in the 1980s, followed by a period writing about baseball. Wallace has also written two short stories and two series and even the text for children's books.

About six years ago, he adapted one of his short stories into his first novel, "Diamond Ruby," set in the 1920s about an 18-year-old girl who is a baseball

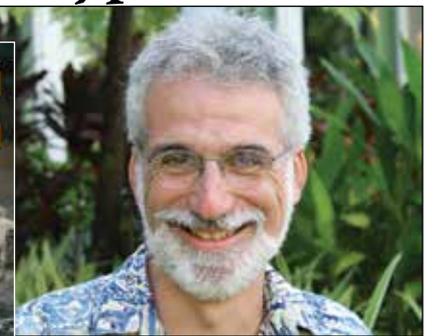
prodigy.

Wallace said he's uncertain whether the lack of connection to one genre has been a detriment. Sometimes it's even been difficult to pigeonhole his books; "Diamond Ruby," for instance, could be considered historical fiction, but the publishers also tried marketing it for young adults, he said.

The advantage for Wallace, who organizes creative writing workshops and contests for students in local schools and serves as a mentor to young writers, has been having the luxury of writing on subjects and characters that he cares about most.

"It makes it very entertaining but (it) also means that I'm not part of any writing society," Wallace said of his career. "I think there's a gain and a loss to that, a loss in recognizability but also a loss of community."

Like any working writer, there's



Pleasantville author Joe Wallace will be participating in a signing this Saturday at The Village Bookstore for his new novel "Slavemakers," which was released this week.

always the next story or another project. Wallace will once again dabble in another, by writing the text for a National Geographic photographer's collection.

"I've been writing for a lot of years and if there's one thing I've proven, I'm always moving on to the next thing," Wallace said.

The Village Bookstore will be hosting a book signing by Wallace this Saturday, Dec. 5 from 2 to 5 p.m. He will participate in a reading and discussion at 2:30 p.m. The Village Bookstore is located at 10 Washington Ave. in Pleasantville.

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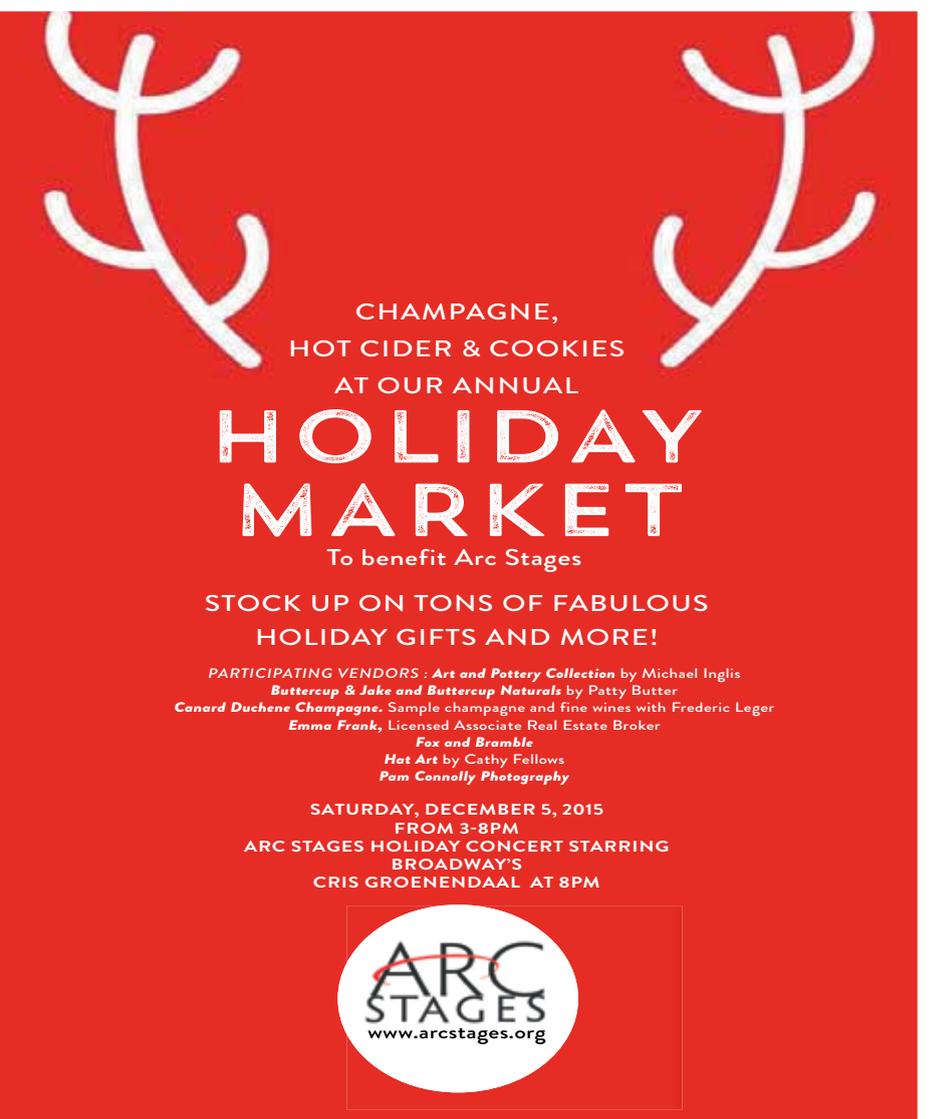
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Lisa DeRienzo
Childcare Referral Business Owner, Ossining

By Colette Connolly

Two years ago when Lisa DeRienzo launched her business, ASmartNanny.com, she had no idea how successful it might become.

Armed with the desire to help young college educated women find meaningful work, DeRienzo has since expanded her service to include 100 nannies, proof of the continued high demand for quality childcare and that there are plenty of well-qualified nannies to meet that demand.

Much of her success is due to social media efforts and being able to reach a wide audience of Westchester families, including Facebook groups and using Twitter and LinkedIn.

The online agency caters to families across Westchester, offering nannies on a part-time, full-time and as-needed basis. DeRienzo has also added qualified tutors to that list, providing specialists in a variety of academic subjects for K-12 students.

Always looking to enhance her business and remain competitive against national

online nanny services, DeRienzo decided to offer a "smart sitter" membership service to her clients.

"It's kind of like a gym membership," said DeRienzo, 31, an Ossining resident who is a New York State certified teacher with 10 years of classroom experience. "Families can pay a monthly fee, a semiannual fee or an annual fee."

Members can book a sitter in advance via the Book a Sitter page on her company's website or e-mail her directly at any time. DeRienzo said members have access to an unlimited amount of sitters, and they also have the option of requesting their favorite sitter.

For young women interested in a rewarding career with children, whether it be full-time or part-time, DeRienzo said the process is fairly simple. Many work part-time, a suitable option for prospective nannies who are still attending college or for others who are looking for a second job.

All candidates must apply via her website and provide her with two references.



DeRienzo runs extensive local and national background checks and also conducts reference checks on every candidate. Once she completes that process, DeRienzo said she provides families with two to three suitable candidates.

