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Latimer Ousts Astorino in Westchester County Executive Race

By Erin Maher and Anna Young

The wave of Democratic dominance in races across the political landscape last week overtook Westchester County as state Sen. George Latimer handily defeated two-term Republican County Executive Rob Astorino.

Latimer led his party's onslaught with a resounding 14-point win (121,467-93,108).

"I think there was certainly a climate in Westchester and the county that saw the way that Washington has done it's business, and wants a different way of governing," said Latimer, who acknowledged that he was astonished at the margin of victory. "You saw that happen in this race, happen in county legislative races, city council and town council races, and apparently elsewhere in the country."

Latimer, 63, a Rye resident, leveraged what some of his supporters called the "Trump Effect," parlaying anti-Trump

sentiment into votes.

"So, I think what the voters are doing is making a correction after last year's election gave us a much more radical government than the average Westchester person wants," he said. "I think they expect us to be true, to work together, to solve problems and to do that in an open way, and that's what I interpret happened."

In his 30-year political career, Latimer has yet to lose an election, winning all 18 races he has entered. He first won elective office in 1987, winning the first of two terms on the Rye City Council. Since then, Latimer served 13 years on the Board of Legislators, including four years as chairman. In 2004, he was elected to the state Assembly and has spent the past five years as a state senator.

As Latimer maintained a strong lead throughout the night, Astorino's gathering at the Crowne Plaza in White Plains turned grim as roughly 100



ERIN MAHER PHOTO

George Latimer addresses his supporters last Tuesday night on his way to defeating Rob Astorino in the race for Westchester County executive.

supporters began to accept the fact that a third-term for the Republican wasn't going to materialize.

Shortly before midnight, Astorino, surrounded by his family, delivered his
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Picinich Stuns Cindrigh to Win Mount Kisco Mayoral Race

By Neal Rentz

In what may have been the most surprising election result last week, seven-term Mount Kisco Mayor Michael Cindrigh was defeated by first-time candidate Gina Picinich.

Picinich, running on the independent 4MK line, won 1,344-1,245, according to Board of Elections totals, despite Cindrigh appearing on five ballot lines. Her running mate, restaurateur Isi Albanese, also claimed a seat on the Board of Trustees, joining incumbent Democrat Peter Grunthal. Democratic Trustee Anthony Markus finished third.

Grunthal led the way with 1,325 votes, followed by Albanese's 1,309. Markus collected 1,208 votes.

Picinich, who took a leave of absence
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NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Mount Kisco Mayor-elect Gina Picinich and running mate Isi Albanese embraced following their victory last Tuesday night. Picinich defeated 14-year incumbent Mayor Michael Cindrigh.

P'ville Residents, Officials Brainstorm on Memorial Plaza Redesign

By Anna Young

Pleasantville officials reached out to the public last week for ideas to redesign the civic space in a portion of the village's downtown and to improve the landscaping.

The Nov. 6 workshop at Village Hall focused on potential improvements to the west end of Memorial Plaza. Mayor Peter Scherer said pedestrian walkways can be enhanced, and if the turn lane from Memorial Plaza onto Manville Road for vehicles is eliminated, a sidewalk and a more attractive communal area could be created.

With the village having obtained a \$1.5 million state grant, Scherer said officials can explore an upgrade to the streetscape along Memorial Plaza and Manville Road.

Project planner Phil Myrick and



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Groups of residents attended a workshop last week to discuss how to improve Memorial Plaza in downtown Pleasantville to make it a more attractive destination.

landscape architect Jamie Maslyn Larson led the workshop discussion on the future of the roughly 12,000-square-foot space.

Although Memorial Plaza is a vehicle dominated area, Larson said the village
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concession speech, thanking supporters for their confidence in him over the last eight years and wishing Latimer luck.

"The ballots have been cast and counted and it looks like we've come up short, and that's okay. We are blessed to live in a democracy and we respect the will of the voters," Astorino said. "I spoke with County Executive-elect Latimer and congratulated him on his victory and he was very gracious."

Thought to be a contender once again for next year's Republican nomination for governor, Astorino's spokesman issued a statement late last week stating that he would return to the private sector. Astorino was defeated by Gov. Andrew Cuomo in 2014.

Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers), who served when Latimer was the board's first Democratic chairman, said his wealth of experience will help him to effectively transition to an executive's role for the

first time.

"I recall only good things," Kaplowitz said of serving with Latimer. "He was a conciliator, he tried to build consensus. He listened to everybody. He was a real mentor to me when I first got into the business."

Latimer said despite a 12-5 Democratic majority on the Board of Legislators, he plans to include everyone in shaping policy.

"I intend to reach out across the aisle and have a working relationship," he said. "I have respect for the individuals, I've worked with them before in other areas. I don't see this as where we have Democratic power and we can do what we want. I think it still needs to be a collegial atmosphere."

The election concludes a volatile campaign, where each side attacked the other. Latimer had been condemned for owing more than \$46,000 in unpaid taxes on a property inherited by his wife. Then it was uncovered he had more than \$1,400 in unpaid parking tickets and was still driving the vehicle despite having its registration suspended.

Meanwhile, Astorino had been slammed for his efforts to privatize the Westchester County Airport. An originally proposed 40-year lease, according to Latimer, was to plug a hole in the 2017 budget caused by failing to

raise taxes for seven years, he said.

