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Mt. Kisco's Via Vanti! Italian Café to Close This Week

By Martin Wilbur

The Italian café and restaurant Via Vanti! at the Mount Kisco train station will shut its doors on Saturday night after the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is prepared to announce another operator for the site.

Owner Carla Gambescia said last Thursday she has been operating on a month-to-month basis since last summer when the lease she inherited from The Flying Pig expired Aug. 31, 2015. Via Vanti! has occupied the space at the station since 2008 but will close at the end of business on June 18.

"I'm still grieving but I'm moving toward acceptance," she said.

Gambescia said last fall the MTA, which owns the building, began accepting bids through a Request for Proposal. Her bid included a "substantial" rent increase and an investment in a new heating, ventilation

and air conditioning system.

After failing to hear from the agency for several months, Gambescia said she started calling the MTA regularly because she needed to know whether to invest in the HVAC work and renew her state liquor license, which expires at the end of this month.

In late May, she was informed by the MTA that it had made its selection, where she was apparently outbid by the new operator. Since it is a closed bidding process, the identity of the new establishment and its owner will not be made known for at least a month.

Gambescia said she knew from the time she moved into the train station building at 2 Kirby Plaza that a lease renewal was far from a guarantee.

"I understood all of these things," she said. "When I came into this space and put my restaurant in there, I knew what

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Carla Gambescia, left, owner of Via Vanti! in Mount Kisco, will be closing the restaurant on Saturday after another establishment recently won a bid from the MTA for the space.

Developer Floats Proposal for 200 Luxury Apartments in No. Castle

By Martin Wilbur

A New Jersey-based developer of luxury residences is proposing to build 200 high-end rental apartments on a portion of the Jennie Clarkson residential school campus in North Castle that would be geared mainly toward empty nesters.

JMF Properties, LLC is the contract vendee to buy 22 of the 36 acres of the site at 1700 Old Orchard St. in North White Plains for a project called The Vue. The apartments would be in a single structure with two distinctly separate wings. The property would be served by public water and sewer.

The developer would need a zoning change granted by the North Castle Town Board from the current one- and two-acre single-family residential to a multifamily

designation in order to build.

While a formal application has not been submitted to the town, attorney Anthony Veneziano led a team of representatives on behalf of the developer to introduce the project to the public at the board's June 8 work session.

The group of consultants stressed how the area has a dearth of multifamily housing, particularly for empty nesters who want to downsize from single-family homes, and young professionals who don't want to own yet.

"Putting another 10, 11 homes up there isn't going to help this town one way or another and it might even be a negative school impact," Veneziano said. "But to do something exciting that provides a need, a lot of people are selling. It's a great place."

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New Castle Hearing Resumes on Lifetime Fitness; Vote Possible

By Martin Wilbur

The public hearing to consider potentially dismantling all or part of the 25,000-square-foot health and fitness requirement at Chappaqua Crossing resumes tonight (Tuesday) with the possibility that the New Castle Town Board may render a decision.

Last Tuesday, Felix Charney, president of Summit Development, answered questions from town officials as some board members grappled with the dilemma of keeping a key provision affecting potential retail mix before the project is built but not wanting to jeopardize the arrival of Whole Foods.

Charney has said that he has a deadline to deliver Whole Foods by Jan. 2, 2017, and cannot afford further delays. Lifetime Fitness has asked for an opt-out clause

after three years, where they could leave Chappaqua Crossing and sublease the 40,000 square feet of space that Summit/Greenfield would build for them. However, if they are unable to find 25,000 square feet of fitness-related providers within six months, Lifetime wants to be able to sublease to other types of businesses, eliminating at least part of the requirement.

Without the change, Lifetime Fitness representatives won't sign the 20-year lease, which could significantly delay the project, including financing, and risk the loss of Whole Foods.

Charney told officials last week that he and his team selected Lifetime Fitness because they are the top performer in the health club industry. He said Summit/Greenfield has a vested interest into

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I was doing. I'm still not happy about it right now."

MTA spokeswoman Nancy Gamerman said the agency issued its RFP last October and anticipates recommending the award at its July 27 meeting. She said the MTA must open the bidding process whenever the lease expires for a property that it owns.

"In order to ensure fairness to all, and to ensure that the MTA is receiving the maximum compensation it can for its real estate, when a tenant's lease expires, the MTA is legally obligated to offer the space through a competitive selection process that is open to all who wish to offer a proposal for the space," Gamerman said.

Mount Kisco Village Manager Edward Brancati said the MTA has informed the village that the new tenant will be a food establishment but he was not at liberty to disclose its identity.

He said he hoped that Gambescia would consider relocating Via Vanti! elsewhere within the village. Officials

would do what they could to assist her, he said.

Gambescia said she would consider reopening in the area if she could find a suitable location. However, she does not want to commute more than 15 to 20 minutes from her Chappaqua home.

Despite the sudden turn, Gambescia, a former consultant, said the past eight years have been among the best of her life. She said it had been a longtime dream to open an Italian themed restaurant. She also helped run various events and fundraisers for organizations such as Guiding Eyes for the Blind and was able to write a book containing stories and columns of her travels and experiences.

Prior to opening Via Vanti! Gambescia said she didn't know many people in the area but was able to meet a wide range of folks.

"I am grateful for all of the wonderful things in my life that came out of this restaurant," she said.

Via Vanti! will be holding a farewell gathering and toast Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m. until closing.

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making sure the operation succeeds at the site, and granting the sunset clause should not be seen as an impediment or as a sign that Summit/Greenfield will bail out of Chappaqua Crossing.

"We are not going anywhere," Charney said. "We have significant financial commitments, significant personal guarantees, held by significant amounts of cash. I'm putting up significant money to make sure this project gets built and it's completed in accordance with the agreements."

Many of the arguments against granting the request comes out of concern for the downtown. Whole Foods and Lifetime Fitness would account for two-thirds of the 120,000 square feet of retail space. If other types of businesses move into Chappaqua Crossing, it is likely that a greater number of those would be smaller stores, translating into much stiffer competition for downtown merchants.

"You know something, I really wish they didn't do that," said Councilwoman Hala Makowska of Lifetime's request. "It really does in some ways throw in a wrinkle into the entire process. It's avoidable."

Supervisor Robert Greenstein, who has been strongly in favor of granting the request, said if Lifetime Fitness was to

struggle, there would likely be a request for relief from one or more of the zoning provisions. Even if Lifetime succeeds, changing tastes will make requests for different types of uses likely in the future.

"There is nothing we can do to make this irrevocable," Greenstein said of the requirement. "That's the bottom line. It doesn't matter how important this was to us. At the end of the day, there are property rights involved, there are provisions for a property owner to come back and say that this zoning law is creating an undue hardship and I want relief from it."

Charney said that the wait for the state Department of Transportation and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for permits relating to the Route 117 roundabout are not a major concern. He has been told that approvals should come within three months, leaving Summit/Greenfield four to five months to build Whole Foods, which is sufficient time, Charney said.

Should Lifetime vacate, there are currently markets for different types of fitness related uses such as cycling and rowing facilities and yoga studios, he said. However, most of those operations typically use about 3,000 to 5,000 square feet.

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About 60 percent of the units would be two-bedroom apartments with the remainder of the project consisting of one-bedroom units, said architect Dean Marchetto. Twenty units would be set aside as affordable housing, which is now required by the town for most developments.

Marchetto said a key feature that would help the project aesthetically and protects the environment is the underground garage. That will allow for an open public space between the wings to be used by the residents and limits impervious surface and runoff, he said. Stormwater management will be critical because it's near the Kensico Reservoir overseen by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Each apartment would contain a corner window with a view of the reservoir, Marchetto said. The building would have Hardie board siding, pitched roofs and a stone base to be consistent with the woody surroundings.

"It's highly amenitized, it protects the water, it hides the garage and gives a sense of community," Marchetto said. "These are the concerns we heard heading into the project."

Veneziano said that The Vue would generate an estimated \$1.25 million in new taxes, with about \$850,000 going toward

the Valhalla School District. The remainder of the revenue would be split between the town, its special districts and the county. The land is currently tax exempt.

The consultants said because the project is geared toward adults, The Vue would generate only about 12 school-age children, about the same as 10 or 11 single-family houses, said Bonnie Von Ohlsen, a landscape architect and planner. It would net about \$500,000 for the school district, she said.

The standing-room-only crowd at Town Hall, mostly comprised of North White Plains residents, laughed sarcastically at that assertion and several other comments made during the hour-long presentation.

Jeff Otteau, president of The Otteau Valuation Group, another project consultant, said the pattern of corporations leaving the area has been influenced by the lack of housing for prospective employees, which has impacted the Westchester job market. There are about 16 percent fewer jobs than before the start of the Great Recession.

He said there is also a significant demand for luxury living quarters. The one-bedroom apartments are currently projected to rent for \$2,800 to \$2,900 a month while the larger units would go for \$3,100 to \$3,200.

Development of The Vue would bring the type of resident that would spend

money at local shops and restaurants because the residents will all be earning \$100,000 and up, Otteau said.

"What they do have are fat wallets and they're looking to spend that in the local community," he said.

Although the consultants acknowledged that North Broadway is congested during peak hours, the project would not make the traffic worse. Mitigation measures would be proposed to offset any increase in traffic.

Town Attorney Roland Baroni said if the developer submits a petition for the zoning change, the town board would have to decide whether it would be lead agency. There would then be the launch of the environmental review, referrals to the town and county planning boards and a public hearing scheduled for the proposed zoning amendment.

Director of Planning Adam Kaufman said he was uncertain whether a request for a zoning change would be for an existing zone or a specialty zone. If a zoning change is granted, the town planning board would oversee site plan review.

Town Supervisor Michael Schiliro said the town board is open to listening to the proposal but officials are mindful that the biggest impact would be on the Valhalla schools.

"If that much of the potential revenue, the assessables, are to benefit the school

district, what is the offset?" Schiliro asked. "Is there a net positive for the school district or is there a net negative?"

Public comment wasn't allowed at the work session, but afterwards several residents said they were highly skeptical of the consultants' claims that there would be little impact on the schools and traffic and that it would benefit the town.

North White Plains resident Lori DeNatale said the project would be a strain on services for North White Plains. People with disposable income would dine and shop in Armonk benefitting the rest of the town.

The presence of the affordable units alone will attract children, she said.

"It's not going to benefit us," DeNatale said. "I don't believe they're going to have 12 (additional) children. There's a lot of single-parent households and I think that's going to appeal to a lot of them, and I think you're going to have a lot more than 12 students come into the school district."

Another resident, Frank Capuano, questioned many of the assertions by the consultants, particularly regarding schoolchildren, traffic and companies fleeing Westchester.

"I work for a Fortune 100 company. We're busy, we're not going anywhere," he said. "I don't know where they're getting their statistics."



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Officials See Signs of Progress for Mt. Pleasant Youth Residences

By Neal Rentz

Progress is being made to address the violence at two residential facilities for youths in Mount Pleasant, state Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) told about 100 concerned residents at a follow-up public forum last week.

Murphy said last Friday he was working to create an action plan for Hawthorne Cedar Knolls High School and the Cottage School to follow and discussions were being held to form a committee that would enable the facilities to communicate with residents.

Also, both schools are considering hiring peace officers who would be allowed to restrain students, which staff currently cannot, Murphy said. No decision has been made about hiring the officers, he said.

Representatives from the two residential facilities, Sheila Poole, acting commissioner of the state Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), and several state and local officials met on June 3 to discuss the community's concerns.

"It was a very productive meeting," said Murphy at last Friday's forum at the Mount Pleasant Community Center. He was scheduled to speak with Poole again today (Tuesday).

Murphy and Mark Saracino, co-founder of the Coalition for a Safe



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State Sen. Terrence Murphy updated about 100 residents on the efforts to address incidents at two Mount Pleasant residential treatment facilities for youths during a June 10 meeting at the Mount Pleasant Community Center.

Mount Pleasant, which organized the first community meeting on May 23, said advances were being made after the outcry from residents and elected officials.

Saracino, who agreed that peace officers should be hired, said there have been several positives since that first meeting. He noted that on May 27 the OCFS ordered the Cottage School to freeze its current enrollment, although it has not taken the same action with

Cedar Knolls.

"We have done more in three weeks than has been done in 10 years," Saracino said.

The first meeting attracted about 300 residents concerned about the series of violent incidents at both facilities. That meeting on May 23 was scheduled before two melees erupted at Hawthorne Cedar Knolls on May 20 and 21.

Last month Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi threatened legal action if the violence doesn't cease. Murphy mentioned that the facilities should be closed by the state if there weren't improvements.

James Gaudette, superintendent of the Mount Pleasant Cottage School Union Free School District, said the difficulties encountered at the Cottage School and Hawthorne Cedar Knolls are part of a statewide problem. Late last week two teens walked away from the Berkshire Farm Center, a residential treatment facility in Columbia County, and proceeded to burglarize a house and steal a car.

"It continues to be my contention that the issues of security are a statewide phenomenon due to a confluence of factors," Gaudette said.

Those factors include the movement of youth with "secure detention" needs into a "non-secure environment" while failing to provide the resources

necessary for increased supervision and therapeutic interventions; OCFS policy and regulations limiting the ability to proactively supervise youth in non-secure settings; and the aggressive prosecutorial stance of the Justice Center toward staff in the pursuit of allegations made by youth against staff.

Saracino said the state must "fix what is broken in the system." Staff at the two facilities do not know what they have the legal right to do when encountering violent youths, he said. Conflicting state regulations on dealing with youths living in the facilities add to the confusion, Murphy said.

Councilman Denis McCarthy said he began working with local residents on the issue several years ago, but state regulations have been woefully inadequate.

Even though local officials and the state are beginning to respond to residents' concerns, the community must remain vigilant, Saracino stressed. There are weekly updates posted on the coalition's Facebook page, he said. The group has also drafted a letter that residents should sign and send to state and elected officials, he said.