"All of my girls, and occasionally boys, are good," said DeRienzo, referring to the requirements for all applicants. All nannies must be college educated and have previous experience with children. Most are either teachers or nurses and all live in the county.

"Families usually hire the first, if not the second, person I send them," she said.

DeRienzo, a lifelong Westchester resident, holds a bachelor's degree in

psychology from Pace and a master's in childhood education from Mercy College. She said she can often determine if a candidate is the right fit by reading their letters of introduction.

Once a family is happy with the prospective nanny, DeRienzo sends them a detailed list of questions focused on that family's needs, such as the number of children in the household, gender, age and whether they have any health-related issues. DeRienzo also determines the duties that will be expected of the nanny.

"Most of the parents I work with are great," she said. "They just want to hire someone who will pay attention to their kids, help with homework and engage them."

DeRienzo's dream is to eventually offer her services to families on the West Coast. In addition to her clients throughout Westchester, DeRienzo is now working with families in Fairfield County, Conn., so further expansion of her business may be looming, she said.

"Many of the moms I've spoken to here in Westchester have had horrible experiences with other agencies," DeRienzo said. "With A Smart Nanny, they get the personal touch and the added bonus of dealing directly with me."

To find out more about what the service offers, visit www.asmartnanny.com or e-mail DeRienzo at lisa@asmartnanny.com.



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Kaitlyn Corbett
Nuclear Engineer

Kaitlyn Corbett has always called New York home. Born and raised in Buffalo, she earned her degree in nuclear power engineering at SUNY College of Technology and moved to Peekskill to start her career at Indian Point. Safety is the single most important mission for Kaitlyn and her 1,000 colleagues at the plant, and it's been the focus of her years of study and training in the nuclear power industry. Every day, engineers are graded on their performance by inspectors from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The NRC recently gave Kaitlyn and the team at Indian Point its highest safety rating — for the fifth year in a row.

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POWERING NEW YORK

Dar Williams Returns Home to Westchester With Irvington Concert

By Martin Wilbur

For the past two months singer-songwriter Dar Williams has crisscrossed North America promoting her album "Emerald." But no matter how busy her schedule may be, Williams makes sure to find time to entertain her fans back home.

This Saturday night Williams will be performing at the Irvington Town Hall Theater, a one-night engagement that is part of her 2015 tour that followed Emerald's unveiling last May, her ninth studio release.

"I find myself playing Westchester once a year because somewhere along the line it's convenient to go home for a rest either before or after," said Williams, who was raised in Chappaqua and is a 1985 Horace Greeley High school graduate.

Certainly, her schedule has been hectic this fall. The Irvington performance comes during a month where she has included other dates in the metropolitan area: this Friday at the Town Crier in Beacon; the South Orange Performing Arts Center in New Jersey on Dec. 17; the Landmark at Main Street in Port Washington, L.I. on Dec. 18; and Dec. 26 and 30 at the Bell House in Brooklyn.

The tour has also taken her from Londonberry, N.H., to Phoenix and Vancouver and back.

The 11 songs on "Emerald" represent a combination of new material, collaborations with friends in the music industry and covers. Included on the album are artists



Chappaqua native and acclaimed singer-songwriter Dar Williams is back in the area this weekend with a Saturday night performance at the Irvington Town Hall Theater. The show is part of her ongoing tour following release of her latest album "Emeralds."

such as Richard Thompson, Jill Sobule, Jim Lauderdale, the Milk Carton Kids, Lucy Wainwright Roche and Suzzy Roche and others.

Williams said what made this experience so unique was "Emerald" was completed piecemeal over an extended period in between her travel dates and other obligations. Studios in Maine, New York City, Nashville and Los Angeles and elsewhere all played a role in the finished

product, which is not the preferred way to record an album. The reviews have been strong.

"Dar Williams is a songwriter of immense talent and her new album, 'Emerald,' is a work of real depth," wrote The Telegraph in the United Kingdom. "From the powerful opening song about staying strong in adversity ("Something to Get Through") to the mordant "Mad River," this is a work of mature and thoughtful songwriting."

It is also a testament to her longevity and ability to adapt. Williams has impressed fans and music industry insiders with her staying power – now more than 25 years later– and heartfelt lyrics and music.

While playing Westchester has special meaning for Williams, she's also mindful not to turn Saturday's concert into old home week. She said audiences today are too savvy for that, whether you're on stage in Manhattan, in Westchester or anywhere else.

Home these days for Williams is not far away in Cold Spring. For part of the time that she's there, Williams conducts a five-day songwriting retreat called "Writing a Song That Matters." She had two separate sessions last summer held at the Garrison Institute in Putnam County.

What's special is that each participant, most of whom are not professional musicians, meet with Williams individually and she is also one of the instructors. Williams said many people have the tools to express themselves through their own music and lyrics.

"It in your brain," Williams said of songwriting. "No matter what your background or your training, you have to use your creativity and it's there in your brain at some point."

For tickets to this Saturday's show, visit the Irvington Town Hall Theater at www.irvingtontheater.com.

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“Raise the Age of Criminal Responsibility.” The League of Women Voters of New Castle is hosting this community forum to discuss the issue of New York prosecuting all youths 16 years old and up as adults. Featured speakers are Allison Lake, deputy director of the Westchester Children’s Association, and Lisa Freeman, director, special litigation and law reform unit, juvenile rights practice of the Legal Aid Society of New York. Refreshments will be served. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: e-mail lwnnewcastle@gmail.com.

Author Talk. Pleasantville High School graduate Jessica Tom will discuss her first book, “Food Whore: A Novel of Dining and Deceit.” This novel about aspiring food writer Tia Monroe and the ins and outs of the New York restaurant world was inspired by Tom’s experiences in the food industry and her role as lead reviewer for the Yale Daily News Magazine. Copies of the book will be available for sale. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

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@euobella.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.

Spirituality Workshop. Presented by the Rev. Dr. Carole Johannsen, coordinator of Pastoral Care at Phelps. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center auditorium, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 9 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Ellen Woods at 914-366-3937 or e-mail ewoods@pmhc.us.

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.

New Mommy Meet-Up. A great way to get out of the house, meet new friends and enjoy time with your baby. For babies up to eight months old and their moms. Romperiee Indoor Playground at World Cup Nursery School and Kindergarten, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 10:15 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday through June 24, 2016 (except holidays). Info: Contact Kim Bremer at 914-238-9267 ext. 20.

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

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

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

Mind Games. A fun way for seniors to help stimulate their minds and improve cognitive functioning by playing group games. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center’s boardroom, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail ewoods@pmhc.us.

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.mountkisco.library.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. Every Wednesday 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. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Contact Bess Steiger at 914-366-3957 or e-mail bsteiger@pmhc.us.

Sleep Well Support Group. Provides an opportunity for people with sleep disorders and their family members and friends to share experiences and learn about the disorders and treatment options. Dentist Michael Teitelbaum will discuss oral appliance therapy for sleep apnea. Light refreshments will be served. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center’s boardroom (use auditorium entrance and take elevator to the C Level), 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3755.