He was also accused by Latimer of practicing pay-to-play politics and for possibly accepting bribes, based on testimony of a witness at a federal corruption trial in New York City.

Despite the bitter campaign, Astorino said he is looking forward to resuming his friendship with Latimer and working together to ensure a smooth transition.

"It has been my honor to serve as county executive," Astorino said. "I can't think of a better honor and I will be continued to be and have the honor of being your friend and your neighbor. So thank you for all that you have done; now let's give our support to Sen. Latimer who will be our next county executive."

Latimer noted that Astorino was equally courteous in their conversation last Tuesday night.

"(He) was very gracious, he offered his best wishes, we both agreed we were tired of campaigning, and he looks forward to working with me in the transition as I do with him," Latimer said.

He said that starting this week he expected to begin naming members of his team as he transitions from the campaign to preparing to govern.

Martin Wilbur contributed to this article.

Informational Meeting Set for Friday on 2018 County Budget

Westchester County Budget Director Larry Soule will present the proposed 2018 county budget at an informational meeting, held this Friday, Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. at the Scarsdale Library at 54 Olmstead Rd. in Scarsdale. The event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Westchester and the public is welcomed to attend.

Soule will describe how the county's fiscal decisions impact our infrastructure, public safety, the Board of Elections, social services, fixing pot holes, parks and recreation, Rye Playland, Westchester County Airport and taxes.

After discussion, public hearings,

subtractions and additions, county legislators must return it to the county executive for his signature so it will be in place by Dec. 31.

After the presentation and a question-and-answer period, the public meeting will be adjourned and members of the League of Women Voters will reconvene to consider its position and commentary on the proposed budget.

For additional information, contact Betsy Shaw Weiner at 914-271-2465 or at treetops38@aol.com or the League office at 914-949-0507 or lwvwestchester@optonline.net.



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Colon cancer begins in polyps inside the colon, and it can take five to eight years to develop. If pre-cancerous polyps are found, the doctor can remove them during the procedure. Should a colonoscopy detect cancer that can't be treated during the procedure, surgery is the next step.

Q: If I need surgery what are my options?

A: There are a few options: traditional open surgery, laparoscopic and robot-assisted. Find out if your doctor is – or can refer you to a surgeon who is – board certified and trained in colorectal robot-assisted surgery. You'll get the best information and best range of options from a surgeon who has experience with open incision, laparoscopic, and robotic techniques. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each as they pertain

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Q: In addition to a colonoscopy, is there anything else I can do to reduce my risk for colon cancer?

A: There are lifestyle choices you can make: Eating a high-fiber diet, maintaining your weight and staying active will significantly reduce your risk, according to the research. If you have a parent, sibling or child who developed colorectal or a related cancer such as endometrial, stomach, pancreas, ovary, kidney or brain before they turned 50, you may want to talk to your doctor about getting genetic counseling.

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Picinich Stuns Cindrigh to Win Mount Kisco Mayoral Race

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from her role as co-executive director of the Mount Kisco Chamber of Commerce during the campaign, is a registered Democrat. Albanese is a registered Republican.

"We had wonderful, wonderful people that we got to work with. We had an incredible team of people from across this community," Picinich said. "Before we even decided to run we sat down with people and said 'Do you want to do this?' So this was really about bringing a community of people together to make a positive difference."

Picinich said she and Albanese listened to residents and incorporated some of their ideas into their campaign.

"We're here to serve them and represent them and that's what resonated," Picinich said.

She and Albanese held 14 events in which they listened to and spoke with residents.

"That's what made the difference," Picinich said.

Cindrigh, who was endorsed by the Democratic and Republican parties, left the nearly empty Little Drunken Chef restaurant with Markus at about 11 p.m. last Tuesday to concede to the victors, who were gathered at Albanese's Exit 4 Food Hall. He said he wasn't shocked by the results.

"I've been here before. I lost before. I lost two elections. It's something that happens and I can deal with it," he said. "We work hard. We do what we do and the public has spoken and I'm accepting of that fact that they want change."

Another factor may have been that residents are upset that their property values have stagnated while values have risen elsewhere, Cindrigh said. Although some houses in the village have increased in value, higher valued homes have not

kept pace.

One of Picinich's first priorities as mayor will be to encourage commercial development to help revitalize downtown. The goal is assuring that "everyone in Mount Kisco can thrive," she said.

"We have to make sure that we're appealing to everyone in every demographic. And we have to let folks know Mount Kisco has it all," she said.

Picinich said she would have no difficulty working with the remainder of the board.

"It will be an honor to serve with all of them," she said.

Albanese said he and Picinich created 4MK because they believe "local politics is about people. It's about pride and that's what we have."

"I think people saw the passion. We connected with the people here in Mount Kisco," said Albanese, who immigrated with his parents as a child from Italy to the village in 1968.

Albanese said he would seek to create a new Mount Kisco where the next generation will want to live. Mount Kisco needs to be marketed as a more vibrant community and involving residents is required, he said.

During Cindrigh's 14-year run as mayor, Albanese said he did "a great job, but it was time to try new ideas." He said he admires Grunthal and sitting Democratic trustees Jean Farber and Karen Schleimer. He and Picinich would ask them for their goals.