Another meeting has not been scheduled, but could be held as early as August.

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Fox Lane Student Group Delivers Message Against Drugs, Alcohol

By Kathryn Nicolai

Four student leaders from Fox Lane High School's Youth to Youth program last week detailed how they helped promote drug- and alcohol-free lifestyles among their peers.

The students, all seniors who spoke at last Wednesday evening's Mount Kisco Partners in Prevention meeting, said they organized numerous activities and events throughout the year urging classmates to stay away from drugs and alcohol. They were assisted by the Mount Kisco Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Prevention Council, which also provides funding for the program.

"When I saw the impact [drugs and alcohol] had on our school I really wanted to help out and learn more about it because I knew later on, especially in college, that it's going to hit me more and more," said Co-Vice President Christina Washington.

The club has about 20 members who strive to help all students achieve a substance-free lifestyle. However, President Katelyn Tai acknowledges the difficulty of getting that message out.

"I think if we impact at least one or two students in the school I think all of our efforts are worth it," Tai said.

Starting last September, Youth to Youth participated in Recovery Month. In Fox Lane's senior hallway, members created a colorful display to capture students' attention alerting them to posted information and resources to find help related to substance

abuse, Washington explained. In late October, the club sponsored a spirit week to coincide with the national Red Ribbon Week, which promoted an anti-drug campaign. Each day featured a different theme to help highlight the overall focus of the effort, Tai said.

Youth to Youth member Jean Leong praised the group for dedicating time on a Saturday in preparation to decorate the entire school with red ribbon, paint and posters. Monday of that week featured a Hawaiian theme called Lei' off Drugs. Youth to Youth members handed out "mocktails," alcohol-free beverages such as Strawberry Daiquiris, to Fox Lane students during lunch, said Co-Vice President Liz Sadrakula.

There was a tie-dye theme on Tuesday, Don't Get 'Tied' Down by Drugs, then Wednesday was Red Out day, with face painting and students signing a large poster in the shape of a red ribbon pledging to remain drug free. On Thursday, Youth to Youth promoted a pajama day theme, Dream Without Drugs, by having students fill in a card to take a picture that stated, "I can be... because I'm drug free."

"In that blank (space) they would write what their aspirations are or their dreams for college and their future and things like that, showing them that drugs and alcohol can affect your futures in negative ways," Tai said. "They can be whatever they want to be as long as they are drug free."



KATHRYN NICOLAI PHOTO

Student leaders from Fox Lane High School's Youth to Youth program discuss the efforts they made this year to promote a drug- and alcohol-free lifestyle. Pictured, left to right, are Christina Washington, Katelynn Tai, Liz Sadrakula and Jean Leong.

On Halloween, the group embraced the saying, "Don't Let Drugs Mask Who You Are," offering blank white facemasks and markers for students to describe their positive experiences without drugs or alcohol, Sadrakula said.

Another Youth to Youth initiative was a series of "flush facts" posted on stall doors in the school's bathrooms. The "flush facts" contained information and statistics regarding a variety of topics including driving under the influence, the Good Samaritan Law and the signs of alcohol poisoning, Leong said.

The group also led Fox Lane's annual talent show to highlight ways to have fun without alcohol or drugs. In February, the group held a Children of Alcoholics Week

and posted pictures in the school's hallways of celebrities whose parents were alcoholics. The pictures had a major impact on students because they included Brooke Shields and Bill Clinton, Washington said.

Tai said in March, the club hosted a tobacco trivia challenge. She noted the use of candy as a reward to motivate participation.

Washington noted the surprise many students had taking the quiz and learning different truths about tobacco.

Sadrakula described the group as "a close-knit family" embracing an open and comfortable environment for all. The students in Youth to Youth hope to find a similar group when they go to college, she said.

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Specialized School Receives Permit to Move to Armonk

By Martin Wilbur

The North Castle Town Board approved a special use permit last week for a specialized school for the learning disabled that its founder hopes to relocate to Armonk for next school year.

A permit for The Westfield Day School, which will be moving from Rye into a building at 7 N. Greenwich Rd. that was last used for medical offices, was unanimously granted despite some concern about traffic.

Westfield is scheduled to return to the planning board for approval next Monday, June 20. If it receives final approval, the school is planning to open at the new location in September. The applicant needed a special use permit to operate in an office zone.

"We hope that this will be a seamless merge with the community," said Academic Director Pamela Heldman said.

Peter Schoenholtz, Westfield's founder and owner, said they will be able to increase capacity from about 25 students to 40 students with the move. The school serves students in grades 7-12 who have learning disabilities or psychological, social and emotional problems that prevents them from properly functioning in a regular school setting, Schoenholtz said.

Typically the year begins at about 70 percent of enrollment capacity and more students trickle in as they are referred during the school year, he said. Students return to their home school for the following

academic year.

"We're here for those students that have less severe problems, but nonetheless, are not able to maintain their functioning in a regular school, which is why we have the programs set up in the flexible way that it is," Schoenholtz said.

During last Wednesday evening's public hearing, discussion centered on traffic in and around the property. Tom D'Agostino, one of three town residents to address the board, asked officials to consider calling for a traffic study. Parents and van drivers may be blocked for significant periods of time if they are turning left out of the property and onto North Greenwich Road, he said.

The .6-acre property is in close proximity to Route 22, which can back up during peak hours, and Nick's Corner Market, a popular

food establishment in the morning and at lunchtime.

Academic Director Pamela Heldman said most parents drive their children to Westfield. A small percentage are transported in school vans provided by their home district.

Students arrive between 8:55 a.m. and 9:10 a.m. and leave between 2:30 and 2:40 p.m. There will be 14 staff members, although not all will be at the school at the same time, Heldman said.

She said students would not be permitted to leave the premises during the day, except for two 45-minute supervised trips to St. Patrick's Church for physical education.

Councilman Jose Berra asked his board colleagues to at least contemplate giving a little more time to explore the possible

effects on traffic. Berra was also concerned about students leaving and going across the street to the deli.

However, Supervisor Michael Schiliro and other council members said that an as-of-right office use could have at least as much impact, if not more.

"I appreciate the safety concerns but to me there's a level of government overreach here," Schiliro said. "You've got a business that's been in business for a significant amount of time that's run what we presume to be a successful school and a lot of responsibility is going to lie with them in their ability to maintain the school and provide a safe environment for the students."

Lifesavers

North Castle Police Chief Peter Simonsen recognized five members of the town's police department for their bravery at the June 8 town board meeting. Last Oct. 28, the department received a call of an emotionally disturbed man with a shotgun possibly contemplating suicide. Officers subdued the man, then found his throat full of pills. They cleared his passageway, performing lifesaving techniques before having him transported to Northern Westchester Hospital. The officers pictured, left to right, are William McClure, David Zapon and Kyle McCarrick. Detective Sgt. Dennis Murray and Officer Steve Cunningham also were honored but were unable to attend.



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No. Castle Grapples With Best Way to Pay for Road Repairs

By Martin Wilbur

North Castle officials must figure out a way to pay for road repairs if they are going to improve the thoroughfares throughout town at an accelerated pace.

Last week the town board discussed with Town Administrator Joan Goldberg, Highway Department General Foreman Jamie Norris and Larry Ruisi, a member of the Budget and Finance Advisory Committee, about how they can markedly improve the roads and pay for the work in a shorter time period.

This year the board made the decision to finish the roughly nine miles of road within Windmill Farm following completion of the development's water main replacement project in late 2014. Goldberg said the entire project, which includes drainage and curb-to-curb

repaving, has escalated to nearly \$2.1 million. Bids are due back today (Tuesday) for the drainage work, which is expected to be about \$600,000, she said.

The town board has also discussed improving the road condition at a faster pace throughout North Castle to reach the desired Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 80, Goldberg said. About three years ago when a study was undertaken by the town, the PCI was determined to be 65.

Goldberg said once the Windmill work is completed later this year, the town's PCI score will rise to 72. However, Ruisi cautioned that the town-wide index is somewhat skewed because the Windmill job will be finished.

Ruisi told the board that if the town is looking to complete road repaving

throughout the town at a faster clip it will have no choice but to borrow.

"I think what we're thinking is we're trying to get these roads done at a more accelerated basis than a long-term basis, and in order to do it at an accelerated basis you do need to borrow," he said. "There's really no way around it. That discussion is going to need to be had."

He suggested the board consider taking out a bond anticipation note (BAN) for \$1.5 million or \$2 million this year to enable the town to address roads in other areas. The board asked Norris to put together a plan for additional road work this year totaling \$1.5 million and \$2 million if they were to move forward with the BAN.

The committee will soon come out with its full report about how to tackle

the remaining areas of town, Ruisi added.

Goldberg said that for North Castle to reach its goal of an 80 PCI after the Windmill repaving is completed, it would take a \$14 million investment. That does not include the annual \$1 million for maintenance and repair that has been included in recent operating budgets.

The town budgeted \$1.1 million this year but has been using an additional \$1 million a year from fund balance to pay for additional work in recent years.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro said the town could decide whether to spend more than \$2 million a year from fund balance and other sources to finish the repaving town-wide within six years, which would also help stagger the work. Another potential revenue could include an additional \$100,000 from the hotel occupancy tax should the governor agree to sign the bill into law.

The town also has \$1.2 million less in tax liens this year compared to this time in 2015, which is a favorable indicator, Goldberg added.

"That's a clear sign, a clear indication that the tax revenues are coming in much stronger than they were coming in last year," she said.

Councilman Jose Berra said he would favor repaving on a more aggressive schedule, thereby forcing the town to borrow, but preserving the town's fund balance, which currently stands at about \$5.3 million, or between 28 and 29 percent of the total budget.

"If you keep a fund balance, you have a reserve, you have liquidity for the bad times that are certainly going to come," Berra said. "We're in extremely good times now. We're not going totally gangbusters."

Another alternative, Goldberg said, would be for the board to consider holding off on two projects until next year because of ongoing delays: the Hergenhan Recreation Center parking expansion for \$200,000 and the Old Route 22 streetscape for \$500,000.

Maria Fareri Opens Gallery to Honor Former Patient

During many lengthy stays at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, Brittany Beckmann gained tremendous joy and comfort from her participation in the hospital's art therapy program. She became close with many of the doctors, nurses, staff members and patients.

On June 3, Brittany's family and hospital officials ensured that Brittany's spirit – and the artwork of pediatric patients – would always be on display. Together, they unveiled The Children's Gallery, a permanent display of children's art dedicated in honor of Beckmann, who was 24 when she lost her battle with leukemia in 2014.

Her family underwrote the creation of The Children's Gallery in appreciation of the expert and compassionate care she received at the hospital.

Beckmann was 16 when she first became a patient at Maria Fareri. She went on to graduate from SUNY Cortland with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology, even as she received treatment.

"The program was really therapeutic for her," said Kelly Carpinone, Beckmann's mother, who was among several family members who attended the dedication.



Brittany Beckmann, whose family helped open The Children's Gallery at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital on June 3. Beckmann died in 2014 at 24.

"She enjoyed it so much. Even during the periods when she was in isolation, they would bring an easel into her room. And her paintings really showed how she was feeling."

Artwork by Beckmann and other patients is currently on display, and new works will be rotated in seasonally. Several of the young artists and their families attended the dedication.

Among the hospital staff members

who attended the event was Maria Fareri Children's Hospital's board certified art therapist Gabrielle Grimaldi Bellettieri, who launched the art therapy program in 2006. Bellettieri was the driving force behind the creation of the gallery, and she will act as its curator.

"So many of us became close with Brittany during

her time here," Bellettieri said. "She went through so much, but she always had a positive outlook. The art therapy program was really a great way for her to express herself and how she was feeling. And she was like a mentor to a lot of the patients. Since she was older than most of them, she took them under her wing, and they really looked up to her."

The gallery also features a plaque noting Beckmann's impact as "a warm and talented artist who brought laughter and joy to all she met." It includes a quote from Brittany that provides a window into her soul.

"Every hardship is an opportunity for growth and knowledge," it reads. "Embrace every experience & look on the bright side. Everything happens for a reason. There's a plan for you! Follow it."



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P'ville H.S. Alum Discovers Joy of Writing During Medical Career

By Natalie Dell

About 20 years ago Douglas Zipes sat down to read a bestseller written by a physician. After finishing it, he turned to his wife and said "I can write better than that."

That experience spurred Zipes, a cardiologist, to pursue his dream of authoring a novel.

It wasn't as though Zipes, 77, was a complete stranger to writing. Throughout his career, the 1957 Pleasantville High School graduate, who has been affiliated with the University of Indiana since 1970, has written more than 900 medical articles and 16 medical textbooks, but it was after reading that book that Zipes began to venture beyond his area of expertise.

"It is a totally different ball game (writing science and writing fiction)," Zipes said. "I go to a cardiology meeting, and people bring my books up to me and ask 'Could you sign this, could I have a picture with you?' I am somebody there. In the fiction world, they say 'Who the hell are you?' There is no carryover from the science notoriety to the fiction area."

Despite the challenges, Zipes now has three novels to his credit. His most recent release, "Not Just a Game," is a story of Olympic athletes from three generations of one Jewish family as they participate in three different Olympic Games – 1936, 1972 and this year's Games in Rio de Janeiro. It explores themes ranging from the non-competitive aspects of athletics, the roots of racism and anti-Semitism.

The plot sprung from Zipes' long fascination with the 1936 and 1972

Games. The former, sometimes referred to as the Nazi Olympics, was held in Berlin as Hitler used the competition as propaganda. The 1972 Olympics in Munich saw the murder of 11 Israeli athletes at the hands of Palestinian terrorists.