Sci-Fi Trivia Night. Geek out to celebrate the release of “Star Wars: The Force Awakens.” Covering science fiction in film and television from its earliest manifestations through today in a multimedia competition hosted by Jacob Burns Film Center Programmer Andrew Jupin. Teams of four people will enjoy a fun night of friendly, intergalactic rivalry, sci-fi-themed prizes and popcorn. Jacob Burns Film Center, 405 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Tickets per team: Members--\$40. Non-members: \$60. (includes two drinks.) Info and registration: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Breast, Ovarian and Gynecological Cancer Support Group. Northern Westchester Hospital at Chappaqua Crossing, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Meets the first Wednesday of every month. Registration required. Info

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and registration: 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Advent Soup and Service. First Congregational Church of Chappaqua, 210 Orchard Ridge Rd., Chappaqua. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Also Dec. 9, 16 and 23. Info: 914-238-4411 or visit www.fcc-chappaqua.org.

Thursday, Dec. 3

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 e-mail claudiayogadance@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Exploring Judaism: Hanukkah for Grownups. Rabbi Julie Danan is offering this adult class, which will cover the real

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Enjoying a Holiday Celebration in the City With Cocktails



By Nick Antonaccio

We're officially in the holiday season. With Thanksgiving under our belt (hopefully with no additional notches), the Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's celebratory gatherings are in full swing.

Holiday festivities are typically focused on traditional gatherings in the homes of family and friends, sharing the religious spirit of our individual faiths. Many of us also participate in restaurant celebrations with family, friends or business associates.

Invariably, these plans evolve around an outing into New York City. What better way to enjoy the holiday spirit than to be immersed in an atmosphere charged with merriment and conviviality? And what better locale than "The City?"

Finding a dining venue in the city is never a challenge. The breadth of restaurants will satisfy a broad range of tastes and budgets. But a dilemma some face is where to continue the festivities after enjoying a great meal and conversation. Having made the trek from Westchester, visitors invariably seek out a post-dining venue to continue socializing. Sitting at-table as a restaurant is winding down its dinner service is not

'head to a wine bar or a hotel bar'

always a comfortable way to continue a group's conviviality.

My choice for sustaining an evening of camaraderie is to head to a wine bar or a hotel bar, depending on one's preferences. While these venues can be primary destinations for sharing good times and good spirits, I find them equally enjoyable as late night venues.

My wife and I and a group of friends have continued a tradition of a holiday trip into the city for a number of years. We typically focus on midtown for dinner, preceded and followed by a cocktail at a nearby wine or hotel bar.

Here are several of my recommendations for destinations we've enjoyed over the years. The list is not meant to be all-inclusive, or even near-inclusive. Rather it is an eclectic list meant to accommodate those enjoying holiday outings in the city. There are many more establishments in the city, both downtown and in the burgeoning gentrified areas in Brooklyn. (If you're interested in my recommendations, please e-mail me.)

Wine Bars

1. Aldo Sohm Wine Bar, 151 W. 51 St. Managed by the highly regarded sommelier at Le Bernadin restaurant, the elegant space is matched by the well-chosen wines.

2. Bar Boulud, 1900 Broadway (at West 64th Street). Across from Lincoln Center, come for an amazing array of predominantly French wines and a selection of charcuterie.

3. I Trulli, 122 E. 27 St. A broad and deep selection of Italian wines in an intimate bar, next door to a fine Apulian restaurant.

4. Flute Bar & Lounge, 205 W. 54 St. Nearly 20 sparkling wines by the glass set the mood; relaxing in cushioned chairs and couches enhances the intimate vibe.

5. Campbell Apartment, 15 Vanderbilt Ave. High above Grand Central Terminal, the former offices of a Wall Street maven beckon you to relax and enjoy wines and spirits in a clubby setting. Just missed your late night train home? Plop into a lounge chair and sip a favorite beverage while waiting for the next one.

Hotel Bars

(Be forewarned; the drink prices at hotel bars are exorbitant.)

1. Baccarat Hotel, 28 W. 53 St. Yes, the crystal company's showcase; dazzling, swank and expensive drinks served in crystal glasses.

2. NoMad Bar at the NoMad Hotel, 1170 Broadway. The lush woods and elegant fixtures create a warm ambience. Try the more relaxing balcony area.

3. King Cole Bar at the St. Regis Hotel, 2 E. 55 St. Whether in the outer lounge or the bar area, you'll feel at home in royal elegance.

4. Mandarin Oriental, Columbus Circle at West 60th Street in the Time Warner Building. Come for the cocktails and stay for the breathtaking views of Central Park from the 35th floor.

5. Salon de Ning at the Peninsula Hotel, 700 Fifth Ave. An outdoor (heated) rooftop bar beckons with lounge chairs, overlooking the glitter of Fifth Avenue.

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

'Tis the season of joy and merriment. Enjoy your holiday, but remember to drink - and eat - responsibly.

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HISTORY MATTERS

by Edward Goralski

Toying With the Idea. December is Safe Toys and Gifts Month. To recognize the event, the quiz this week is based on toy trivia found in "Toys! Amazing Stories Behind Some Great Inventions" by Don Wulffson. The book is filled with the fascinating history behind some popular toys and games. Hopefully you'll find this quiz fascinating as well.

- In 1969, the first official Lego World Cup building championship was held in what country?
A) Sweden B) Finland C) Denmark
- Barbie's official birthday is March 9th of what year?
A) 1959 B) 1956 C) 1961
- Which game is known as draughts in England?
A) Dominoes B) Darts C) Checkers
- The Hot Wheels prototype was which model of car?
A) Corvette B) Volkswagen Van C) Chevy Camaro
- On May 3, 1966 American TV audiences saw the game Twister played on which show?
A) The Today Show B) The Tonight Show C) The Tomorrow Show
- Parcheesi was a favorite board game of what popular inventor?
A) Nikola Tesla B) Thomas Edison C) George Eastman
- What was the original name of Scrabble?
A) Letter Box B) The Game of It C) Criss-Cross
- Which was the first toy to be advertised on TV?
A) Mr. Potato Head B) Silly Putty C) Slinky

ANSWERS:
 1. C. Legos were invented by Ole Kirk Christiansen in Billund, Denmark
 2. A. That's the date she made her debut at the International American Toy Fair
 3. C. The first book on the tactics and strategy of checkers was written in 1547
 4. C. The most valuable is the Volkswagen Surfers Van
 5. B. Host Johnny Carson and guest Eva Gabor were the players
 6. B. President Calvin Coolidge also enjoyed the game
 7. B. Criss-Cross was the second name of game
 8. A. The popular spud was first advertised on TV in 1952

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history and the practical hands-on rituals of Hanukkah. Hebrew School parents and anyone interested are welcome to this friendly, relaxed mini-course. Pleasantville Community Synagogue, 219 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 5 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: Contact Rabbi Julie Danan at rabbij@shalompcs.com.