"We're going to make a plan in order to go forward in Mount Kisco," Albanese said.

Reacting to his and Cindrigh's defeat, Markus acknowledged that it's important for there to be a change. He thanked the village's Democratic Committee Chairman William Serratore and the residents who supported the campaign and said he was grateful to have served for the past 14 years.

"We now turn the page to the next chapter and stand behind our Mayor-elect, Gina Picinich, and Trustee-elect Isi Albanese together with my good friend and fellow Trustee Peter Grunthal with all of our support," Markus said. "As a proud resident of Mount Kisco, I will continue to assist them and their fellow board members, trustees Jean Farber and Karen Schleimer, in their hard work to make our village the best it can be for many years to come."

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Greenstein Re-elected in New Castle, But Dems Gain Control of Board

By Martin Wilbur

New Castle Supervisor Robert Greenstein won re-election to a third term last week, but the Democrats will take control of the Town Board as council challenger Ivy Pool was the leading vote-getter in a tight four-way battle.

Greenstein defeated Democratic challenger Kristen Browde 2,919-2,547, according to the Board of Elections' results.

In the race for two council seats, Pool received 2,814 votes followed by incumbent Lisa Katz, a registered Democrat running as a Republican, with 2,743. That left the other incumbent, Adam Brodsky, Greenstein and Katz's running mate, on the outside looking in with 2,711 votes followed by challenger Gail Markets at 2,616.

As the results came in, the mood in both camps was mixed. Despite his victory, Greenstein, also a registered Democrat, was subdued knowing his Republican-endorsed ticket will lose its slim 3-2 advantage on the board.

Greenstein said despite Democrats having momentum in most races this year, he, Katz and Brodsky were able to hold their own.

"There's no question that being on the Republican ticket in a post-Trump world, and especially in this town, is a little bit of an uphill battle," Greenstein said. "We had our record to run on but we still were up



Left to right, Democratic challenger Ivy Pool, New Castle Supervisor Robert Greenstein and Councilwoman Lisa Katz were the winners in last week's election.

against being out-registered, a big anti-Republican sentiment and being outspent two-to-one."

Browde was looking to become the first transgender candidate from a major party to win elective office in New York State. Browde called Greenstein shortly after 10 p.m. to concede, but didn't have any answers as to why in a year dominated by Democrats in races locally and in other states she wasn't victorious.

She said it was an otherwise outstanding night for transgender candidates around the country, with four others

An undetermined number of absentee ballots will be counted before the results are made official, but it would take an unlikely upheaval to tilt the anticipated new balance on the board.

Pool said she was honored to be elected by the voters and pledged to work well with the other board members to do what's

best for the town and its residents. Pool will be joining fellow Democrats Hala Makowska and Jeremy Saland.

"It feels really great," Pool said. "We worked really hard as a team. Of course, we wanted all of us to get elected, but I'm deeply, deeply grateful that those in this town supported me and I'm looking forward to being part of the Town Board."

On Thursday, Greenstein said despite the shift in balance on the board, he is confident that his colleagues will serve apolitically now that the campaign is over even when disagreements will arise on issues. He also said that Pool will be an asset to the board.

"I expect all five board members to serve in the best interests of the town, and I think that Ivy does bring certain things to the table, certainly with emergency preparedness," Greenstein said. "It's something she campaigned on and sidewalks on (Route) 117. We'd all love sidewalks on 117."

Greenstein said that on a number of key issues, such as approval of the

Comprehensive Plan, the entire board compromised to make sure there was unanimous support.

While Saland agreed that there was compromise regarding the Comprehensive Plan, there were also times that Greenstein failed to gather consensus because he knew he had the votes. He said that was evident when he and Makowska unsuccessfully appealed to their colleagues to wait a week or two to let the public weigh in last spring on deleting items from the downtown Chappaqua streetscape to reduce costs.

"I think Rob will have to build more bridges for consensus," Saland said.

Democratic Committee Chairman Jerry Curran acknowledged it was a bittersweet night, but was happy that the board will now have three strong Democrats.

"I think in New Castle you have free thinkers," Curran said of the results. "They very much want to be affiliated with party. Party is important to them but I think in their own backyard they look at who best serves their needs and I think you're seeing this as a result, based on the results, that the slate doesn't matter and I think it's just how well you communicate to the electorate."

It was the second consecutive election where New Castle voters split their preferences. In 2015, Greenstein won his second term as supervisor, also on the Republican line, while Makowska and Saland were victorious as Democrats.

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Mt. Kisco Voters Approve Firehouse Renovations By Wide Margin

By Neal Rentz

The races for mayor and two trustee seats were not the only votes of importance on last week's Election Day ballot in Mount Kisco.

By well over a 2-to-1 margin, village residents approved a \$10.25 million referendum to allow for infrastructure improvements and additions to the three firehouses used by the village fire department's three companies.

The referendum was approved 1,682-679, according to Westchester County Board of Elections results.

"The firemen deserve to have the houses renovated and expanded," Mayor Michael Cindrich said.

After paying down some of the village debt over the past few years it was time to propose the referendum, Cindrich said.

"You can borrow the money and not impact the taxpayers as much as we would have if we did it five years ago," he said.