From that history, Zipes emerged with a novel that countered the stereotype of millions of Jews as meek victims who went to their deaths during the Holocaust, instead portraying them as a strong, resilient people.

"Anti-Semitism exists," he said. "It is as virulent as modern anti-Muslim or anti-gay movements. While ISIS has certainly committed many horrible acts, in my view, none compare to the atrocities committed by Nazis dedicated to the Third Reich."

Writing fiction did not come easily for Zipes. In an effort to overcome some of the difficulties, he enrolled in writing courses and dedicated two summers to attending a writing festival in Iowa.

Zipes also faced other challenges, including not knowing how to type. He would dictate his thoughts into cassette tapes, give the tapes to his wife and have her type up what he was saying.

Gradually, Zipes' wife, Joan, became his co-author, transcribing what he was saying and have her add her perspective. Unfortunately, that first effort didn't turn out well.

"That first novel is in a drawer where it shall remain," said Zipes, who lives in Carmel, Ind. while his children and grandchildren live in Indianapolis. "We decided that it would be better if I did this alone, so the next three novels I've written alone, with heavy input from my wife, but not as a co-author. She is

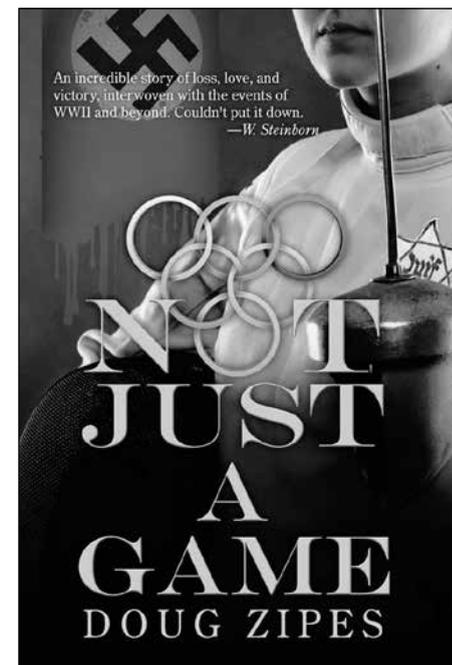


Dr. Douglas Zipes, a 1957 Pleasantville High School graduate and well-known cardiologist, released "Not Just a Game," his third novel earlier this year.

the best critic I have."

Another challenge was getting the novel into print. Zipes' agent held on to his first novel, "Black Widows," for two years before Zipes finally decided to self-publish in 2011. He did the same for his second novel, "Ripples in Opperman's Pond," in 2013 and now "Not Just a Game," which was released earlier this year.

Born in White Plains, Zipes attended Dartmouth after graduating from Pleasantville High School and before heading to Harvard Medical School. From 1964 to 1968 he continued his postgraduate training at Duke University Medical Center. He then served in the U.S. Navy for two years, then returned in 1970 to accept an offer as an assistant professor at the



University of Indiana.

That initial position allowed him to travel anywhere in the world for further training with all expenses paid for by the university. There were countless other job offers, but Indiana was the best place for his family, his work and to write. He remains a faculty member at the university and a practicing cardiologist.

Although Zipes has not yet been able to come up with a fourth novel, he does write his memoirs in the form of blogs, which can be found on his website www.dougzipes.com. He is also managing editor of Heart Rhythm Journals and plans to continue writing fiction.

"My heart is in fiction and that's what I absolutely love to do at this point in my life," Zipes said.

Mount Pleasant to Borrow Up to \$25M for Capital Projects, Equipment

The Mount Pleasant Town Board is set to move forward with a plan to borrow up to \$25 million for much-needed capital projects and equipment purchases while taking advantage of historically low interest rates.

Some of the projects would include renovating the town hall parking lot, replacing the town hall roof and road repaving, said Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi. The major equipment purchase would be new water meters providing data on how much water homeowners are using in a day along with an alert system to inform them if water was leaking when they are not at home, he said.

The money would be paid back over a 25-year period, Fulgenzi said.

Fulgenzi said he was hoping the board would approve the borrowing at its June 28 meeting.

—Neal Rentz

Mt. Kisco Adopts Task Force's Steps to Streamline Project Reviews

By Neal Rentz

Several months of work came to fruition last Monday as the Mount Kisco Village Board voted 4-1 to approve a series of recommendations proposed by a task force seeking to streamline the development approval process.

Recommendations, which were first released by the 11-member committee in March, included developing and maintaining a joint vision for the village, including a much-needed update of the village's Master Plan; appointing a village trustee to serve as a liaison to the planning board; and holding joint village board and planning board meetings twice a year.

The task force also called for applicants to attend pre-submission meetings prior to formal planning board appearances. Pre-submission meetings would ensure applications are complete. Some applications could be approved by the building inspector if

agreed to by the planning board chair.

Another goal was to reduce the number of planning board appearances by a developer. After the first appearance, it was recommended that an applicant meet with town staff to address issues raised during a meeting. That would help ensure requested information is ready for a subsequent meeting.

Village staff could also schedule weekly meetings with developers.

For minor projects, such as modifications to existing structures that have little or no impact and single-family home projects, the building inspector can determine whether the application should be scheduled for planning board approval.

The dissenting vote came from Trustee Karen Schleimer, who said she needed more time to review the task force's recommendations. Trustee Jean Farber had also said at the June 6 meeting that she wanted more time

to review the proposals, pointing out that two planning board members did not attend a recent work session where the issue was addressed. However, she voted in favor of the recommendations with the understanding that they could be modified in the future by the village board.

Trustee Peter Grunthal, the chair of the task force, said the time had come for the trustees to approve the recommendations.

"This has been going on since February," he said.

Grunthal said adopting the steps would encourage new businesses to come to the village.

Deputy Mayor Anthony Markus agreed with Grunthal's call for a vote.

"These are tough issues that are not easy to address," Markus said.

If the trustees agreed, changes could be made in the future, he said.

Obituary

Michele Terlizzi

Michele (Michael) Terlizzi, a longtime Mount Kisco resident, passed away on June 9 while surrounded by his loving family.

He was 77.

Terlizzi was born in Orsara di Puglia (Foggia), Italy on Jan. 29, 1939, to Michele and Leonarda (Anzivino).

He immigrated to the United States in 1953 and settled in Mount Kisco where he attended Mount Kisco High School. He married Judith Irolla in 1961. They later separated.

He is survived by his five children, Louis (Kim), Lenore, Michele (Joseph), Stephen and Elise; seven grandchildren, Allison, Ashley, Melissa, Tyler, Michael, Trevor and Mira; his brother, Antonio (Rocchina); sister Antonietta Monaco (Michele) of Mount Kisco; and many nieces and nephews. Terlizzi was predeceased by his sister, Donatina, of Italy.

Terlizzi opened Michael's Garden Gate Nursery in Mount Kisco more than 50 years ago, which he operated until his passing. Among his many

accomplishments, he was a founder and past president of the Italian-American Club of Northern Westchester, past president of the Kiwanis Club and served as a trustee on the Mount Kisco Village Board. He remained active in the community and was well-known for his generosity. He had the ability to light up any room with his infectious smile, upbeat attitude, great sense of humor and charming personality. He was extremely proud of his Italian heritage and prided himself on never losing his accent.

Terlizzi always made everyone around him feel special because they knew he truly cared. He had a way of connecting with everyone he met. He was a shining star that will be sorely missed by the many lives he touched every day.

Visitation took place on June 12 at Cassidy-Flynn Funeral Home in Mount Kisco. A funeral Mass was held on June 13 at St. Francis of Assisi Church followed by interment at St. Francis Cemetery.

Police Blotter

Pleasantville Police Department

June 4: A 17-year-old Rego Park, Queens man was arrested at 1:45 a.m. and charged with unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation, on Manville Road following a traffic stop.

June 7: Three 21-year-old Pleasantville men were arrested at 9:10 p.m. on Lake Street and charged with unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation.

June 8: A 19-year-old Pleasantville man was arrested at 6:30 p.m. on Ashland Avenue and charged with unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation, following a traffic stop.

June 10: A Pleasantville woman reported she was the victim of a scam in which she was offered modeling work through an alleged Russian agency by an unknown man. The man attempted to get the victim to send him a check in the mail.

June 10: Police are investigating a criminal mischief complaint stemming from an incident in which an unspecified object was thrown through the window of a Washington Avenue

residence at around 11 p.m. There were no injuries.

North Castle Police Department

June 3: Report of a suspicious incident on Custis Avenue at 12:27 p.m. A resident reported hearing a loud thump at her door this morning thinking it was a UPS worker. However, when she checked the front door the glass had been shattered. The responding officer reported that the incident may have occurred because of swelling of the frame. There were no signs of criminal activity.

June 4: Three subjects were arrested at 12:34 a.m. following a traffic stop on North Broadway and charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

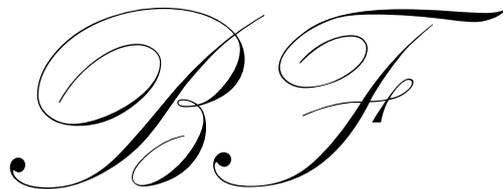
June 5: A North Broadway resident reported at 11:13 p.m. that there is yelling, screaming and banging in an upstairs apartment. The caller stated that he has addressed it with his neighbor in the past but the matter almost became physical so he called police.

June 6: A complainant reported at 9:45 a.m. that she was jogging on East Middle Patent Road and was chased by two pit bulls running at large. The caller was picked up by a passing motorist. She advised that the dogs did not appear to have a collar and there appeared to be no owner in the area. The responding officer reported that the dogs were gone on arrival.

June 6: A caller reported observing a white female with long black hair who appeared to be only wearing a black bra when she exited a vehicle on Route 22 at 11:34 a.m. The woman then proceeded to scream "call 911" several times to nearby motorists before willingly getting back into the car. The vehicle, a white four-door sedan with possibly Connecticut plates, took off northbound on Route 22, possibly toward I-684.

June 7: Report of a truck fuel spill on Bedford Road at 8:07 a.m. A tractor-trailer with a damaged fuel tank was leaking diesel fuel at the location. The company had an environmental cleanup team on the scene but there was a need for traffic control. The Armonk Fire Department was dispatched. The fuel leak was repaired and the truck was driven away under its own power.

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Precautions Stressed After Multiple Bear Sightings in Area

By Martin Wilbur

North Castle authorities are recommending residents take precautions to protect themselves and their families after a series of bear sightings were reported throughout town late last week.

Police Chief Peter Simonsen said bears were being sighted along Byram Lake Road, one of the hot spots in town. There was also a cub that found its way into the vendor area of the Fol-De-Rol at Wampus Brook Park in Armonk at about 7:40 p.m. last Friday. Extra officers were dispatched to patrol the fair.

There have been no reports of aggressive

bear behavior, he said.

Since Apr. 28, there have been 13 reported sightings in town; however, 10 of those reports occurred in about a 39-hour span between late Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning, according to North Castle police reports.

Other reported locations were Evan Place, Byram Ridge Road South, the vicinity of routes 22 and 433, Stony Brook Place and King Street.

Town officials don't want to alarm residents, but are stressing practical approaches to avoid interaction.

"It's just common sense," said Supervisor Michael Schiliro. "The reality is we live in a rural area and we have wild animals. They're looking for food. They're foraging and they're looking for food."

Simonsen said the best way to avoid contact with bears is to cut off any chance of a food supply. Residents should refrain from leaving household trash outside and they should bring in birdfeeders overnight.

This time of year is also when sightings are most common, he said. As the summer progresses sightings should become less frequent.



A black bear made it onto the deck at the home of North Castle Councilman Stephen D'Angelo last week, one of 10 sightings reported to town police between June 9 and 11.

Within the past couple of weeks there have also been multiple sightings in Mount Kisco, Bedford, Pound Ridge and other communities.

One of the residents who reported a bear was town Councilman Stephen D'Angelo. Last Thursday, one made it onto his deck and was eating birdseed from a feeder, he said.

Simonsen urged residents to visit the state Department of Environmental Conservation website at www.dec.ny.gov to better educate themselves on what to do to prevent bears from coming onto one's property and what to do during an encounter.

Examiner Green Machine Motors to Mt. Kisco LL Championship

The Examiner green team scored a resounding victory in the team's championship game on Saturday at Leonard Park, defeating Edward Jones 9-0 in a rain soaked battle of Mount Kisco Little League titans.

Saturday afternoon's win capped off a perfect season for The Examiner green, completing an undefeated 14-0 campaign for the second and third-grade Triple-A Minor League standouts.

"It was a lot of fun watching this group of kids come together as a team," said Head Coach Scott Spolansky. "They all knew the special season we were going through but never took their eye off every single game they played all the

way through the championship. It has been a ton of fun coaching this group of kids."

Assistant Coach Ken Diorio noted how the team "gelled" despite the fact that most of the teammates didn't know each other from school.

"Up and down the lineup everyone contributed," Diorio stated. "We didn't rely on one or two players to carry the team. Every game during the run had a different hero."

Later Saturday afternoon, the older "Major League" Little Leaguers played a championship game, with the Elks beating Robison.



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Team Examiner celebrates after winning the Mount Kisco Little League championship last Saturday at Leonard Park.

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Guest Column

Gov. Cuomo: State Must Put a Halt to Hasty Education Changes

By Emily Rubin Persons

I wanted to provide you with an interesting article from The Washington Post regarding the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation ("Gates Foundation Chief Admits Common Core Mistakes," June 2, 2016, The Washington Post). A letter from the CEO of the foundation has been made public.

Based on your efforts and the laws passed to improve education in New York, I would imagine you have seen or been briefed about this letter.

In the article, Sue Desmond-Hellmann admits that making changes in education are a lot harder than they thought. Of course it is! They didn't realize that the existing state education laws and teachers union contracts would get in the way of making fast changes. In the private sector, it is easy to try something and make adjustments as you go. Businesses have the freedom to quickly adapt to the changes in the marketplace according to customer demand or supplier constraints.