Great Books Forum Series. "Doctor Zhivago" by Boris Pasternak will be discussed. An opportunity to encounter extraordinary works of classic and modern literature with other interested readers. Discussion led by Professor Eugenia Amditis. Westchester Community College's Gateway Center, Room 131, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 6 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Professor Jim Werner at 914-606-6840 or e-mail james.werner@sunywcc.edu.

Wine and Wolves. Toast to 16 years of success at the Wolf Conservation Center's festive holiday party. Dozens of the community's finest restaurants, liquor stores and merchants will supply wonderful food, wine and holiday gifts for auction via silent bid. Music will be provided. Waccabuc Country Club Carriage House, 90 Mead St. Waccabuc. 7 p.m. \$100. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

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Friday, Dec. 4

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.amy@gmail.com.

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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.

The North White Plains Fire Company No. 1 Christmas Tree Sale. All proceeds will benefit the fire company. Free parking; all ages welcome. North White Plains Fire Company No. 1 firehouse, 621 N. Broadway, North White Plains. 4 to 8 p.m. Trees are priced according to size and type. Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Dec. 19 (unless sold out). Info: 914-949-3575 or e-mail ncsfid1@optonline.net.

"Hate War But Love the American Warrior." The Westchester All Stars Christmas for Wounded Veterans Project returns for this fourth annual concert to raise funds and awareness for our true American heroes. This year's lineup includes actor/comedian Tony Darrow as emcee, Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Gene Cornish of The Rascals, legendary drummer Carmine Appice, guitarist Earl Slick and many others. All the proceeds will be donated to Veterans Adaptive Sports and The Bob Woodruff Foundation. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 7:30 p.m. \$40, \$55 and \$105. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 ext. 2 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

Saturday, Dec. 5

Pleasantville Farmers Market. The Pleasantville Farmers Market is the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, and the one voted "Best of Westchester" in 2014 and 2015 by the readers of Westchester Magazine. With over 40 vendors participating in the indoor market, including special seasonal vendors this month, the delicious good time continues. Pleasantville Middle School, 40 Romer Ave., Pleasantville. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday (except Dec. 26). Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Christmas Tree Sale. First Congregational Church of Chappaqua, 210 Orchard Ridge Rd., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also Dec. 12 and 19 from 8

a.m. to 4 p.m. and Dec. 6, 13 and 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: 914-238-4411 or visit www.fcc-chappaqua.org.

Trains: Your Ticket to the Great Outdoors! Yonkers Model Railroad Club presents a display of model trains. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Members: Free. Non-members: Adults--\$10. Seniors--\$9. Children (2-12)--\$8. Children (under 2)—Free. (Includes admission to all Manor House exhibits.) Also. Nov. 29 and Dec. 5, 6, 12 and 13. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

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

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Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Info: Contact Peggy at 914 960-4097.

Family Saturdays @ the Lab. Learn about green screening, explore an augmented reality sandbox and make your own claymation stop-motion film! Jacob Burns Film Center educators will be on hand to guide visitors through an experience like no other. Jacob Burns Film Center's Media Arts Lab, 405 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. Meets the first Saturday of the month. Info: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Pack Chat for Kids. Children will learn about the mythology surrounding wolves and the important role they play in the natural world. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Bring a camera. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 2 p.m. Adults: \$13. Children (under 12): \$11. Also Dec. 13 and 29 at 11 a.m. and Dec. 27 at 10 a.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

New Castle Community Sing. The Chappaqua Orchestra will play a program of holiday favorites, followed by a short stroll to the Horace Greeley House for the New Castle Historical Society's Christmas tree lighting. Robert E. Bell Middle School, 50 Senter St., Chappaqua. 3:30 p.m. Free.

"The Nutcracker." The Greenwich Ballet Academy's production of this holiday classic featuring award-winning pre-professional students. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 2 and 7 p.m. \$25 to \$60. Also Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Master storyteller Jonathan Kruk will offer dramatic performances of Dickens' classic. With musical accompaniment, Kruk brings to life the story of Ebenezer Scrooge and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. Recommended for children 10 years old and up. Christ Episcopal Church, 43 S. Broadway (Route 9), Tarrytown. 3:30, 4:45 and 6 p.m. Adults: \$25. Children (under 18): \$20. Historic Hudson Valley members receive a \$5 discount. Also Dec. 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20. (Dec. 20 at 6 and 7:15 p.m. only.) Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

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Port Chester's Saltaire Oyster Bar Launches Lunch Service

By Jerry Eimbinder

Saltaire Oyster Bar and Fish House in Port Chester, which opened in August with dinner service only, has introduced a lunch menu. A new menu is printed daily for both meals.

Owner Leslie (Les) Barnes said the dinner menu is posted online every day at 3 p.m. and printed at 3:30 p.m. The lunch menu must be finalized and posted by 11 a.m. and printed by 11:30 a.m.

A seafood buyer for the restaurant arrives at the Fulton Fish Market in Hunts Point around 1 a.m. to check on the new catch, Barnes said. By 4 a.m., the restaurant's needs have been handpicked and packed for delivery and a text message describing the selection has been sent to the kitchen crew.

The selection of oysters changes daily at Saltaire and market availability can change just as quickly for other seafood as well, Barnes noted.

"We brief the wait staff every day about the menu prior to the beginning of their shifts," he pointed out.

Ten to 12 varieties of oysters from Canada to Chesapeake Bay are shucked daily.

Tower seafood combinations are a signature specialty of Executive Chef Bobby Will and are likely to be a permanent fixture on his lunch menu. They are served in three sizes – called hook, line and sinker.

Hook is suggested for two or three people and has a one-half chick lobster, four shrimp, three clams, three chef's choice oysters, six mussels and three crab claws (\$45).

Line, intended for three or four people, has a one-pound lobster, eight shrimp, six clams, six chef's choice oysters, 12 mussels and six crab claws (\$90). Sinker, for five or six people, features a one-and-a-half-pound lobster, 12 shrimp, 10 clams, 10 chef's choice oysters, 15 mussels and 10 crab claws (\$135).

A variety of lobster dishes are available at lunchtime and include lobster pot pie



Leslie Barnes, owner of Saltaire Oyster Bar and Fish House in Port Chester.

(\$19), lobster salad (\$21), lobster roll (\$26) and a pound of chilled lobster from the raw bar (\$23). A New England lobster bake, served as a Sunday special, comes with fingerling potatoes, corn, chorizo-fennel salad and drawn butter.

A Typical Lunch Menu

On Nov. 25, the lunch menu at Saltaire offered seafood from near and far, including jumbo Florida stone crab, New England king salmon, Rhode Island fluke crudo, Florida red snapper poke, fried Point Judith calamari, Maine steamers and gulf shrimp Cobb salad.

That day's menu also included "Mussels in the Pot," seafood sausage Bolognese, Spanish octopus, Yellowfin tuna (in a sandwich or as sliders), bay scallops and New England clam chowder. The raw bar's offerings were oysters from Fisher Island (Long Island), Prince Edward Island, Wallace Bay (Nova Scotia), Westport, Mass., Onset (Mass.), Beloin's, Me. and Kumamoto oysters from Washington, plus king crab legs and Maine Jonah crab claws.