Village Manager Edward Brancati said taxes on the average assessed home will rise by a maximum of \$34 per year to pay for the borrowing for the firehouse projects. P

Renovations and expansion could begin

next spring after site plans, construction specifications and drawings are completed, Cindrich said. The fire chiefs and commissions must also draw up a plan to do the work and ensure there is no disruption of service, he said.

Work will be done at the Mutual Engine & Hose firehouse on East Main Street, the Green Street facility that houses the Union Hook & Ladder Company and Mount Kisco Fire Rescue Police, and the Independent Fire Company firehouse on Lexington Avenue. There has been no significant work done on the buildings in more than 30 years.

Work will include enhancing energy efficiency and bringing the facilities up to code. Other projects include roof and window replacements; equipment upgrades; improvements to make the firehouses ADA compliant; updating antiquated electrical systems; installation of LED lighting; and replacing nonfunctioning cameras and generators.

There will also be a small addition to each firehouse that will provide extra room for each company and its equipment.

P'ville Residents, Officials Brainstorm on Memorial Plaza Redesign

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has an opportunity to create a high quality, safe and accessible public space. Adding benches, shrubbery, trees and tables would create a destination that is comfortable and natural. Larson said she's optimistic that the space can be made more attractive.

"It's a smallish public space but what we're trying to do is make it so flexible and useable that it really feels bigger than what it is," Larson said. "It's not like we're going to have football games here, so there's a lot you can fit into a smallish site."

Myrick, a Pleasantville resident, instructed the roughly 30 residents who attended the forum to think of ways to make Memorial Plaza a more meaningful and fun area for the community. Each

group of residents was asked to focus on everyday uses, central features, attractions and amenities.

As residents mulled possibilities, many agreed the area wouldn't be big enough to introduce substantial changes. Suggestions were made to eliminate some parking to expand the area.

"Our goal is not to lose parking spaces but rethink the circulation of Memorial Plaza," Scherer said.

Relocating the monuments to another part of Memorial Plaza and creating a buffer to separate the space from the traffic along Manville Road was recommended. Others stated that a buffer, whether it's a wooden wall or trees, would reduce noise and make the area safer for children.

Stuart Vance, vice chairman of Foodchester, Inc., the nonprofit operator of the Pleasantville Farmers Market, said while he would like to see green space with seating, landscaping and overhead lights, the traffic along Manville Road will prevent the area from being an intimate space.

"It (a buffer) would be really important because it's very, very loud there and it's ruined by the noise," Vance said.

Resident Kathy Fox added that the farmers market, which is held on Saturdays from spring through November, needs to be considered when making decisions about how the space will be used.

Residents also suggested implementing Wi-Fi for those who want to work outside, creating a stage for bands, a small theater

production or an art show and setting up a temporary screen for outdoor movies. Others suggested creating an activity space with a bocce court and a giant chessboard and to accommodate food trucks to attract more people.

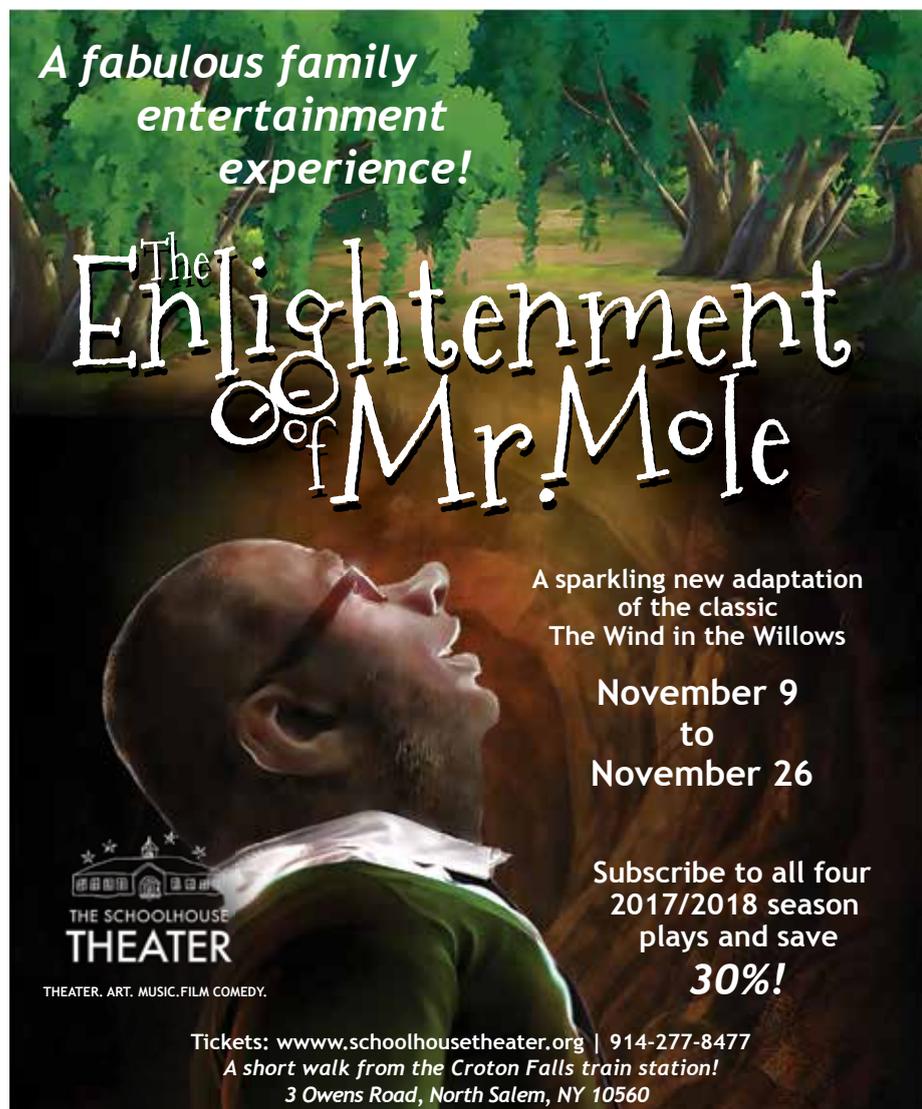
Resident Emily Persons, who is also a Pleasantville Board of Education trustee, said comfortable seating would bring more residents to the area.