Not so with public education. There are laws to protect the children. There are very strict laws and guidelines to protect school district financials from corrupt employees. There are state laws protecting teacher benefits as well as

strong teacher contracts. All these laws, guidelines and policies are in place with the best of intentions. However, quick change is close to impossible since new laws must be written to correct the flawed laws.

Unfortunately, the designers of the Common Core and APPR did not know all these constraints were in place. For some reason, most legislators and governors seemed to have forgotten as well. New laws were written to push through Common Core and APPR without getting educators in on the planning. Now we are stuck. The Gates Foundation can walk away and go find some other great cause to fund. But, our schools – students, teachers, administrators – can't simply stop this runaway train because of the laws that have been hastily passed (several of which were added into the state budget at the final hour).

Many other states are now rejecting Common Core and PARCC because they see that after all the money spent it has created nothing but confusion and stress for the students and teachers. The goal of creating college ready students was not realized. Many states are changing gears. I wish New York would follow as well.

My request to you and to all the legislators in New York: Please do not pass any more laws regarding changes to education until new plans have been properly analyzed, tested and found to be successful. Our state education department is making too many illogical decisions. For example, the students in Algebra 2 (10th and 11th grade) must take three exams this year if they wish to receive the advanced Regent's diploma. Why three exams for one class? Simply poor decision-making. There is a long list of illogical decisions passed that we are now fighting to have corrected.

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet Betty Rosa, Regents Chancellor. It seems that she is ready to right many of these wrongs put into place over the last five years. She acknowledged that educators and not just business people should be in on the final decisions regarding the laws and policies for our children.

Article after article, interview after interview highlight how these last few years of rushed changes have created havoc for our children. Now, we need you and the legislators to listen and help get this runaway train back on track.

Emily Rubin Persons is a trustee on the Pleasantville Board of Education.

Letters to the Editor

Mt. Kisco Must Place Flags on Memorial Day on Police, Firefighter Graves

The celebration of Memorial Day is a remembrance of those members of

Correction

In last week's Page 1 article regarding two residential treatment centers in Mount Pleasant, the number of additional staff hired at the Hawthorne Cedar Knolls School was incorrectly reported due to a typographical error. The correct number of additional staff is 26.

In a photo caption describing a Pleasantville girls' soccer team advancing to the state finals, it incorrectly stated that the team was from Pleasantville Middle School. The team is a local youth squad whose members are of middle school age.

The Examiner regrets the errors.

the community who have contributed to the well-being of the citizens who live there. It is the custom to decorate the graves with an American flag of firemen, police officers and members of the military who have passed on.

I visited the grave of my brother-in-law, Salvador Rosafort, only to find there was no flag commemorating his police service. He served the village well; in fact, he is the only member of the Mount Kisco police force who was actually on duty when he lost his life in 1954. The beautiful memorial standing outside the police station was dedicated in 2004 to acknowledge this fact. The decision to later despoil it by placing an unattractive plaque on top of it has continued to cause sadness to the family.

And now, he and his fellow officers

were not acknowledged on this very special holiday. (I also checked Det. Frank H. Whalen's grave.) I know the village is saving a considerable sum of money by contracting with the county for police coverage. And they're doing a very good job. But somehow the recognition of an American flag on Memorial Day apparently wasn't included in the contract.

This is an issue that should be addressed so that it doesn't happen again. These men deserve the respect that simply placing a flag on a grave should warrant. I hope you will take the steps necessary to insure this omission does not happen again.

Patricia Rosafort
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Becky Davidson Manager, Guiding Eyes for the Blind Mt. Kisco

By Martin Wilbur

When it was suggested to Becky Davidson a few years ago to ride in the Mount Kisco Lions Club annual charity ride Downtown Thunder to benefit Guiding Eyes for the Blind, she didn't hesitate.

Davidson was approached by fellow Lion Bob Scop who recommended the use of tandem bikes for the uninitiated riders. But tandem bikes couldn't be located, so she had to hop on the back of a conventional motorcycle.

For many people not used to motorcycles, regardless of their age or physical condition, it might take some effort to convince them to give it a try. But Davidson, who has been blind since birth, had no qualms.

"I had ridden on the back of a bike before, but not quite this distance," Davidson said. "My feeling is I understand that it can certainly be unnerving. The speed that you go and you feel totally exposed to the elements and everything. You know, life is worth living and if you want to have an experience like that, you take your chance no matter what you do, so you might as well

go for it."

Other than some discomfort in her posterior, Davidson, 64, has had no difficulties. In fact, she'll be riding with Scop again during this year's ride on July 24.

While some might view blindness as a handicap, it is virtually no impediment for the adventurous Davidson. She has also waterskied and hopes to go zip-lining one day.

Davidson, manager of consumer outreach and advocate support for Guiding Eyes for the Blind in Yorktown Heights for the past 17 years, credits her parents for instilling the confidence in her to live life to the fullest despite being blind. She can detect light, and when she was younger could make out large newspaper headlines.

"My parents always made sure that I was a participant in my world," said Davidson, who was born in Cleveland and spent most of her childhood in Waukegan, Ill. "I played with the neighborhood kids, I learned to ride a (bicycle). I could see the sidewalk. Then when I got older we got a tandem bike so my parents and my brother would ride

that."

Davidson lost her sight shortly after birth. She was born prematurely and placed in an incubator; however, her retinas were damaged by the oxygen, a somewhat common occurrence back then.

Through eighth grade Davidson attended a school for the blind. Her father's job as an industrial engineer forced the family to move several times. She went to a public high school in Pittsburgh, then attended Beaver College (now Arcadia University) in Philadelphia. After graduation, Davidson earned her master's in public administration at Kent State.

Following her studies, she moved to western New York and for nearly 25 years worked as an employment training counselor for a local agency in Niagara County. It was Davidson's trips to Westchester for guide dog training at Guiding Eyes and an annual fall walkathon at FDR State Park that familiarized her with the area.

Then 17 years ago her current position opened up at the school. She applied, got the job and made the move. She has found working at Guiding Eyes a very appealing experience.

"It was just a whole different atmosphere, a whole different sort of skillset, an opportunity to kind of feel like I could



branch out a little bit," Davidson said of the job change. "I do a lot of traveling and a lot of public speaking now that I didn't do before, which I really enjoy."

She met her second husband Rob (her first husband died in 2011) through the Lions. He's also blind and equally extraordinary, working

as a woodcarver. However, he had sight as a youngster, which enables him to do his work and other activities through memory.

Davidson said there have been times where she wished she could learn to drive or read a book. But advances in technology has improved her life and millions of other people without sight by being able to enjoy books and music and communicating with others more easily.

In addition to being involved with the Lions Club and Guiding Eyes, Davidson also advocates for transportation improvements. She's lobbying for Mount Kisco traffic signals to have audible sounds to aid blind pedestrians.

Expect to see her on July 24, ready to ride in Downtown Thunder, which gets bigger every year.

"It's caught on," Davidson said. "Motorcycle clubs around the area are showing a lot of interest, and it's really fun to make all that noise in downtown Mount Kisco on a Sunday morning."



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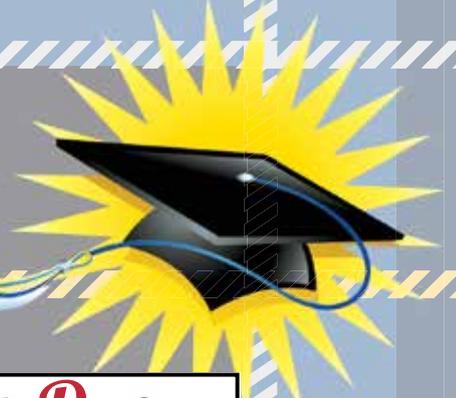
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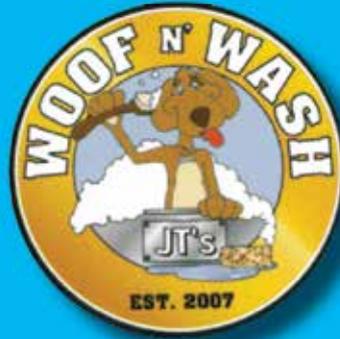
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The Lighter Side of Victorian: Wicker Furniture

When my wife and I owned an antiques shop early in our marriage, there was a revival of interest in the Victorian style of décor, and I can't say that we were enthusiastic about it.

This style from the second half of the 19th century was known for plush, heavily upholstered furniture on rounded, narrow legs, velvety textures, ornate details and a crammed abundance of plants, glassware and textiles. We were more into the relative simplicity of earlier periods.

However, in the midst of this opulence, wicker furniture at the time offered a refreshing contrast with its airy lightness. The pieces we had sold well back in that time, and I was secretly pleased to "inherit" a few white-painted chairs and a wheeled baby carriage (which we used as an indoor planter) after we had enough of running the store.

Wicker furniture is made from a variety of materials, although rattan is the most traditional. Wicker refers to the technique of weaving wet strips of material, such as rattan, willow, paper rush or synthetic materials, in a distinctive basket-like pattern to create furniture and household items. The



By Bill Primavera

method itself is ancient, and some of the earliest evidence of wickerwork comes from the Sumerian culture of 4,000 B.C.

The popularity of wicker furniture surged when the United States and England began regular trade with China. The rattan used to hold cargo in place during the voyage was often left as refuse on the shore. Enterprising individuals gathered up this material and put it to good use, with the hard inner core of the rattan serving as the frames for furniture and the outer layer stripped and woven to form the seats and backs.

Cyrus Wakefield utilized this former waste material so effectively that his business grew into the Wakefield Rattan Company – at one time the largest rattan furniture manufacturer – and the town of Wakefield, Mass. was named for him.

With all the heaviness of the Victorian fashion, wicker furniture was valued for being a hygienic option. In an era that predates vacuum cleaners and dry cleaning, the breathable and nonporous surface of wicker was easier to clean and air out than thickly stuffed upholstery. For this reason wicker was considered

especially appropriate for furniture meant for babies, infants, the elderly and the sick.

Coinciding with the Victorian age was the period of British colonial rule in India. Not only was wicker furniture easier to maintain in warmer, more humid environments, but many British citizens wished to emulate the tropical style of those colonies. Wicker furniture was lightweight, strong and easy to clean, but the flexibility of the rattan core and outer fibers made intricate patterns possible. Eventually, Victorian and British colonial styles faded, but wicker endured as a choice among designers whenever a flexible material was needed. The basket-like patterns were adapted to cover Art Deco and other modern styles.

Wicker furniture may seem like an obvious choice for outdoor spaces, but unless it is crafted from synthetic materials it would be a mistake to set your wicker furniture outside and forget about it. The sunlight would fade unpainted rattan, and exposure to rain and humidity would cause the natural fibers to rot. Paper rush is literally made from paper, for example, and would obviously not hold up well in the rain. Wicker furniture made from natural materials should remain under the shelter of a sunroom or enclosed

porch if you really want it to last. If you want to use wicker for your outdoor furniture, be certain that it is made from a synthetic material specifically designed to stand up to the elements.

Maintaining indoor wicker items is simple. Vacuuming with a soft bristle attachment should do it. Adding cushions is a good idea, because although wicker is strong, it holds up to stress better when the pressure is not all on one point. (Don't stand on it, for example.) If your furniture needs to be repaired, I advise going to an expert to get the job done. As John Bausert, a master of the craft and owner of Veteran's Chair Caning & Repair in New York City, said, "The materials cost next to nothing, but it's labor-intensive."

While the Victorian era has passed, the warm-weather feel of wicker furniture is still attractive to decorators and homeowners, even as their design tastes change.

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NRC Deems Indian Point Safe Despite Recent Concerns

By Arthur Cusano

The federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) told hundreds of residents who attended an annual hearing in Tarrytown last week that the Indian Point nuclear facility in Buchanan is running satisfactorily.

But many in the crowd for the June 8 meeting at the DoubleTree by Hilton told the five NRC staff members that several high-profile malfunctions were good reasons to dispute that claim.

NRC staff gave a brief synopsis of issues at the site in the past year before giving their yearly report.

"Overall, Entergy operated the plant safely and within the conditions of their license," said NRC staff member Glen Dentel.

Dentel said the recent issues at the plant were of a very low safety significance and had no significant impact on public safety. Entergy addressed the issues in a timely manner, he added.

Unplanned shutdowns of Unit 3 exceeded the NRC's threshold of three shutdowns per 7,000 hours of operation, which caused the performance indicator to go from green to the less desirable threshold level of white.

NRC staff member Ray Lorsen said the Tritium leak at the plant that occurred in February had been mitigated. An NRC inspection regarding the leak is ongoing and results are expected to be released later this year, but investigators currently believe the leak has been identified and stopped.

The leak has been attributed to activities associated with the water storage tank.

"We have determined the actual dose, consequence or hazard in this event to be a small fraction of what is permitted under industry regulations, and a very small fraction of what all of us receive every year as normal background radiation," Lorsen said.

Degradation of stainless steel bolts found in the Indian Point 2 reactor during required inspections have since been replaced. NRC staff member Jack McHale said inspectors found 227 of 832 bolts were potentially degraded or missing.

Those bolts hold a series of vertical metal plates in place that aid with the reactor cooling process. Radiation assisted stress-induced cracking, which is a known and expected occurrence in such units over long periods of time.

"The number of degraded bolts is the largest seen to date in a U.S. nuclear power reactor, so the NRC is closely monitoring this situation," McHale said.

Entergy has pushed up the inspection of Unit 3 for such issues from 2019 to this year, but McHale said the NRC believes that unit will be less susceptible to such degradation due to the unit's significantly fewer operation hours.