Three salads were available: greens (\$8), pear-walnut-cheese (\$11) and pickled beets (\$12). Add-ons available at extra



Saltaire Oyster Bar and Fish House

cost included chicken and seafood.

Non-seafood lovers were able to choose from pork belly, cider braised cabbage and pickled cauliflower (\$14); hanger steak tartare with slow cooked egg and Tarragon mustard (\$14); chicken sandwich, whipped goat cheese and fries or salad (\$14); burger with cheese, bacon, French onion jam and fries or salad (\$15); and hanger steak with potato-parsnip gratin and roasted Brussel sprouts (\$24).

Barnes, 59, a Rye resident, began running London Lennie's when he was 22, a seafood institution in Rego Park, Queens that was founded by his father Leonard in 1959.

Will, a Port Chester resident, graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in



Executive Chef Bobby Will

Hyde Park. Before joining Saltaire, he was the executive chef at Fathom Restaurant in Bar Harbor, Me.

Saltaire Oyster Bar and Fish House opened in August in the renovated Willet House Building, constructed by the Westchester Grain Company in 1903. It is located at 55 Abendroth Ave. in Port Chester. For more information, call 914-939-2425 or visit www.saltaireoysterbar.com.

Dinosaur Bar-B-Que Features Happy Hours All Week

By Jerry Eimbinder

In one of his early films, actor W.C. Fields asked "Why limit happy to an hour?"

Restaurateur John Stage, owner of Dinosaur Bar-B-Que in Stamford, Conn., apparently feels the same way. His restaurant offers four-hour Happy Hour discounts Monday through Friday beginning at 3 p.m.

But Happy Hour isn't limited to after work on weekdays; on Saturday and Sunday, it begins at noon and runs until 5 p.m.

All seven days the prices at the bar and high-top tables are \$4 for beer, American, imported and spiced; \$6 for cocktails and spirits; \$6 for wine; and \$5 for appetizers.

Six chicken wings can be ordered as an appetizer. The wings are spice-rubbed, pit-smoked and grill finished and served with blue cheese dressing, celery sticks and a sauce with a spiciness of the customer's preference.

Other appetizers include a sampler plate with a chicken wing, deviled egg, fried green tomato and spicy boiled shrimp; a pair of sliders (choose two from pork, chopped brisket or cheeseburger); and chili with crispy tortillas.

The red wines offered are Pinot Noir, Shiraz, cabernet sauvignon and Merlot.



JERRY EIMBINDER PHOTO

Dinosaur Bar-B-Que in Stamford

White wines available are Pinot Grigio, sauvignon blanc, Chardonnay and Zinfandel.

For a \$6 cocktail, a customer can order a margarita, a Bloody Mary, an old fashioned, a martini, a White Lighting Lemonade (includes Junior Johnson Midnight Moonshine, brandied berry mix and fresh squeezed lemonade) or a rum and tropical juice combination.

Dinosaur Bar-B-Que is open daily and is located at 845 Canal St. in Stamford. For more information, call 203-517-3273 or visit www.dinosaurbarbque.com, 203-517-3272. There are also locations elsewhere in the metropolitan area in Harlem, Brooklyn and Newark, N.J.

Look for New Year's Eve Dining Guide on Dec. 15

An informative guide to restaurants open to midnight and beyond to celebrate New Year's Eve will appear in The Examiner's Dec. 15 issue. Restaurants will be arranged in alphabetical order by town or village.

Typical information will include the cost of a prix-fixe dinner and what that includes; whether a restaurant plans to include live

entertainment or a DJ; midnight Champaign or prosecco toast; and noisemakers and hats. Other helpful information such as seating time and whether a continental breakfast will be served prior to departing.

For restaurants offering live band music, the guide will identify the group performing, its lead vocalist and the type of music it plays.

--Jerry Eimbinder

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Romanian Films 'Making Waves' as Festival Returns to Jacob Burns

By Neal Rentz

Since 2012 "Making Waves, New Romanian Cinema" has been a popular late fall program at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

This year's series, which starts on Thursday and runs through Dec. 8, will include seven features and a program of shorts. It is independently produced by the Romanian Film Initiative, in partnership with the film center and the Film Society of Lincoln Center.

While the series was launched three years ago, that was not the first time Romanian films had been showcased at the Burns, said Festival Artistic Director Mihai Chirilov, the series curator. Chirilov had curated "Tales from the Golden Age: New Romanian Cinema" in 2011 at the film center, which was dedicated to the seminal works of the so-called Romanian New Wave and its most representative author, Cristi Puiu. Puiu directed the critics' favorite, "The Death of Mr. Lazarescu," which will be screened on Friday.

Chirilov also noted that in 2010 Romanian cinema had three films featured at the New York Film Festival, the highest number of entries it has had at the prestigious festival.

Romanian films aren't new in the metropolitan area. New York City's Romanian Film Festival has been held since 2006, first at the Tribeca Cinemas



JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER PHOTO

"Microphone Test," the 1980 feature directed by Mircea Daneliuc, left, and starring Gina Patrigh, is the opening night film next Thursday in the "Making Waves, New Romanian Cinema" series at the Jacob Burns Center in Pleasantville.

before moving to Lincoln Center in 2011. That series was initially organized by the Romanian Cultural Institute, but became an independent event in 2012. It is now organized by the Romanian Film Initiative.

The Burns' Romanian film series has received outstanding reviews in The New York Times, The Village Voice and The Wall Street Journal, Chirilov said.

Making films that resemble reality is characteristic of Romania's current film directors, he said.

"They are trying to be as real and as closer to the real life as possible. Some look almost like documentaries," said Chirilov. "They refuse cheap cinematic tricks... and they usually revolve around a moral dilemma. They can be gritty, gloomy or

depressing, but they also employ a unique sense of humor. The actors don't act, they simply are the characters they embody."

While many Romanian films feature the country's regions, most of the works contain surprisingly universal themes, he said.

Chirilov said that the films selected for this year consist of classic and new titles.

"They are all very political, even if not all of them are talking blatantly about politics," he said.

The opening night feature is "Microphone Test," the 1980 film directed by Mircea Daneliuc. It is one of Chirilov's favorites and one of the few Romanian films made behind the Iron Curtain, but which inspired the New Romanian Cinema.

"It has a tremendous energy and it is extremely brave for a film made in the Communist times," Chirilov said. "Besides, the director Mircea Daneliuc makes the trip to New York and this is our way to honor his amazing film career. He is also the main actor - and a damn good one - in this film."

Following the opening night screening Chirilov will conduct a question-and-answer session with Daneliuc.

The Jacob Burns Film Center is located at 364 Manville Rd. in Pleasantville. Call 914-747-5555 or visit burnsfilmcenter.org for more information, including ticket prices and the full schedule.