"There's no place to sit right now," Persons said. "There's one bench in the hot sun and it's very unpleasant."

The next planning workshop about potential changes to Memorial Plaza will be on Thursday, Dec. 7 at the Clinton Street Senior Center at 7 p.m.

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First Candidate for Latimer's Senate Seat Steps Up to Announce Run

By Martin Wilbur

It didn't take long for the first candidate to emerge for County Executive-elect George Latimer's soon-to-be-vacated state Senate seat.

Kat Brezler, a White Plains resident and a second-grade teacher in the Bronx, announced last Thursday that she would seek the Democratic nomination for a special election in the 37th Senate District, which Latimer has held for the past five years. The district stretches from a portion of Yonkers, through White Plains and North Castle and north to Bedford and includes the Sound Shore communities.

Active on a variety of issues in Westchester and on state and national issues, Brezler cited the need for a renewed commitment to public education, dangers to the environment, her support for the New York Healthcare Act, which would bring universal health care to the state, and campaign finance reform as key issues.

She has worked on the opt-out movement, has opposed fracking and supported unions in Yonkers to get better contracts.

"Pretty much anything labor, environment or education-related I've always been able to advocate on the side of working class people," Brezler said.

Brezler, 35, who would be making her first run for public office, has collaborated with the Alliance for Quality Education and



Kat Brezler, pictured with New Rochelle Councilman Jared Rice, announced last Thursday that she will vie for George Latimer's state Senate seat that he will be vacating at the end of the year.

Citizen Action of New York to equitably fund public schools. Most recently, she was part of the nationwide the opt-out movement effort regarding standardized school testing.

"From my anti-fracking and environmental issues activism to fighting for sound education policies both in the classroom and out, I am proud of the work I have been able to accomplish, but I know that to bring further results, it must be done from Albany," Brezler said. "In the Senate,

I can fight for the rights of New York's children to have equal access to education, universal healthcare and campaign finance reform."

She has also been a fierce environmentalist and is a strong supporter of efforts to change campaign finance rules to limit the influence of big-money lobbyists.

Brezler said shortly after July 4, she opened a campaign account because she was confident that Latimer would win the election, which would necessitate a special election. She said her involvement on behalf of progressive issues has made this opportunity the right time for her to run.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo would have to call for a special election to fill the seat once Latimer is sworn in as county executive on Jan. 1. If that occurs, then both major political parties would hold a mini convention to determine the party's nominee.

Another option for Cuomo is to keep the seat vacant until next November's regularly scheduled election, although that would mean the district would be without representation for the 2018 session.

If Brezler is successful in her run, she said she would resign from her teaching position. Before working in the New York City school system, she was a teacher's assistant in Yonkers for six years.

"Teaching has always been my passion but I can no longer watch as Albany and D.C. politicians slash our education budgets and write policies divorced from the reality of what the real practice in education is," Brezler said. "I want to highlight the issue of implicit bias both in testing and in teacher ratings and make sure that public schools receive the funding that is crucial to educating the future of our community."

Although the 37th Senate District has been hotly contested in recent elections, Latimer was able to stave off three different Republican challengers to win the seat in 2012, 2014 and last year.

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Covill Defeats Corcoran in District 2 Legislators Race

By Anna Young

First-time candidate Kitley Covill earned a seat on the Westchester County Board of Legislators last week, comfortably defeating incumbent Republican Francis Corcoran in District 2.

Covill, 63, a Katonah resident, maintained a strong lead as results streamed in on Election Night. When the votes were counted, Covill had defeated Corcoran 8,419-6,792.

"Election Night was exciting. Throughout the evening I was driving to various towns to say thank you to volunteers and other local candidates," said Covill. "So at the end of a long night it was a wonderful feeling to think that so many voters came out and voted so decisively to give Democrats a voice at the county level."

Covill was one of three Democratic challengers to defeat a Republican incumbent for the Board of Legislators. Nancy Barr defeated David Gelfarb by six points in District 6 and Damon Maher bested Sheila Marcott in District 10 by the same margin. That will enable Democrats

to enter 2018 with a 12-member supermajority on the 17-seat board.