Another issue of concern raised last week was the work underway at the Algonquin gas pipeline, a project that runs underground very close to Indian Point from across the Hudson River and then travels northeast to Maine. The project, which has been approved by federal regulators, is owned by Spectra Energy and is expected to be completed later this year. The project has received intense scrutiny from environmental groups, residents and some elected officials, including Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who has also called for Indian Point's closure.

Staff member Mike McCoppin told those at the hearing the pipeline posed no danger to the public or Indian Point, and any explosion that would occur in the pipeline would not prevent crews from closing it off.

Speakers ran the gamut from Indian Point supporters to opponents of the plant who want it shut down as soon as possible. Putnam Valley resident Judy Allen said she would be delivering a petition to Congress signed by 12,966 area residents calling for the plant's immediate closure. Allen told NRC representatives they no longer had credibility.

"You have not been doing your job," Allen remarked. "You have basically been a lapdog for Entergy and the running of Indian Point. There have been so many things that are wrong with that plant, and yet you continue to say everything is fine, the safety is fine, it's green, it's white, but it's not any of those things. It's really bad."



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

Opponents of Indian Point nuclear power plant called for its closure during last week's annual Nuclear Regulatory Commission's hearing on the aging facility.

Fellow plant opponent Paul Blanch accused the NRC of ignoring some of its own regulatory policies. He said the NRC declined to investigate accusations of misconduct raised by opponents.

"The consequences of your wrongdoing, given Indian Point's age, history, mismanagement, lack of oversight and (surrounding) demographics, is the most threatening man-made facility in the world," Blanch said. "The risk of a major radioactive release is more than 100 times greater than acceptable by the NRC's standards. Twenty million people are in danger."

Other speakers argued the plant was necessary to provide the area with affordable energy. David Morris, an

electrical engineer in the nuclear industry, said existing solar and wind facilities could not replace the energy output of Indian Point anytime soon.

"Under the existing growth rate of wind, combined with the growth of solar, it would take 20 years to replace the carbon-free energy generated in 2014 by Indian Point," Morris argued.

Natural gas, which yields much higher carbon emissions, would also increase sharply if nuclear power was abandoned, he said.

Also speaking on behalf of the facility was new Mount Vernon Mayor Richard Thomas. Abandoning nuclear energy would lead to higher fossil fuel use and increase the possibility of blackouts, Thomas said. The impact of carbon emissions is far more serious for seniors and those with respiratory illness, and Mount Vernon contains a disproportionate amount of people with those significant health issues.

"Too often, minority communities must bear the burden of pollution and poor air quality," Thomas said. "Closing Indian Point would make the situation even worse."

A video and transcript of the entire June 8 hearing will be posted on the NRC's website, www.nrc.gov, later this month.

THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz By Edward Goralski

It's a Grand Old Flag. Today is Flag Day. The day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The quiz this week will test your knowledge of the day and our flag. Happy Birthday Old Glory!

1. In 1885, Bernard J. Cigrand held the first recognized formal Flag Day observance at the Stony Hill School in which state?

- A) Delaware B) Kentucky C) Wisconsin

2. Which state was the first to celebrate Flag Day as a legal state holiday?

- A) New York B) Massachusetts C) Pennsylvania

3. Which branch of the U.S. military was established on June 14, 1775?

- A) Army B) Navy C) Marines

4. How many stars are on the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the "Star Spangled Banner"?

- A) 21 B) 20 C) 15

5. In what year did the 50 star flag become the official U.S. flag?

- A) 1959 B) 1960 C) 1961

6. Which President issued the first proclamation establishing June 14 as a national Flag Day?

- A) Abraham Lincoln B) Woodrow Wilson C) Harry Truman

7. How many American flags were left on the moon by the Apollo astronauts?

- A) 5 B) 6 C) 7

8. What does a vexillologist do?

- A) studies flags B) sits on flag poles D) designs flags

ANSWERS:
 1. C. Cigrand is credited as being the "father of Flag Day."
 2. C. Flag day has been a state holiday in Pennsylvania since 1937.
 3. A. The Continental Army was created by the Continental Congress.
 4. C. The flag has 15 stars and 15 stripes.
 5. B. The 50 star flag is the longest used version of the flag.
 6. B. In August 1949 National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.
 7. B. Of the six, 5 are believed to be still standing upright.
 8. A. A vexillologist is an expert in the history and study of flags.



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Gordon Parks Foundation Highlights Photog's Work With Ali

By Arthur Cusano

Famed Life Magazine photographer Gordon Parks had a few things in common with legendary boxer Muhammad Ali. Both were black men who reached the top of their respective fields during the Civil Rights era, using their sizable platform to push for social change.

It's perhaps no surprise then that the two would strike up a friendship, resulting in a wide range of photographs taken by Parks. Some of those photos are on display this summer in the exhibit "American Champion" at the Gordon Parks Foundation gallery in

Pleasantville.

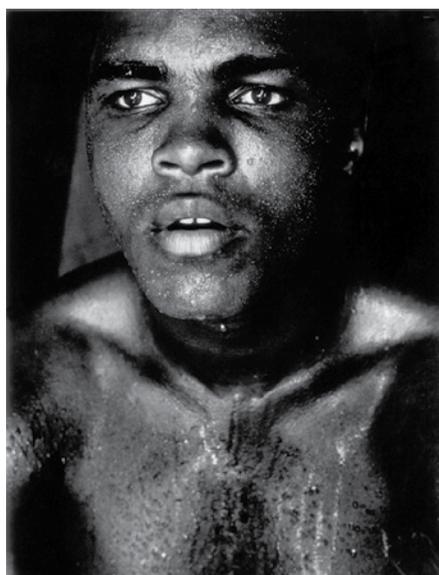
The exhibit, which opened last week and runs through September, includes several never-before-published photographs of Ali taken while training for fights that occurred in 1966 and 1970. Parks first photographed Ali training in Miami in 1966, and accompanied him to London for a fight. Four years later, Parks followed him during his bid to take back the heavyweight title from Joe Frazier culminating in the first of their three matches.

The new exhibit opened just days after Ali died on June 3 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. The champ's death was followed by a week of memorials and retrospectives leading up to his June 10 funeral in Louisville.

Assistant director Amanda Smith said the timing of the exhibit was purely coincidental. Smith said the foundation got a call from The New York Times as the exhibit was being put up last Friday just before Ali died looking to use some of Parks' famous photos of the champ.

"It was just a strange coincidence," Smith said. "Gordon Parks was one of the more well-known photographers of Ali, and the Times specifically requested a specific picture, (Muhammad Ali, Miami, Florida from 1966) on the ready for when they had to do his obituary."

Smith said there had been a steady



GORDON PARKS PHOTO

One of scores of photos taken by famed photographer Gordon Parks of boxing great Muhammad Ali. An exhibit is on display at the Gordon Parks Foundation gallery in Pleasantville now through September.

burst of visitors in the first few days the exhibit was open, thanks to heavy media coverage of Ali's death and funeral. Many of the pictures are of a more candid variety, showing Ali outside the ring in more relaxed settings, and were considered by some to have helped soften the controversial boxer's image

after his conversion to Islam and his boycott of the draft during the Vietnam War draft.

"We kind of had it in the back of our heads that this might happen, but we were kind of bombarded, but we're happy that we're able to showcase all these pictures because they really give a different view of Ali, they all feel personal," Smith said. "That's because they were friends from 1966 until the end of Gordon's life. They kept in contact."

Parks, who died in 2006, was best known for his photographic essays for Life magazine from the 1940s through the 1970s. Many of his best-known works followed African-Americans in their everyday lives during the Civil Rights era and the economic and social struggles they endured.

Parks was also a musician and writer, and directed the 1971 film classic "Shaft" and several other major motion pictures for television and the big screen. Parks lived in Greenburgh from the 1940s through much of the 1970s.

The Gordon Parks Foundation is located at 48 Wheeler St. in Pleasantville. It is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.gordonparksfoundation.org.

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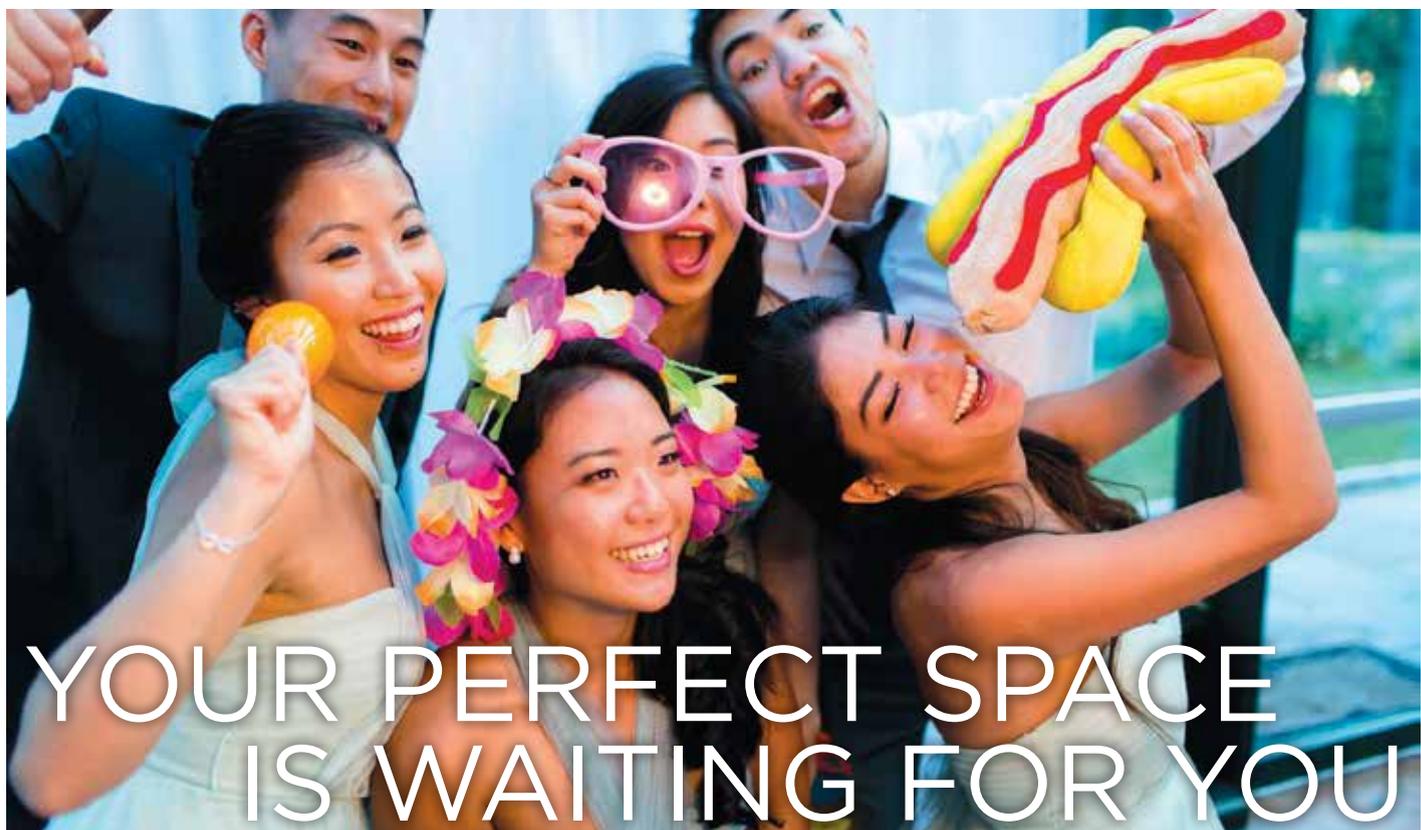
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Tuesday, June 14

Forever Motown. Featuring the songs America grew up on. Includes nearly 30 nonstop recreated hits from Marvin Gaye and Tammie Terrell, Smokey Robinson and The Miracles, Gladys Knight and The Pips, The Temptations, The Four Tops, The Supremes, Stevie Wonder, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, Lionel Richie, Mary Wells and the entire Motown roster of stars. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. \$84 per person (plus tax). Show only: \$50 per person (plus tax). Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

Italian Language and Culture. Mara De Matteo, born and raised in Italy and passionate about her native language, combines lively conversation with grammatical instruction in her classes. She creates interactive lessons on the richness of Italian culture, past and present, through real-life anecdotes, literature, personal memoirs, films and even photography. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Also June 14, 21 and 28. Info: 914-273-3887.

Wednesday, June 15

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

Zumba Fitness. Achieve long-term benefits while having a blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life. For all fitness levels. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. Every Monday and Wednesday (except May 30) at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. Info: Contact Peggy at 914 960-4097.

Baby Time. A fun interactive lap-sit story time that includes songs, rhymes and a few very short stories. The experience gives babies an opportunity to socialize and parents a time to share. Recommended for newborns through 12 months old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday and Wednesday. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Pound Fitness Program. A 45 minute full-body jam session that combines cardio, Pilates, plyometrics and isometric movements and poses with the excitement

and euphoria of drumming. Using lightly weighted drumsticks called Ripstix, you'll rock your entire body into beautiful shape while torching calories, isolating core muscles and strengthening coordination and balance. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10:15 a.m. \$20. Every Wednesday. Also Saturdays at 11:15 a.m. RSVP required. Info and registration: 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. Romper 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. 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.

Chair Yoga With Alka Kaminer. Experience greater flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and improved balance, strengthening and toning of muscles, better digestion, stress reduction, mental clarity, improved breathing, relaxation and an overall sense of well-being. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

The Explorers Club. A new literacy/activity program this fall. Join Miss Debbie to explore a new theme each week (science, art and more) through literacy and hands-on activities. Come read, discover and create. For children five to seven years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350

Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Registration required. Info and registration: www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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

Hidden Treasure Art and Talent Show. Fox Lane High School, 632 S. Bedford Rd., Bedford. Art show at 6 p.m. Talent show at 7 p.m. \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Info: 914-439-5129.