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percent reduction on a wide variety of merchandise. Free gift wrapping provided. Mamaroneck Artists Guild Gallery, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 6 to 8 p.m. Free admission. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

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Taghkanic Chorale's Russian Christmas Concert. Featuring Russian choral music by classicalmasters Bortniansky, Katalsky, Stravinsky, Chesnokov, Rachmaninoff, Gretchaninoff and Taverner. Valhalla

United Methodist Church, 200 Columbus Ave., Valhalla. 7:30 p.m. Adults: \$25. Seniors: \$22. Students: \$12. Children under 12 accompanied by an adults: Free. Info and tickets: 914-737-6707 or visit www.taghkanicchorale.org.

Newpoli's Traditional Italian Christmas. In Music di Natale, the traditional Italian Christmas is presented through the folk music of southern Italy, from shepherd songs to music from the courts and piazzas of Naples. Two singers and eight instrumentalists bring an Italian Christmas celebration to life using original dialects and traditional instruments. Christmas readings will enhance the music, adding to the splendor of the evening. English translations will be provided. Westchester Community College, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. \$24. Seniors and students: \$22. Children (under 13): \$18. Info: 914-606-6262. Tickets: Visit www.sunywcc.edu/smartarts. (Bring printout of order confirmation for admission.)

Sunday, Dec. 6

Coffee With Wolves. Visitors are encouraged to bring their newspapers and spend a relaxing morning with the ambassador and red wolves. We'll provide the coffee and the wolves. The wolves can

be very active in the morning so visitors should remain quiet. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. \$10. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Wolves of North America. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why it's a special time for packs in North America. Whether the wolves are living on the Arctic tundra or the high desert of the southwest, wolf families are out searching for prey as their pups prepare for their first winter season. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 11 a.m. Adults: \$13. Children (under 12): \$11. Also Dec. 12, 19, 26 and 30 at 11 a.m., Dec. 26 at 2 p.m. and Dec. 28 at noon. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Advent Workshop, Carol Singing and Tree Trimming. First Congregational Church of Chappaqua, 210 Orchard Ridge Rd., Chappaqua. 11:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4411 or visit www.fcc-chappaqua.org.

"A Christmas Carol." The North Shore Theatre Group will present Greg Oliver Bodine in this Charles Dickens classic. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library,

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Taghkanic Chorale's Russian Christmas Concert. Featuring Russian choral music by classicalmasters Bortniansky, Katalsky, Stravinsky, Chesnokov, Rachmaninoff, Gretchaninoff and Taverner. Trinity Episcopal Church, 7 S. Highland Ave., Ossining. 4 p.m. Adults: \$25. Seniors: \$22. Students: \$12. Children under 12 accompanied by an adults: Free. Info and tickets: 914-737-6707 or visit www.taghkanicchorale.org.

Argentine Tango Dances. Great music and dancing on a 3,500-square-foot dance floor. Enjoy a pleasant time with friends. Refreshments served. Broadway 26 Dance, 26 Broadway, Hawthorne. 3 to 6 p.m. \$12. Also the third Saturday of each month from 8 p.m. to midnight. \$16. Info: 914-725-3023 or 914-484-5101 or e-mail sampelayo@optonline.net.

Monday, Dec. 7

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.

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Quakers Open the New Season With an Overtime Loss

By Andy Jacobs

With the graduation loss of his top three scorers from last year's team, Horace Greeley hockey coach Zach Dargaty knows goals might be a lot harder to come by for the Quakers in the 2015-16 season.

"Listen, I told 'em from the beginning we're not gonna be an offensive powerhouse," said Dargaty, sharing the message he's delivered to his players. "So we're gonna have to play real smart, try to keep the score low and make the most of our opportunities. We're not gonna beat a lot of teams 9-7. If we're gonna win games, it's gonna be 2-1, 3-2."

Dargaty got his first chance to see just how competitive his new-look Quakers will be on Saturday afternoon when they faced off against Somers/North Salem in their season opener at the Brewster Ice Arena. Despite falling behind by two goals after the opening period, Greeley battled back to tie the game before eventually falling 3-2 when the Sabers' Michael Garrity scored nearly 90 seconds into overtime.

"You could tell it was our first game," said Dargaty, whose team found itself trailing just 38 seconds after the game's opening faceoff. "We were a little disjointed there. I told the guys before the game, 'You've gotta keep it simple because we haven't even scrimmaged before this game.' I think that definitely showed."

The Sabers already had one game under their belts, an overtime shootout win over John Jay the night before, when they stepped on the ice to face Greeley. They wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as Joe Jerie sent the puck past Quaker goalie Nick Bright in the first minute.

"That's a heck of a way to start the season," said Dargaty with a laugh, "having them score on the first shift."

Greeley did manage to kill off a pair of Sabers power plays in the opening period, but just moments after the second one ended Somers/North Salem got on the scoreboard again as Carly Bauckham tallied with 48 seconds to go to put the Quakers two goals behind heading to the second period.

"We've got a lot of new players, young guys who are gonna fill some roles for us," Dargaty said. "So I knew it was gonna be a tough game today, especially since they (the Sabers) got to play last night. But I thought we did a good job. We looked good at times, but you could also see that we just haven't come together yet as a team."

But after being outshot by an 8-5 margin in the first period, Greeley completely dominated the second. The Quakers outshot Somers/North Salem 16-2 and tied the game with two goals late in the period, one from their tallest player and the other from their shortest. They had some big



Greeley's Damon Klein carries the puck up the ice in the 3-2 overtime loss to the Sabers at Brewster Ice Arena.



Ed Girardi of Greeley moves the puck along the boards vs. the Somers/North Salem Sabers.



The Quakers' Ryan Katchis skates past a pair of Somers/North Salem defenders in Saturday's game at Brewster Ice Arena.

chances early in the period, but Nick Sloan was stopped on a breakaway three minutes in and Sam Whitehouse couldn't finish on a point-blank, power-play chance with 8:55 to go.

Whitehouse had another opportunity three and a half minutes later after stealing the puck in front of the net, but his shot was stopped. His persistence finally paid off for the Quakers when he scored the team's first goal of the season with 2:51 remaining in the period. With just 36 seconds on the clock, diminutive freshman Ryan Renzulli tied the game, taking a pass from Damon Klein on the other side of the crease and sending a shot from the left slot past Sabers goalie Tim Henning.

"We came out, we took it to 'em," said



Ryan Renzulli controls the puck for the Greeley Quakers in their 3-0 overtime loss to Somers/North Salem.

Dargaty about the Quakers' impressive second period. "I was kind of upset that we didn't get more goals. We left too many opportunities out there."

After peppering Henning with 16 shots in the second period, Greeley only managed a couple of shots in the third. The Sabers had a chance to take the lead with just over a minute remaining, but Bright, who finished the afternoon with 16 saves, stopped a shot off the stick of the dangerous Brandon LaSpina. With 30 seconds left in regulation, another LaSpina shot sailed over the net and the two teams headed to overtime.

"You know, it's funny," said Dargaty. "We looked a little tentative in the third period, which was kind of surprising. I think it's just that first game, we had a lot of new players. Guys weren't sure how to react. We're kind of being a little too cautious, and I think that ended up costing us at the end."