"Democrats, as the controlling party in Westchester, will listen to all our residents and advocate for what is in their best interest," Covill said. "Of course, we now have opportunities that we did not have before, and can reorient county government to better reflect the philosophy that government should be there when you need it."

She added that the board will face its own set of challenges with Astorino determining the 2018 budget. However, Covill is hopeful legislators will find creative ways to implement new energy policies and take advantage of grant opportunities at the federal and state levels to get more done throughout the county.

Covill, who has spent her career as an attorney mainly at the county government level, said upon taking office on Jan. 1 she will work with local and town officials to address growing community concerns regarding property values and taxes.

She said she will also work to ensure the



Attorney Kitley Covill handily defeated County Legislator Francis Corcoran last week in the Board of Legislators' race for District 2. Covill's victory ensures a Democratic supermajority as she was one of three challengers to defeat Republican incumbents.

protection of the environment with the closing of Indian Point and will advocate for the county to release the appropriate

funds to take care of the district's water resources.

"Having listened to residents in the district throughout the campaign, I think it is imperative that people know what the county does and what it can do, and then to enlist residents to help accomplish stated goals," Covill said. "I expect to work very hard to ensure transparency and accountability."

She pledged to meet monthly with each of the six municipalities in her district.

Despite the disappointment of defeat, Corcoran thanked his supporters in a Facebook post on his public page adding that it has "been an honor and a great privilege to serve all our residents."

"I could not be more proud of the work that we were able to do together for our district over the last two years," said Corcoran, a former Bedford councilman. "Northern Westchester and our people are truly amazing and special. I have had the chance to share in so much of it over these many years and feel blessed to have had that opportunity."

Cunzio Comfortably Wins Second Term to Board of Legislators

By Martin Wilbur

County Legislator Margaret Cunzio was one of the few candidates last week who successfully fended off a Democratic rival.

Cunzio, a registered Conservative endorsed by the Republican Party, won re-election to a second term in the Board of Legislators' District 3, easily defeating Democratic challenger Daren Tolz, 8,015-6,545.

She said acting as nonpartisan as possible, having lived in the district her

entire life and making sure she attends community events resonates with her constituents in Mount Pleasant, North Castle and part of Greenburgh.

"I think that being present in the district from Day 1, being actively involved in the district and really being an active legislator, I think people recognize that," Cunzio said.

Additionally, working with elected officials on both sides of the aisle, which resulted in a unanimous approval of the

99-year county lease for the \$1 billion North 60 project near Westchester Medical Center, is what the public is looking for, she said.

Cunzio said in her next term she is hopeful that the agreement to make the refurbishments at Miller House/Washington's Headquarters in North White Plains and have the title transferred to the Town of North Castle will be reached.

However, the dynamics in White Plains will change with the defeat of County Executive Rob Astorino by his Democratic challenger George Latimer. Plus, Cunzio will be one of only five non-Democrats on the 17-member board.

Cunzio said she has had a good working relationship with Latimer, since both of them have represented North Castle.

"I've already had discussions about some of the projects that I want to make sure moves forward and not fall through the cracks," Cunzio said.

She said she's unconcerned about the prospects of being overwhelmed by a Democratic supermajority and a Democratic county executive.

"My number one goal is to do the best I can and provide for the district and I mean the entire district," Cunzio said. "That means working with the new administration and working with my colleagues."

In a released statement, Tolz, a first-time candidate, thanked his supporters for their efforts and their votes. He said while disappointed at the outcome of his



County Legislator Margaret Cunzio will return to the Board of Legislators for another term.

race, having Latimer elected was most important to bring positive change and leadership to Westchester.

"There are many things I could have done better, but I could not have asked more from those who supported me," Tolz said. "Of course, it wasn't the outcome we wanted, but we have much to be thankful for. As we have said, George's win is much more important than our race, and we all contributed to his win."

Democrats have found it difficult to gain traction in District 3, which skews Republican. It is also Astorino's home district.

Buchwald's Pension Forfeiture Amendment Approved Overwhelmingly

By Martin Wilbur

Several years of dogged determination and hard work by Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) resulted in the passage of a constitutional amendment last week stripping public officials of their state pension if convicted of a felony.

Proposition 2, the pension forfeiture amendment to the state constitution, was overwhelmingly approved by voters statewide at a nearly 3-to-1 count. The margin of approval in Westchester, 73 to 27 percent, closely mirrored the percentage throughout New York.

Buchwald, the lead sponsor of the legislation which he introduced more than four years ago, said he was extremely pleased New Yorkers emphatically stated that felonious

misconduct related to one's position should carry a stiff penalty.

"Residents of the Empire State have overwhelmingly shown that they are tired of businesses-as-usual corruption in Albany and have sent a clear message to state officials that we should no longer tolerate abuses of office," Buchwald said. "As a New Yorker, I am proud that we have passed this constitutional amendment that is a critical step towards the ethics reform we need."

The amendment would call for the loss of a state pension if the person is convicted of a felony that is related to their job. In addition to elected officials, any employee in the state pension system could forfeit their pension if found guilty of such an offense.

SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

No Tax Hike in Astorino's \$1.8B Budget; Dems Push Back

By Martin Wilbur

County Executive Rob Astorino proposed a \$1.83 billion budget for 2018 on Monday that does not raise the tax levy for the eighth consecutive year and maintains essential services.