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.

Art Series: Albrecht Durher. Born 1471, Durher was one of the most important figures of the German Renaissance. One of the most heralded artists of his time, he was a master artist and printmaker at a very young age. Not content to rest on his artistic laurels, he also delved into the world of geometry in his pursuit of perfection in perspective. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

"Hangs Upon Nothing." Jeremy Rumas' documentary about experiencing life as a surfer. The film follows several groups of surfers including Chuck Corbett, an American who left everything behind at the age of 18 to go surf the remote atolls of Kiribati—and wound up staying there for 30 years, the Jones brothers from Hawaii, who explore Kiribati in search of perfect waves and a group of young kids from the surf mecca of Bali, as they grow up among a sea of tourism, development, night life and surf. Followed by a Q&A with Rumas. Part of the We Got Game: Sports on Film series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Thursday, June 16

Bridge for Beginners With Joel Goren. Classes for beginners who want to learn the basics of bridge. The lessons are designed for players with little or no previous knowledge of bridge. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. Free. Also June 23 and 30. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Knitting Circle. This group is open to everyone who has an interest in knitting. Live, love, laugh, learn and have fun together during these creative journeys. Come share patterns and ideas and

celebrate creative spirits together while enjoying the ancient art of knitting. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday and Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887.

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

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

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

Read to Rover. Dogs love listening to stories. Come meet Rover and read your favorite story. For children five years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.org.

Maria Fareri Children's Hospital Benefit. In celebration of The Briarcliff Manor's first anniversary, come for an evening of continuous food stations, wine, champagne and cocktails and live music provided by Gene DiNapoli. The Briarcliff Manor, 25 Studio Hill Rd., Briarcliff Manor. 6 to 10 p.m. \$100. Info and tickets: 914-944-1524.

Friday, June 17

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The Restaurant Examiner

Frank Pepe's, Nation's Fourth Oldest Pizzeria, a Taste of the Old Country

By Jerry Eimbinder

Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana missed being the oldest pizzeria in America by about 13 years, according to Colin M. Caplan, the author of a book all about pizza to be released next year.

Papa's Tomato Pies (Robbinsville, N.J., 1912) is identified by Caplan as the first American pizzeria, followed by O'Scugnizzo's Pizzeria, formerly Eugeno Burlino (Utica, N.Y., 1914) and Totunno's Pizzeria Napolitana (Brooklyn, N.Y., 1924).

Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana was opened in 1925 in New Haven, Conn. and additional locations were added later on in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Yonkers.

Antica Pizzeria Port'Alba in Naples, Italy, is recognized by Neapolitans and most culinary historians as the oldest pizzeria in the world. It opened in 1830 and is still in business today. A sign in front proclaims it as the birthplace of pizzerias. Its pies are baked in a wood-fired oven lined with lava



ERIC EIMBINDER PHOTO

Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana's famous white clam pizza.

rocks from Mount Vesuvius.

Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana is best known for its white clam pizza, which is available year-round. The Yonkers location

shucks clams, between 20 and 25 bushels a week.

Frank Pepe was born in Maiori on Italy's Amalfi coast on Apr. 15, 1893, and died on Sept. 6, 1969. In 1909, he arrived in America and worked in a New Haven factory at 16. During World War I, he returned to Italy to enter military service.

He and Filomena Volpi, also a Maiori native, married in 1919 and settled in New Haven in 1920. He worked first for a local macaroni manufacturer and then at a bread bakery.

When Pepe opened his pizzeria in 1925, two types of pizza were sold – one made with tomatoes, grated cheese, garlic, oregano and olive oil, which is now known as "The Original Tomato Pie." The other was an anchovy pie to which mozzarella

and other ingredients were added in subsequent years.

Frank and Filomena Pepe's daughters, Elizabeth and Serafina, followed their parents into the business, retiring in the early 1990s. The business was passed on to their children, Anthony, Francis, Lisa, Bernadette, Genevieve, Jennifer and Gary.

Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana also has six locations in Connecticut – New Haven, West Haven, Danbury, Fairfield and Manchester and at the Mohegan Sun casino resort in Uncasville. It is also in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Frank Pepe Pizzeria Napoletana in Yonkers is located at 1955 Central Park Ave. It is open every day from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, call 914-961-8284 or visit pepespizzeria.com.

Scarsdale's Meritage Introduces Prix-Fixe Midweek Dinner

By Jerry Eimbinder

A two-course, prix-fixe dinner menu has been introduced by executive chef and co-owner Chris Vergara at Meritage Restaurant in Scarsdale. Offered Tuesday through Thursday, the dinner is \$29 per person, not including tax, gratuity and beverages. There is a choice of five entrées: steak, fish, chicken and pasta dishes.

The appetizers include chicken liver Crostini, grilled asparagus with a poached egg and a spring salad. Grilled shrimp is available as an appetizer for an additional \$5.

The entrées are grilled flat iron steak with roasted spring onions, grilled asparagus and crispy potato/salsa verde; Arctic char with farro, fennel, grilled scallion and lemon vinaigrette; grilled chicken Paillard with spring salad and lemon vinaigrette; Tagliatelle (traditional meat ragu) with ricotta and parmigiano; and linguine with dandelion pesto, ricotta and pine nuts.

Vergara, an avid fisherman, previously cooked at Rye's La Panetière, Manhattan's Picholine and the Hilton Westchester in



Chris Vergara, executive chef at Meritage Restaurant in Scarsdale.

Rye Brook. He also oversees the kitchens at Harper's in Dobbs Ferry and Saint George in Hastings-on-Hudson. Jamie Steintal is co-owner and manager of Meritage.

Meritage Restaurant is located at 1505 Weaver St. in Scarsdale. For more information, call 914-472-8484.

Luscious Desserts Abound on RaaSa's New Menu

By Jerry Eimbinder

A tempting variety of sweet and luscious treats are offered on the exciting new menu at RaaSa in Elmsford, including several traditional Indian desserts to which contemporary touches have been added. Some of the desserts are deeply sweet, said Priya Kapoor Salian, who opened RaaSa 15 months ago with her husband Ashok Salian.

Traditional desserts at RaaSa include Gulab Jamun and Rasmalai. The latter is made from cheese, sweetened condensed milk and an assortment of nuts, Priya Kapoor Salian said.

The Kulfi Falooda (\$9) is based on a very traditional Indian recipe, made with traditional kulfi ice cream, topped with vermicelli noodles and tapioca seeds, and covered with rose syrup.

"This is one of our most delicious desserts especially on a hot summer day," she said.

Narangi is a more contemporary dessert. Orange pana cotta is topped with orange marmalade and fresh orange.

"It is very light and a good choice for following a heavy meal," she said.

Gulab Jamun, Rasmalai and Narangi cost \$7 each.

One of the desserts most in demand at RaaSa is an apricot bread pudding called Kubani Double Mitha (\$9), made from fresh and dry apricots.

The impressive dessert list also includes coconut sorbet (\$8), Mango

Shrikand Cardamom (\$9), which is flavored strained yogurt topped with fresh



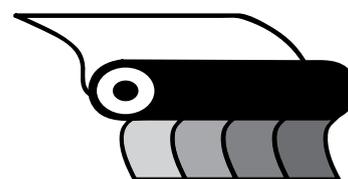
Mango Shrikand Cardamom, flavored strained yogurt topped with fresh mango.

mango, and chocolate soufflé with rose petal ice cream (\$9).

A bevy of summertime cocktails includes raspberry Bellini (\$10), ginger lime martini (\$10), pineapple mint mojito (\$10), mango mint margarita (\$10), RaaSa cosmo (\$11), coconut lychee daiquiri (\$11), Ace hard cider with ginger and pineapple (\$7) and an orange "zinger" made with bourbon, ginger, orange and seltzer (\$11).

RaaSa is open for lunch seven days a week from 12 to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday dinner is served from 5 to 10 p.m. and on Sunday from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Catering and delivery services are available.

RaaSa is located at 145 E. Main St. in Elmsford in the space previously occupied by Malabar Hill. There is a parking lot and free street parking. For more information, call 914-347-7890 or visit www.raasany.com.



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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.

“Defying Labels: New Roles New Clothes.” An exhibit that traces the story of the revolutionary changes in women’s roles from the 1880s to 1940 as reflected in their clothes. The exhibit utilizes the evolving wardrobes of three remarkable women, philanthropist Helen Gould, Anna Gould, Duchess of Talleyrand, and former actress Edith Kingdon Gould, the daughters and daughter-in-law of railroad baron Jay Gould. Lyndhurst, 635 S. Broadway, Tarrytown. 10:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday and 12:45 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday. \$9. Exhibit continues through Sept. 25. Info and tickets: Visit www.lyndhurst.org.

Friday Night Cinema: “The Secret Lives of Walter Mitty.” This 2014 remake of James Thurber’s classic story, with Ben Stiller and Kristin Wiig, asks what you should do when your job is threatened and your daydreams seem forever out of reach. At once a romantic comedy and phenomenal travelogue with outstanding cinematography, the film follows Walter on a global journey that is more real than anyone could ever imagine. In English. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

“Jimmy’s Hall.” The screening of a film that tells the true story of Jimmy Gralton, who returns home to Ireland during the Depression after 10 years of exile in America. Seeing the levels of poverty and oppression, the activist in him reawakens and he looks to re-open the dance hall that led to his deportation. Followed by a discussion. Part of the new Movies That Matter series. Katonah SPACE, 44 Edgemont Rd., Katonah. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-232-4094.

“How to Bury a Saint.” A summer comedy with some serious family business, set in Mahopac. This inter-generational story explores the gravity of family traditions and how finding your way home takes more than a map: You may need sharp objects and a shot of Anisette. Written by Janie Maffei and directed by Bram Lewis. The Schoolhouse Theater, 3 Owens Rd., Croton Falls. 8 p.m. Adults: \$38. Seniors: \$35. Students: \$15. Also June 18 at 8 p.m. and June 19 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-277-8477 or visit www.schoolhousetheater.org.

Saturday, June 18

Pleasantville Farmers Market. Experience 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 56 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, the market is a delicious good time. This week, The Bandolins return for the music series, Arc Stages/Little Village Playhouse hosts a fun, theater-based kids event and market lead sponsor Phelps Hospital Northwell Health visits to highlight their sponsorship of the culinary programs. Rain or shine. The market is a dog-free environment. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Chappaqua Farmers Market. Bringing locally-raised and produced food to the community in a weekly market, creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. Chappaqua train station. Chappaqua. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org.

Third Saturday Bird Seed Sale. The sale supports the local conservation work of the Saw Mill River Audubon. Pruyn Sanctuary, 275 Millwood Rd., Chappaqua. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Third Saturday of each month. Info (including bird seed descriptions and prices): Visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/seedsale.

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.library.org.

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

Teaching Trails: A Community Path for Environmental Education. Join guided trail experience through the woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own heat. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday and Sunday. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

“Money Man: Frank A. Vanderlip and the Birth of the Federal Reserve.” This documentary explores Vanderlip, who built the Clear View School (formerly known as the Scarborough School) for his children 100 years ago. A reception will follow at the Beechwood Ballroom, built as an addition to the Vanderlip mansion by renowned architect William Wells Bosworth. Co-sponsored by The Clear View School, The Jug Tavern of Sparta, Beechwood at Scarborough and the Briarcliff Manor-Scarborough Historical

Society. Clear View School, 480 Albany Post Rd., Briarcliff Manor. 2 p.m. \$45 per person. Info and tickets: Contact Audrey Warn at 914-941-4693 or e-mail awarn@clearviewschool.org.

“The Amazing Max.” Max Darwin combines magic and comedy, making objects appear and disappear and generally defying the laws of physics inches from theatergoer’s faces. This high-energy, interactive and all-around silly show is appropriate for audiences of all ages. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Place, White Plains. 2 p.m. Adults: \$25. 18 and under: \$20. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit wppac.com.

Faith, Food and Friends. A weekly gathering that includes prayer, song, discussion and dinner for all. Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 197 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 5 p.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.emanuelc.org.

ForPete’sSake! A Concert for Clearwater. What better way to support Clearwater, the environmental organization and the boat founded by Pete Seeger, than to attend this fundraising concert on Father’s Day Weekend, traditionally the weekend of The Great Hudson River Revival? Featuring Steve Earle, Tom Paxton, Kate Pierson of the B52s, Tom Rush, Willie Nile, Lucy Kaplansky, Peter Yarrow, Tom Chapin, Livingston Taylor, David Amram, Josh White, Jr. and The Kennedys. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 7 p.m. \$58 to \$250. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Saturday Night Jazz at Chappaqua Station: Marion Cowings Trio. With a hat tipped to New York’s musical renaissance, Chappaqua Station welcomes local and international musicians to the historic train station. Think intimate lounge setting, warm bourbon glow, farm fresh cuisine and an inclusive spirit of Westchester’s vibrant culture. Chappaqua Station, 1 Station Plaza, Chappaqua. 7 to 10 p.m. \$10 per person for table reservation. First come, first served at bar with no cover charge. Every Saturday. Tickets available through Eventbrite. Info: 914-861-8001 or visit www.chappaquastation.com.

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Sunday, June 19

Yoga for Beginners. A perfect way to refresh your body and mind. Move, stretch, breathe and renew. All bodies and minds are welcome in this class. Expect Natural, 774 Bedford Rd., Bedford Hills. 8:30 to 10 a.m. \$15 per class. Every Sunday. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-

registration: Contact Marta at 914-242-4685.

Have Fun Fitness Kids Race. Come on Father’s Day for the inaugural for the first ever Mount Pleasant kids obstacle course race. Kids receive a race day shirt and a medal at the finish line. For children 5 to 13 years old. Broadway Field, Hawthorne. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$35. Rain date: June 26. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.havefunfitness.com/kidsrace or e-mail havefunfitness@gmail.com.