The end came just 88 seconds into the five-minute overtime as Garrity, one of a trio of Sabers stationed in front of the cage, easily slipped the puck past Bright for the game-winner.

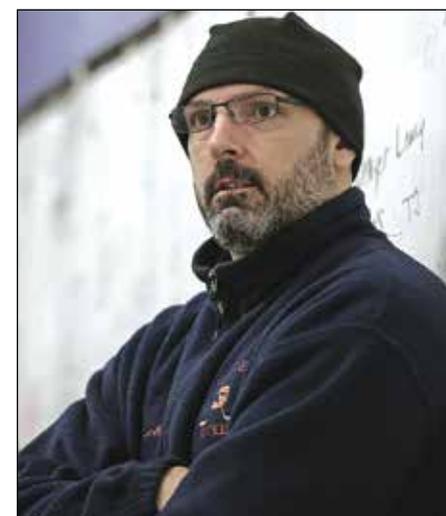
"It was really frustrating because they did a great job attacking our net," Dargaty said. "We didn't do a really good job of clearing them out. I mean, that's how they scored the third goal. Basically, they just surrounded our net. We just couldn't hold them off."

The Quakers' next chance to collect their first victory of the season comes on Friday evening when they host Lakeland/Panas at Brewster. With one game behind them now, Dargaty will be anxious to see what his young players can do against the Rebels.

"We're young, but we're deep," he said. "I think we're gonna be a team that has



Greeley's Nick Sloan winds up for a slap shot from the blue line during Saturday afternoon's season-opening game vs. the Sabers.



Greeley head coach Zach Dargaty watches his team skate early in the second period of the season opener on Saturday.

to grow during the season. We're gonna struggle a little bit at the beginning as we kind of find our way. But I think we'll come on as the kids get more experience. They were upset that they let that game slip away, but we did a lot of good things, too. They realize our best hockey's still in front of us."

Setters Fall to Hot-Shooting Concordia in a Sunday Matinee

By Andy Jacobs

Just before the midway point of the second half in Sunday afternoon's nonconference game between host Pace and the Concordia Clippers, the lead changed hands for the 13th time. Moments later, a pair of free throws by the Setters' Bryan Rivers provided the eighth tie of the day.

So it seemed likely the two teams would exchange baskets the rest of the way and the outcome would be decided by one or two possessions in the game's waning moments.

Unfortunately for the Setters, Concordia senior forward Peter Aguilar made sure that didn't happen. He erupted for 19 of his career-high 31 points over the final 11 minutes of the contest, helping the Clippers finally take command on their way to an 88-79 victory at the Goldstein Fitness Center.

"We didn't really come out with the energy and toughness that we were looking for," said disappointed Setters head coach Matt Healing shortly after Aguilar's offensive explosion and the Clippers' 59 percent shooting from the floor in the second half doomed his team. "Yeah, they shot well. Our defense could've been better today. You leave shooters open, you don't close out very hard, guys are gonna make shots in our league or in Division II."

In sending the Setters to their fourth loss in six games this season, Concordia made 16 of its 32 attempts from 3-point range, outscoring Pace by a whopping 30 points from beyond the arc. Aguilar, the former Mount St. Michael Academy star, supplied six of them. His final one, with 4:24 remaining, gave the Clippers, now also 2-4, their first double-digit lead of the game.

Before the heroics by Aguilar, Pace had looked like a team about to get back on track after last Tuesday's Northeast-10 Conference loss to Saint Rose up in Albany. Though the first half had eight lead changes and three ties, the Setters went on a 9-0 run, highlighted by 3-pointers from Kyle Pearson and Ryan Peterson, to open up a 17-10 lead nearly nine minutes into the game.

When Concordia sliced its deficit to just two points, Peterson answered with back-to-back 3-pointers and Shelton Mickell added a conventional three-point play in a 9-3 spurt that gave the Setters a 30-22 lead with six minutes to go in the half. But after a trio of Clipper 3-pointers in the final two and a half minutes, it took two free throws by Mickell with 1.5 seconds left to give Pace a 38-37 halftime edge.

"Probably a little fool's gold, made some shots in the first half," said Healing, whose players connected on five of their 10 3-point shots in the first 20 minutes. "But they (the Clippers) were certainly playing harder and it caught up with us in the second half."

The Setters' Victor Jusino, who scored a team-high 18 points, took a pass from Rivers 75 seconds into the second half and scored inside to increase Pace's slim lead at the break to three points. Another Jusino bucket soon gave the Setters a 47-42 edge.



Pace center Victor Jusino, who scored a team-high 18 points, gets set to put up a shot over Concordia's Justyn Gardner in Sunday's game.



Pace sophomore point guard Bryan Rivers dribbles past the midcourt line as Concordia's Jalen Heath defends late in the second half.

But the last Pace lead of the game came after a Rivers 17-foot jumper and a Pearson fast-break layup erased a one-point Concordia advantage, leaving the Clippers behind 55-52 with 11:40 remaining.

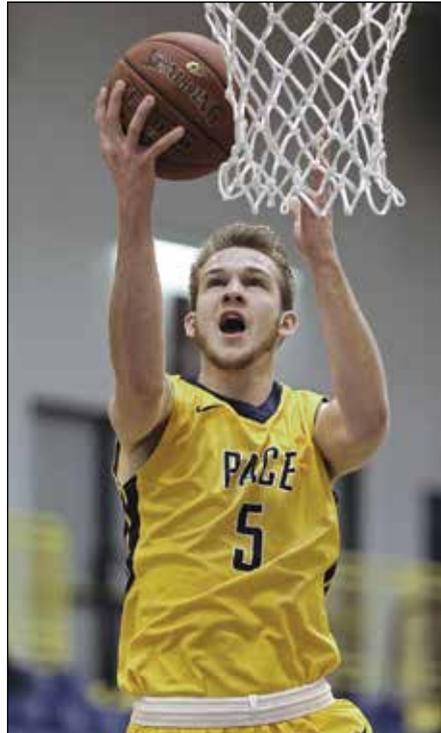
Aguilar's offensive outburst started less than a minute later. After the two free throws by Rivers that tied the game for the final time with 10:35 to go, Rome Jenkins scored his only basket of the day to give the Clippers the lead for good. The margin soon grew to four points when Aguilar ripped the ball out of the hands of Pearson under the Concordia basket after a rebound and easily scored on a layup.

"We've just got to play smarter," said Healing. "We've got to secure the basketball and finish out plays. Concordia did that today and we didn't."

Pace was still within three points following a jump hook in the lane by Jusino with 6:44 left on the clock. But a 9-2 Concordia run that started with an



Shelton Mickell tries to work his way into the lane in Pace's nonconference game on Sunday afternoon.