The balancing of the spending plan depends on the infusion of \$30 million from the recently announced selection of Macquarie Infrastructure Corp. to operate Westchester County Airport for a 40-year lease. In ensuing years, the county would receive \$6.5 million annually.

It also contains \$300 million up front, including lease payments.

However, the \$1.1 billion public-private partnership must be approved by 12 legislators. The controversial issue has opponents to the plan concerned that a private company such as Macquarie Infrastructure would seek to expand the facility's operations. Astorino said the passenger cap, the number of gates and the footprint of the airport will remain the same.

Astorino said the budget benefits taxpayers as he reminded the public that he has kept his pledge against raising taxes.

"This is a budget that protects taxpayers, preserves essential services and promotes economic growth," Astorino said. "It maintains the focus of all of our other budgets, which is to run county government smartly and efficiently while keeping

Westchester affordable."

The county executive pointed to spending increases in key areas to illustrate that essential services are being maintained. He has proposed to hike spending for the Department of Social Services (DSS) by \$8.5 million to \$598 million. Also, funding for day care would rise \$2 million to \$37 million, enabling parent contributions to remain at 27 percent.

The Bee-Line Bus System's current routes will remain intact because of more than \$26 million in subsidies. Funding to nonprofits and libraries will be steady.

Tuition for nearly 13,000 Westchester Community College students will also remain steady for the fifth consecutive year because of the county's \$30 million sponsor contribution, a \$65,000 increase.

The county workforce will be maintained at 4,200 employees.

Astorino said the Westchester is in strong financial position, citing the county's highest credit rating from Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch, allowing for the most favorable borrowing rates.

Meanwhile, borrowing is expected to decline, he said. Borrowing for tax certioraris is not needed. In addition, the county's reliance on the state's pension amortization program has also been reduced to \$4 million for the next fiscal year.

For 2018, the county projects sales tax revenues at \$545 million, up slightly from

this year.

However, Astorino pointed to unfunded mandates from the state and federal governments that account for three-quarters of all money spent. The mandates cover a variety of health and social services programs, including Westchester's \$210 million contribution to Medicaid.

Despite the positive picture painted by Astorino, Democrats blasted the county executive's proposed budget. Majority Leader Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) called the plan "fiscally reckless" because it assumes the \$30 million in revenues from the proposed airport lease deal.

"From the self-imposed fiscal crisis, the Astorino Administration has left us in to the inclusion of irresponsible revenue sources in this budget, it is clear we have some real work to do on behalf of the people of Westchester County," Borgia said. "The attempted use of \$30 million of revenues reserved for the airport is bad budgeting, fiscally reckless, and exactly what the voters made clear they were fed up with."

Chairman Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) also said it is wrong to rely upon passage of the airport plan. However, there are other problems, including personnel reductions in the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department, where 12 workers responsible for work on roads, bridges and other county infrastructure will be cut, he said.



County Executive Rob Astorino proposed his final budget, a \$1.83 billion spending plan with no tax hike for the eighth straight year.

The budget also reduces the county executive's staff by 25 percent, Kaplowitz said, putting County Executive-elect George Latimer in a bind. The county Parks Department will lose all four of its park curators.

"First we must restore the critical personnel that are needed to keep county government running," Kaplowitz said. "Second we need to close the \$30 million budget gap which imperils both the county's reserve fund and our good credit rating."

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Obituaries

Dorothy Vasso

Dorothy Vasso, formerly of the Bronx and North White Plains and most recently of Croton-on-Hudson, died on Nov. 8.

She was 93.

Vasso was born on Mar. 28, 1924, to the late Alexander and Mary (nee Valenti) Plastino in the Bronx. She was a retired bookkeeper with Williams Bridge Travel, Inc. in the Bronx. She was affectionately known as "Grammy" to all her family and friends.

Vasso was predeceased by her devoted husband, Henry Vasso, in 1982, and brother Michael Plastino. She is survived

by her loving daughters, Barbara (William) Miller of Pleasantville and Dorothy (Peter) Day of Hawthorne, her four cherished grandchildren and six great-granddaughters.

Visitation was a Hawthorne Funeral Home on Nov. 10. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne on Nov. 11 followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

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

Walter Covert

Walter E. Covert of Pleasantville died on Nov. 7.

He was 80.

Covert was born on Aug. 17, 1937, to the late Frank and Jeannette (nee Kelly) Covert in White Plains. He was a retired house painter with Hudson Shatz Painting in New York City. He loved old cars, country music, and most of all, his family.

Covert is survived by his devoted wife, Barbara (nee Hennings) Covert, of Pleasantville; his loving children, Walter

Covert of Somers and Barbara (Patrick) Sherman of Pine Bush, N.Y.; his son-in-law, Dominick DeVito of Howard Beach, Queens; his two cherished grandchildren, Samantha (Matthew Gershowitz) Sherman and Joseph Sherman; and two sisters. He was predeceased by his beloved daughter, Susan DeVito, in 2009 and by his three brothers and one sister.

Visitation will be at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Sunday, Nov. 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. Interment will be private.

Eileen O'Loughlin

Eileen (Byrne) O'Loughlin of Chappaqua passed away peacefully at Salem Hills Nursing Center on Nov. 5. She was 85.