Father’s Day, Creatures of Woodfrog Pond. Explore Woodfrog Pond with a naturalist educator. Indoor introduction features animals and a walk to the pond includes use of a net to catch various creatures. Requires appropriate dress. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 2 p.m. Members: \$5 per person. Non-members: \$8 per person. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Ballroom Dancing and Dinner. Dancing followed by a complete dinner. All proceeds to go to the scholarship fund at Fox Lane High School and New York Boys’ State. Third Sunday of every month. Moses Taylor American Legion Post 136, 1 Legion Way, Mount Kisco. 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. \$18 per person. Info: 914-241-0136 or contact Commander John A. Graziano at 914-248-7134.

Happy Together Tour. Take a trip back to the ‘60s with music from The Turtles featuring Flo and Eddie, Chuck Negron formerly of Three Dog Night, Gary Puckett and The Union Gap, The Cowsills, Mark Lindsay, former lead singer of Paul Revere and The Raiders and Billy J. Kramer. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 7 p.m. \$58 to \$128. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

Monday, June 20

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.

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

Zumba Class. Open to all. Drop-ins welcome; no membership needed. PFX, 101 Castleton St., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 7:30

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Multiple Injuries Can Be Helped By the Graston Technique®

Graston Technique® (GT) has been gaining traction in the physical therapy world over the past decade or so, and with good reason.

It is an instrument-assisted soft tissue mobilization technique used to break down fascial adhesions, scar tissue and trigger points to restore normal function to a target tissue. Graston Technique® allows the clinician to better assess tissue texture through the use of stainless steel instruments, rather than using one's hands.

The instruments are combed along the skin surface similar to a traditional hand massage, though GT is typically much more comfortable for the patient and the practitioner than using the hands, including during more aggressive techniques such as trigger point release. Graston Technique® can be used on any muscle in the body, but a few of the more common applications seen in the clinic are addressed below.

The technique is utilized to cause micro trauma to the target tissue via friction, which restarts healing beginning with the inflammatory process, which lasts two to three days. During that time the body brings white blood cells, nutrients and growth factors to the area.

Following the inflammatory process, the cells enter the proliferation phase which lasts two to three weeks, when fibroblasts

work to produce new collagen to begin healing in the area. After that, the cells in the area enter the maturation phase, when the collagen fibers are remodeled to their ideal type. Graston Technique® facilitates this process much more effectively than the hands, due to the sensitivity of the instruments and the beveled edge on the instrument to improve contact with the target tissue.

Graston Technique® has also been shown to break down collagen crosslinks (scar tissue and adhesions) via microscope study. Typical treatment using GT is twice a week for eight minutes per session and should not result in bruising.

There are a few common conditions that respond well to GT. Plantar fasciitis is a condition involving aggravation of the plantar fascia, a ligamentous structure on the underside of the foot that runs from the heel to the toes and provides support to the arches. The plantar fascia can become aggravated if a person has excessive ankle pronation (rolling inwards), tight calves, flat feet or unstable ankles. Any of the aforementioned conditions can place added strain on the plantar fascia, which may lead to micro tears and/or thickening of the plantar fascia, both of which cause



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pain.

Graston Technique® is a very effective treatment for plantar fasciitis when used in conjunction with stretching and strengthening. Following GT, the patient will perform stretching to the plantar fascia and Achilles tendon, as well as specific strengthening exercises for the toe flexors, calves and supporting ankle musculature.

Achilles tendonopathy is another condition that responds very well to GT when combined with traditional physical therapy plans. Achilles tendonopathy is similar to plantar fasciitis in that it is caused by micro tears to the tendon, typically from overuse, poor running technique, improper footwear or running on inclined surfaces.

Achilles tendonopathy typically causes pain in the lower portion of the Achilles tendon, though it can also affect calf muscles (gastrocnemius and soleus) if the symptoms remain untreated. Graston Technique® is utilized on the Achilles tendon from all angles, including the underside.

Additional focus is placed on the medial and lateral gastrocnemius heads, both of which can develop trigger points, causing the muscles to function at suboptimal levels. Following GT, the patient will perform

stretching for the gastrocnemius and soleus muscles, as well as eccentric strengthening to focus on realigning collagen fibers within the Achilles tendon.

Medial epicondylitis (golfer's elbow) and lateral epicondylitis (tennis elbow) are other injuries that respond well to GT. Both of these conditions are typically caused from overuse and overstretching the muscles of the forearm. Pain is experienced during lifting, twisting and gripping activities. Typically the patient will develop tightness through the forearm muscles and will have numerous trigger points through the affected muscles.

Graston Technique® is used for trigger point release, as well as general stroking techniques to help with muscle fiber alignment and to increase blood flow to target musculature. The patient will follow GT with stretching of target muscles and eccentric strengthening of the same muscle group.

These are just a few of the more common applications of GT seen in the physical therapy clinic, though it can be used on many conditions with a soft tissue component.

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p.m. \$10 a class. Every Monday (except May 30). Info: Contact Amy Olin at olin.amyj@gmail.com.

Michael Amante. Known as "the people's tenor," Amante is celebrated by audiences and critics around the world. His repertoire includes Broadway, jazz, rock, gospel and American standards as well as the soaring notes of high opera. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. \$84 per person (plus tax). Show only: \$50 per person (plus tax). Info and tickets: 914-592-2222 or visit www.broadwaytheatre.com.

"Sense the Wind." Screening of a documentary about a journey led by four blind sailors – Nancy, Inky, Philip and Matt – as they train and compete at the Blind Nationals and press toward Japan's Blind Sailing World Championships. They compete despite risk, to a crossing boom, collisions or falling overboard. On the water, teamwork and intuition take over. Disabilities are no longer the focus. Between seasons, life takes a turn when one gains more than a trophy and must learn to live and sail with a new sensibility. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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Mount Kisco Housing Authority Meeting. Open to the public. Community Building, 200 Carpenter Ave., Mount Kisco. 7 p.m. Free. Meets the third Monday of each month.

Chappaqua Library Board of Trustees Meeting. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave, Chappaqua. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779.

Tuesday, June 21

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

Senior Steps. Health screenings for seniors. This month there will be a cognitive screening. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center, 755 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Appointments required. Info and appointments: 914-366-3937.

Wednesday, June 22

Support Group for Alzheimer's Caregivers. Temple Shaaray Tefila and

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

Caramoor Outdoor Concert Series at Katonah Museum of Art: Cole Quest and The City Pickers. Quest, grandson of folk icon Woody Guthrie, and his band of eclectic pickers bring a special brand of high-spirited talent, knee slapping energy and a high lonesome sound to the stage that'll leave you wanting more. Includes complementary beer. Katonah Museum of Art's Marilyn M. Simpson Sculpture Garden, 134 Jay St., Katonah. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Concert at 6 p.m. Katonah Museum of Art members: \$15. Non-members: \$20. Guests may bring their own blanket and picnic. Info: 914-232-9555 or visit www.katonahmuseum.org.

Art Series: Bodagones and Genre

Paintings. Who has done it best? From Archibald Motley to Cezanne, Monet to Vermeer, numerous artists have created genre images of kitchens, pubs, peasants and parties. Who will be among your favorites after tonight's class? Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Thursday, June 23

"It Happened One Night." Rebellious socialite Ellie Andrews (Claudette Colbert) marries King Westley (Jameson Thomas), but her wealthy father immediately has the marriage annulled. Tired of living life under her father's strict control, Ellie runs away by diving off the family yacht in Miami and hits the road for New York. On the bus she meets street-smart reporter Peter Warne (Clark Gable). They end up traveling together, as Warne hopes to get a great story on the tabloid target gone rogue and Ellie needs help navigating her way north to her husband. Followed by a reception featuring wines courtesy of Castello Banfi, Montalcino Tuscany. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$15. Non-members: \$20. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

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The Consequences of Technology in Society and the Wine Industry



By Nick Antonaccio

It's becoming palpable. Not a day goes by that I don't witness the marvels of evolving technologies and their influence on business, productivity and society. Nary a day goes by that

I wonder about the future influence of technologies.

But until recently, I hadn't taken a step back from the ever-changing landscape of technology's impact on our personal lives. Too consumed in engaging the technological impact as it revolutionizes manufacturing industries, service industries and my personal productivity, I lost sight of the evolving, some might say devolving, role of humans in the future fabric of industries and society.

We've all come to realize that technology, in its many forms, has come to dominate our lives in numerous ways. Hard technology, such as sophisticated robots on production lines, is replacing human labor. Soft technology manages the operating systems of factories, replacing engineers. Complex business and scientific applications, controlled by self-contained programs, are accelerating the imbedded presence and influence of software, reducing, even eliminating, the need for human intervention.

And, lest I lose focus of the subject matter of this column, I've watched as technology has slowly become imbedded in the production of wine, notwithstanding considerable pushback from a hard core of traditional winemakers.

I read with considerable interest a recent article in The New York Times by Eduardo Porter. Titled "Contemplating the end of the human workhorse," Porter reflected on the role of the workhorse

'dominating our lives in numerous ways.'

prior to the Industrial Revolution and the invention of the combustion engine. For centuries, workhorses were the mainstay and the backbone of the United States economy, from transporting mail across long distances, to carrying travelers to their destinations, to performing many farming chores. The invention of locomotives, autos and farming machines brought about an unintended consequence: the demise of the role of the workhorse.

Porter posited that to a certain extent, the invention of the computer chip may create a similar dilemma for human labor. Robots, artificial intelligence, software programs and smartphone applications have eliminated the jobs of many middle age workers.

The new jobs created every day from advanced technology capabilities are not able to be filled by these workers; there is a misalignment of skills. Workers have dropped out of the workforce (and the reported unemployment statistics) due to the pervasive usurpation of human jobs by technology. Ironically, thousands of newly created technology

jobs are unfilled due to a lack of trained professionals.

Pardon my rant. Allow me to refocus to the specific impact of technology on the production of wine.

Of all the costs of managing a winery, beyond capital costs, labor dominates. For centuries, workers have plied their skills in the vineyards and the winery. Slowly at first, but recently accelerating, technology has been creeping into wineries.

Here are several examples:

--Science is developing new grapevine clones utilizing DNA advances and sophisticated modeling programs. These grapevines are more drought tolerant, disease resistant, and better suited to specific soils and microclimates. The consequence? Fewer field workers needed to manage the crops.

--Mechanical equipment is increasingly sophisticated, able to plant, prune and harvest grapevines more efficiently than the army of field workers previously required. The consequence? Displaced field workers.

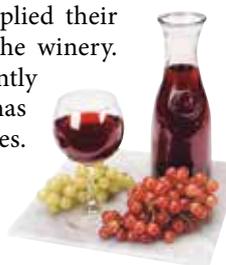
--Drone technology enables winemakers to survey the progress of grapevines during the growing season, providing vital statistics to ensure

optimal crops. The consequence? Old-line oenologists have been replaced by computer reports, which must be interpreted by a smaller group of new-breed oenologists.

--New diagnostic tools analyze the growing environment of vineyards in real time, enabling cost savings in soil conditioners, fertilizers and water -- all meant to increase yields and wine quality. The consequence? Higher quality wines, at the cost of displaced workers and field oenologists.

Where is technology leading us? Several economists have forecast that a significant number of today's jobs will be replaced by technology during the lifetime of the Millennials. The consequence? Let's not wait to find out. Rather, let's find ways to optimize technology but stay ahead of the seeming inevitability of technological dominance.

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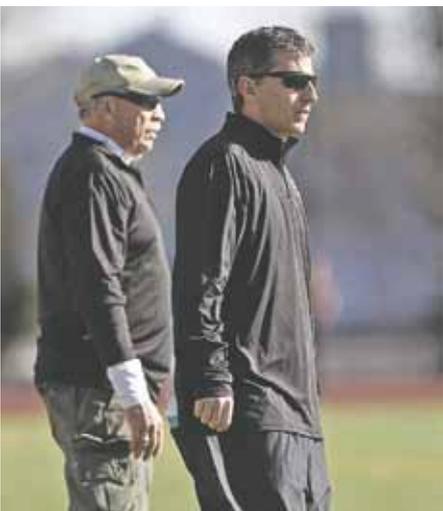
Mike Hammond controls the ball in the Panthers' home win over Arlington.



Goalie Jack Fitzgerald was summoned from the JV team late in the season and responded with numerous big saves to help the Panthers repeat as Class C sectional champions.



Brian Reda celebrates after scoring an early goal in the Panthers' road game vs. Briarcliff.



Panthers head coach Chris Kear, flanked by assistant Bob Kear, watches his team compete during a home game midway through the season.



Tanner Bates controls the ball during the second half of the Panthers' road game vs. the John Jay Indians.



Senior All-American Jack Drillock scored the game-winning goal in overtime as the Panthers won the sectional title again.



Jack Howe protects the ball as he moves up the field against the Putnam Valley Tigers.



Jack Drillock (left) and Mike Hammond pose with the championship plaque after the Panthers defeated Bronxville in overtime to win the sectional title once again.



Declan McDermott tries to get to the cage in the midseason game at John Jay.



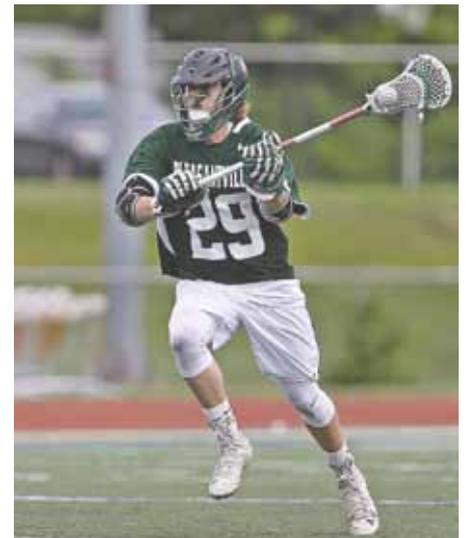
Nolan McAndrew fires a shot at the cage in the Panthers' 21-7 rout of Section 9's Rondout Valley in the state playoffs.