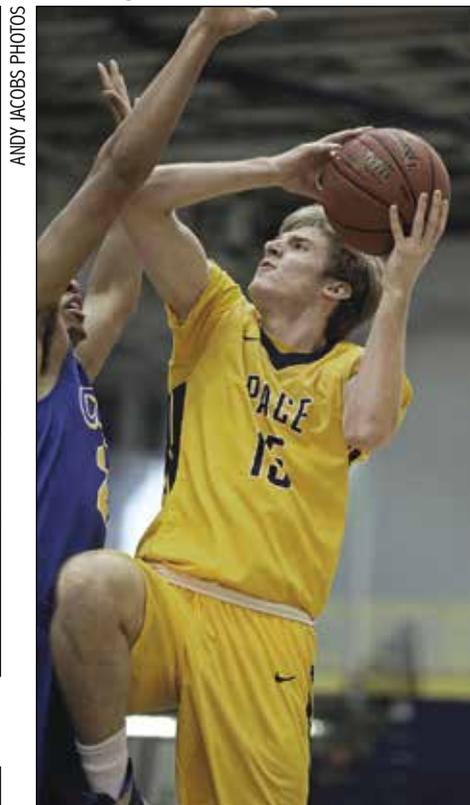


Pace University's Ryan Peterson sails in for a layup in Sunday's game vs. Concordia.

Andrew Peacock 3-pointer and ended with an Aguilar trey left the Setters facing a 10-point deficit with 4:24 remaining. They never got closer than eight points the rest of the way, and a 3-pointer by Jalen Heath gave the Clippers their largest cushion of the game, 81-68.

"Just tip our hat," said Healing. "They played really well and we move on. It's only one game, a nonconference game. We've gotta keep our heads up and get ready for AIC (American International College on the road Wednesday night).

Rivers, forced to play 35 minutes in the absence of starting point guard Mike DeMello, out with a hand injury that might end his season, finished with 17 points and five assists. Pearson and Peterson both wound up with 14 points,



Pace freshman Luke McLaughlin takes the ball to the basket during the first half against visiting Concordia.



The Setters' Austin Mofunanya scores in the paint late in Sunday's game at the Goldstein Fitness Center.

while Mickell added 10, as the entire Setter starting lineup reached double figures.

With the Setters' losing streak now at two games, Healing is determined to avoid the kind of disastrous stretch that sank last year's team.

"We've just got to keep fighting, we've got to band together," he said. "There's no magic potion to turn it around. It's not gonna be one person, it's not gonna be one coach. It's everybody. It's 12 players, a five-man coaching staff, banding together. Everybody moving forward together. It's the only way that we're gonna continue to have success."

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Emily Tantleff follows through on a backhand in a Bobcat home tennis match.



The Bobcats' Jessica Kennett tries to take the ball up the field in a playoff win over Nanuet.



Andie Shapiro concentrates on a backhand return during a match at first singles.



Emma Schiliro (left) and Celeste Alimonte rise in the air to block the ball during a midseason home match.



Ryan Noel controls for the Bobcats during the Section One playoffs.



Quarterback Lou Filippelli broke the Section 1 single-season record for passing yards in his final varsity game.



Rebecca Cawkwell competes in the Section One Cross Country Championships at Bowdoin Park.



Matt Grotta picks up some big yardage in a home game against the Nyack Indians.

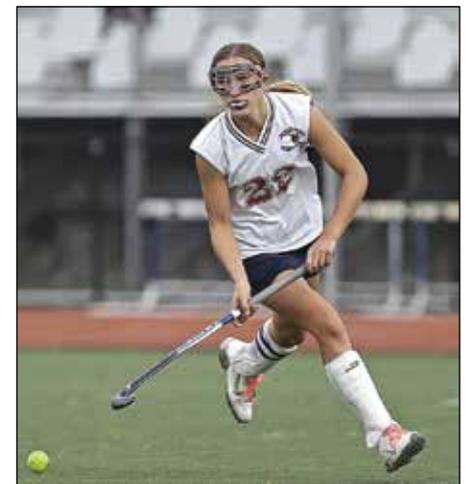


Above: The Bobcats' Ciera Dalton competes in the 200 yard individual medley at the sectional championships last month.

Left: Nicole Kim moves across the field with the ball during the sectional playoffs.



Ally Steffen sends a long hit up the right sideline in a Bobcat home playoff victory.



Ashley Polera moves the ball up the field in a late-season field hockey game.



Andrew Zaccagnino puts on the brakes as he runs with the football early in the season.



Jack Beer settles the ball in the Bobcats' playoff game against visiting Tappan Zee.



The Quakers' Matt Baum has plenty of running room as he returns a kick.



Running back Matt Nagler carries the football in a game vs. visiting Port Chester.



Morgan Imberman pursues the ball during a Quaker home soccer game.

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Greg Ginsberg heads the ball in the Quakers' win over Ossining.

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Megan Graham prepares to send a shot on goal in Greeley's victory over visiting Fox Lane.



Claire Hotchkin competes in the league championships at Bowdoin Park.



Quaker field hockey players celebrate after scoring a second-half goal vs. Fox Lane.



The Quakers' Matt Neuberger boots the ball up the field during a midseason home game.



Singles player Zoe Arditi moves in to put away a forehand volley.



Standout swimmer Emma Hadley won two individual events at the sectionals and helped the Quakers capture another team title.



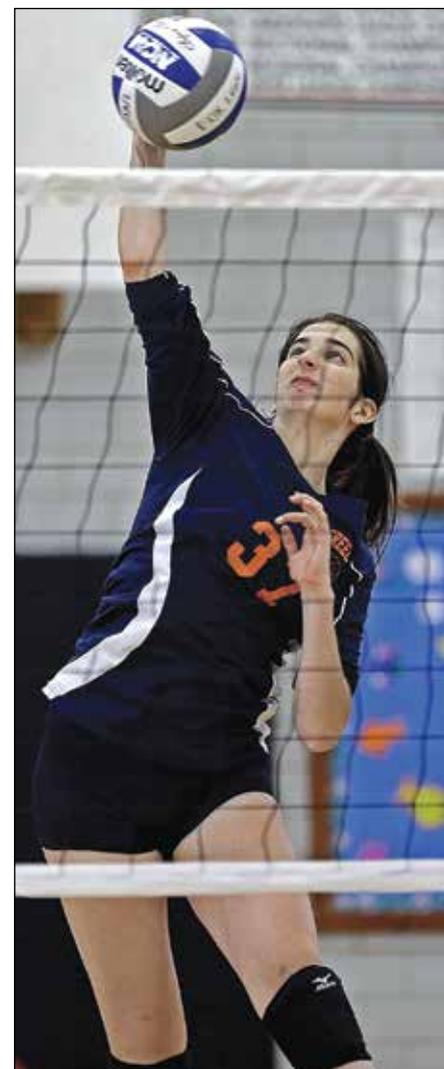
Above: Wesley Ford and Jonathan Bass run together in the sectional championships at Bowdoin Park.



Above: Quarterback Jake Cohen scrambles out of the pocket during a Quaker home game.



Left: Sophia Danyko-Kulchycky controls the ball between a pair of players from visiting Arlington.



Right: The Quakers' Emily Mason goes high over the net to slam the ball.

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