Lucas Cohen dodges his way to the cage in the Panthers' easy win over Section 2's Greenwich in the state's regional playoffs.



Ryan Drillock heads for the cage in Pleasantville's overtime win over Bronxville during the regular season.



James Daniele get set to unleash a shot in the state playoff win over Rondout Valley at Dietz Stadium.



The Pleasantville lacrosse team celebrates at White Plains High School shortly after capturing the Section 1, Class C championship for the second straight year.

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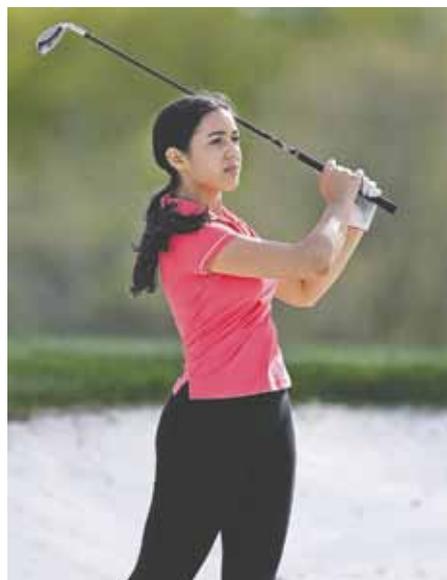
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The Bears' Lexi Grasso works her way to the cage in a home win over Irvington.



Jordana Cohen gets set to fire a shot on goal in the Bears' victory over Westlake.



The Bears' Aleena Husain watches the flight of her approach shot during a match at the Anglebrook Golf Club.



Bears ace Cameron Johnson delivers a pitch in the Section 1, Class B championship game.



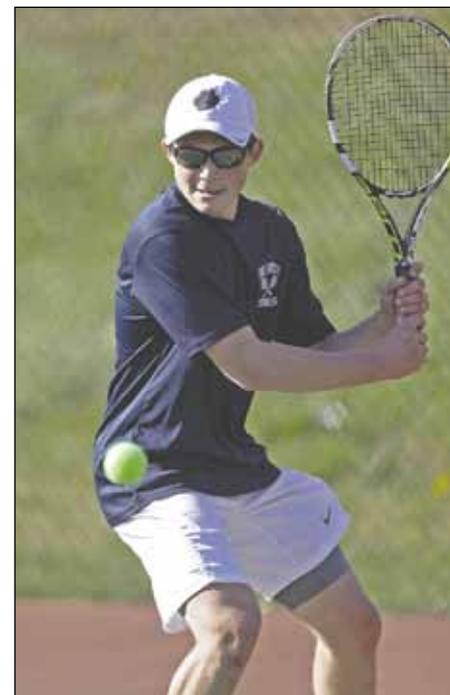
Weston Cooper concentrates as he hits a forehand return in a singles match early in the season.



All-Section shortstop Rachel Julie fires to first for an out in the road win vs. Pleasantville.



Keaton McCann tries to get to the cage in the Bears' win over North Rockland early in the season.



Briarcliff's Aaron Duke lines up a backhand return in a second-singles match on the Bears' home court.



Second baseman Miles Henshaw tracks a pop fly in a game at Valhalla.



The Bears' Caroline Pennacchio competes in the 1500 at the state qualifying meet in White Plains.



Ryan Gallagher runs in the 1600 during a home track meet early in the season.



Jackie Contento races around the bases for a home run in a game at Westlake.



Cameron Fash prepares to unleash a shot in Briarcliff's overtime win against Pleasantville.

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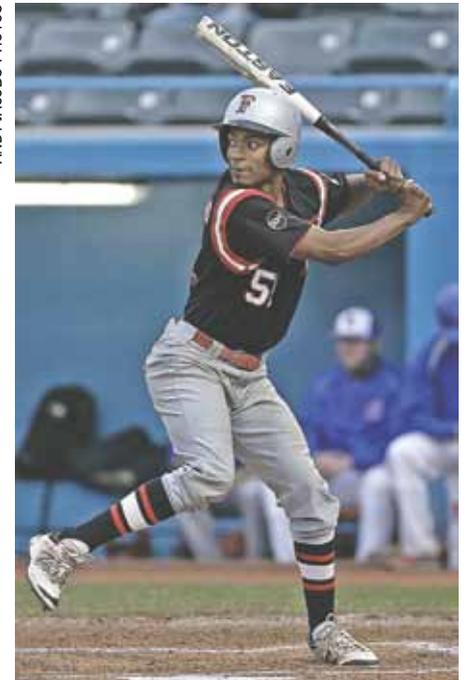
Jay Milch watches his tee shot on the par-3 fifth hole at Bedford Golf and Tennis Club.



Tennis standout Sam Turchetta reaches for a forehand return en route to winning the conference title last month at John Jay HS.



Aaron Winkler throws a pitch in the Foxes' playoff game at Roy C. Ketcham.



Leadoff hitter Julian Francisco awaits a pitch in Fox Lane's victory vs. the Carmel Rams.



Thomas Tenney dodges his way to the cage in a home win over the Arlington Admirals.



Senior standout Vicky Martinez is on her way to victory in Division 1's 3000-meter race at the state qualifying meet.



Senior catcher Kate Muller swings the bat and watches the ball head down the right-field line.



The Foxes' Lexi Bazos does some high stepping as she pitches in a late-season home game.



Lindsay West gets ready to fire a shot on a free position during a Fox home game late in the season.



Daniel Watson turns the corner in the 200 during a dual meet at Greeley High School.



Bridget Connors sets her sights on the cage during the Foxes' sectional final vs. top-seeded North Rockland.



The Foxes' Cullen Morgan gets into position for a shot during a midseason home game.



The Foxes' Chris Stern runs to third base in a victory over Carmel at Dutchess Stadium.

Class of 2016 Athletic Awards & Scholarships

The Senior Athletes of Fox Lane High School's Class of 2016 were honored on June 7th at Fox Lane's Annual Senior Athlete Sports Award Dinner, held at the Holiday Inn in Mount Kisco. Beth Staropoli, Athletic Director, hosted the evening, in which nearly 300 people attended. In addition to those special awards listed below, the Fox Lane Varsity Coaches presented each Senior Athlete with an award acknowledging their participation in Varsity sports. Ms. Staropoli was also acknowledged for her retirement from Bedford Central Schools after more than 34 years of service, and congratulated for her new position as Board of Education member beginning July 1, 2016.

The special commendations were presented to the following Senior Athletes:

UNsung HERO

Rebecca Moccia
Zoey Gringlas
Cathryn Reilly
Julia McEleney
Jamal Jackson-Blake
Katie Alexander
Will Cohen
Will Purcell
Barry Carmody
Brian Mullen

SCHOOL SPIRIT

Caroline Rossi
Hannah Hoffman
Seonah Kim
Hannah Mele
Alison Moky
Stephanie Browne
Sabrina LeDone
Sorvina Carr

SPORTSMANSHIP

Alicia Bracco
Eric Greenstein
Kaila Haindl
Alexia Hall
Austin Morretta
Julian Francisco
Emily Tomlinson



Vicky Martinez
Female Athlete Of The Year

Colin Smith
Emmett Robin

COURAGE & HARD WORK

Valentina Florez
Kayla Luparello
Jordan LaRaus
Sean Sacks
William Bae
Seneca Warren
Matt Redhead
Alexis Bazos
Emily O'Mahoney

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Benjamin Coleman
Lindsay West
Matt Redhead
Jordan LaRaus
Abbie Ives
Nick Lancia
Cullen Morgan
Dillon Medd
Christina Crowell
Nick Weisman
James Luciano



Sean New
Male Athlete Of The Year

THREE SPORT SENIOR ATHLETES

William Bae
Benjamin Coleman
Elena DiChiara
Kaila Haindl
Thomas Ingersoll
Sean Sacks
Seonah Kim
Carmelo Serratore
Vicky Martinez
Julia McEleney
Alison Moky
Austin Morretta
Kate Muller
Andrea Reino
Claudia Reino
Emmett Robin

JOHN McLAUGHLIN JR. (Coach 'Mac') MEMORIAL ATHLETIC AWARD

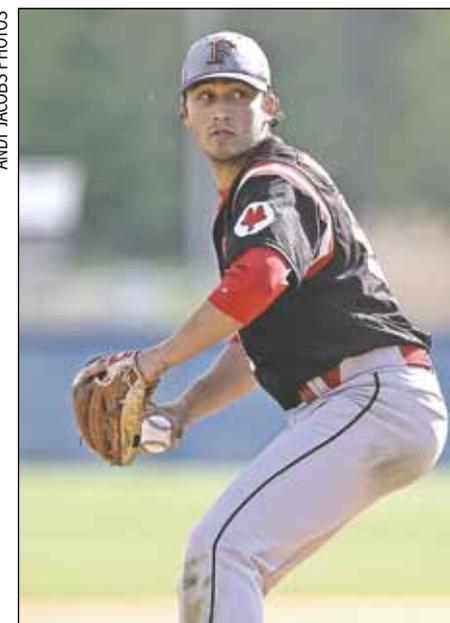
Abbie Ives

SCHOLAR ATHLETE - MALE

Sajay Srivastava

SCHOLAR ATHLETE - FEMALE

Anna-Sophia Boguraev



Aaron Winkler
Male Athlete Of The Year

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR - MALE

Sean New
Aaron Winkler

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR - FEMALE

Vicky Martinez

The Senior Athletes listed below were awarded scholarships as indicated:

ELAINE BIZA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Harrison Voss

THOMAS V. CAIONE ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

Matt Redhead

FOX LANE SPORTS BOOSTERS CLUB ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

Aaron Winkler
Kayla Luparello

E. RICHARD 'DAPPER' McDONALD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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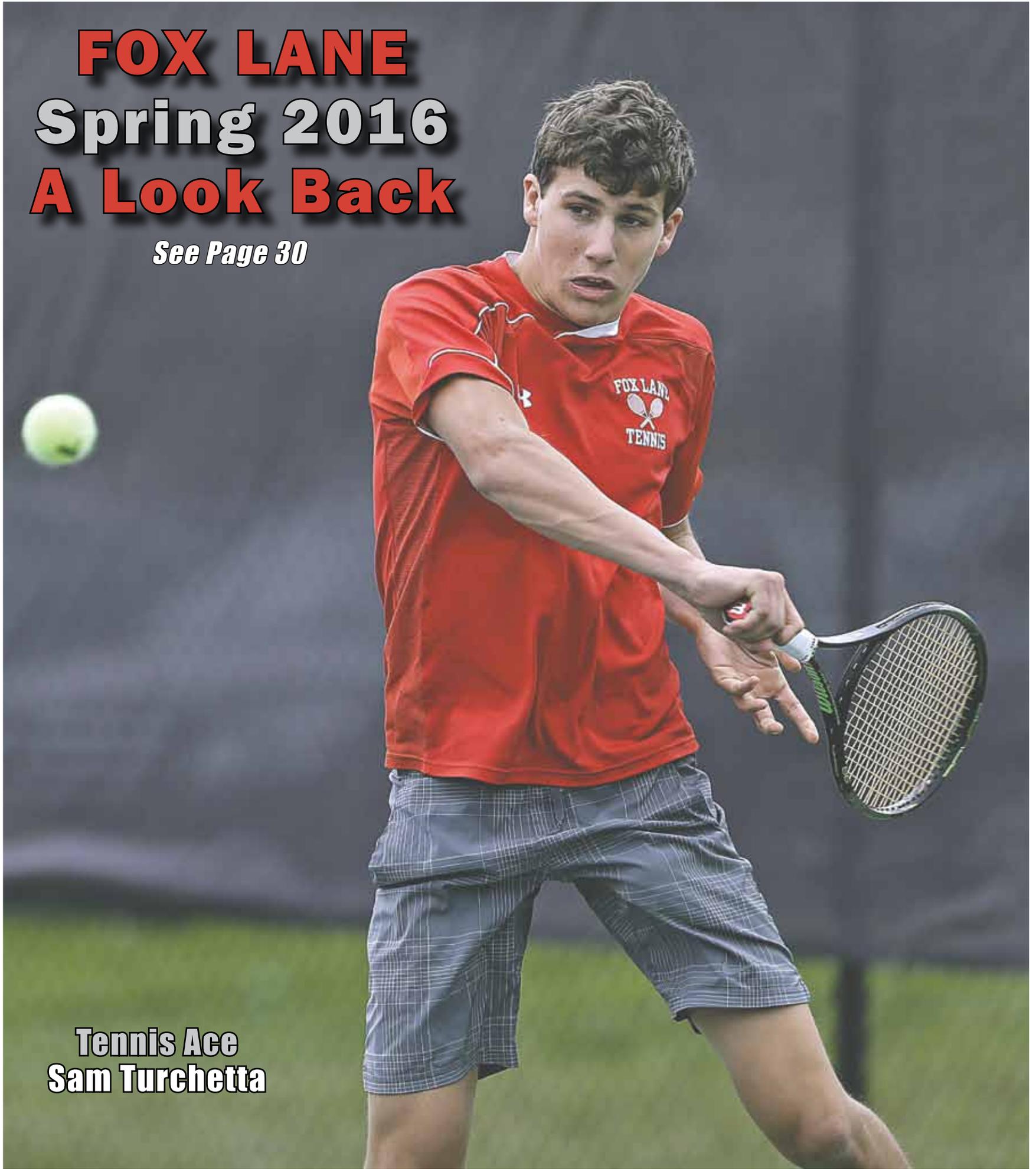
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