O'Loughlin was born on June 14, 1932, in Skreen, County Sligo, Ireland to Peter and Johanna (Flood) Byrne. She was the loving wife of the late Gerard O'Loughlin, whom together were blessed with five children. She is survived by her sons, Gerard Jr. and his wife Pearl Le, of Naugatuck, Conn.; Peter and his wife Darcy of Sparks, Nev.; Donal and his partner Bernadette Bloom of Chappaqua; Francis and his wife Jill of Danbury, Conn.; and John of Chappaqua.

Arriving in New York in 1959, O'Loughlin worked as the manager of New Castle Cleaners for over 25 years. She then worked as the housekeeper for The Church of Saint John and Saint Mary Rectory in Chappaqua and as a private caregiver until she retired in 2009. She loved Irish music, traveling with her sister Pauline and making sure no guest to her home ever left hungry.

Indeed, O'Loughlin will be greatly missed by her sister, Pauline, and her husband, Maurice Bingham, of Ajax, Ont., Canada; her brother, Aidan Byrne, of Dublin, Ireland; and many nieces and nephews in Ireland, Canada and the States. She was predeceased by her



Eileen O'Loughlin

brother, Gerard Byrne, and sister May Cullen.

In addition to her sons, O'Loughlin is survived by six grandchildren, Amanda, Heather, John Michael, Caitlin, Brian and Lauren; two step-grandchildren, Donna Le Ruiz and Victoria Le Nakanishi; and three great-grandchildren.

The family received friends at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville on Nov. 9. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Nov. 10 at The Church of Saint John and Saint Mary Church (Little Church) in Chappaqua, followed by burial at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Raymond Crocco

Raymond J. Crocco of Pleasantville died on Nov. 10.

He was 88.

Crocco was born on Aug. 31, 1929, to the late Giuseppe and Maria (nee Pucci) Crocco in Mount Vernon. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a retired construction supervisor with Bianco & Pepe Builders and Developers in Scarsdale. Crocco was a proud member of the Mount Pleasant Seniors, the Mount Pleasant Italian American Club and the Thornwood American Legion Gilbert Rauh Post #1574.

He was predeceased by his devoted

wife, Colette Gloria (nee LaBarbera) Crocco, earlier this year and by his two sisters. He is survived by his loving children, Joseph R. (Barbara) Crocco, Sr., of Millerton, N.Y. and Barbara Antes of Pleasantville; his four cherished grandsons, Joseph (Laura) Crocco, Jr., Christopher Crocco, Bradford (Jaclyn) Antes and Blake Antes; and two great-grandchildren, Sofia and Joseph III.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Nov. 12. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne on Nov. 13 followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Chappaqua Interfaith Council to Hold Thanksgiving Service, Dinner Nov. 19

The Chappaqua Interfaith Council will hold its annual Thanksgiving service this year on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. at Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester, located at 220 South Bedford Road in Chappaqua.

Prayers, readings, music and songs will be performed by members of all the participating faith communities

and some guests. This year the focus of the service will be the celebration of diversity and differences in our community.

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Mt. Kisco Officials to Weigh Radio Circle Senior Housing Proposal

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Kisco Village Board announced intentions last week to evaluate a proposal for a 142-unit senior housing development near Radio Circle last week.

Vancouver, Wash.-based Hawthorn Retirement Group's conceptual site plan calls for a four-story complex at 2 Morgan Drive consisting of a 40,432-square-foot main building and 4,243 square feet of accessory buildings. The parking lot proposed for the 5.7-acre site would contain 114 spaces.

The property, located in a Research and Development District, is owned by Radio City Ventures LLC. The project would need a zoning text change from the village board because a senior housing facility is not permitted in the district.

Site plan approval and a wetlands permit would be required from the planning board.

Mark Lowen, a senior land use specialist with Lenity Architecture, told trustees at their Nov. 6 meeting that Hawthorn provides independent living residences for people typically in their eighties who are in good health.

"This is a non-medical facility," Lowen said.

The building would have various amenities including a chapel, beauty salon, exercise room, game room,

libraries, a coffee lounge, a theater to show movies and private rooms for family gathering, he said.

The proposal includes studio suites of about 380 square feet, one-bedroom suites of about 500 square feet and two-bedroom suites of roughly 900 square feet. The units would not contain kitchens.

Reusable Bag Initiative Sought in Mount Kisco

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Kisco Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) urged village officials to pursue a reusable bag initiative that would significantly reduce single-use plastic and paper shopping bags that harm the environment.

Council member Alan Antin appealed to the village board for local legislation that would sharply reduce plastic and paper bags that are typically thrown away by shoppers after one use. For communities that have adopted similar measures, business has not been hurt, he said.

Antin said the CAC, which is working with Bedford on the initiative, wants the village to encourage the use of reusable bags with handles for repeated shopping trips by residents. The CAC is advocating that groceries and convenience and drug stores be required to charge customers 10 cents for each paper bag, Antin said. That fee would be kept by the stores.

Hawthorn has constructed and operated about 400 independent living facilities over the last 30 years throughout the United States and Canada, Lowen said.

There had been an assisted living proposal for the site a few years ago, but the plan was eventually dropped,

said Charles Martabano, an attorney representing the developer.

Mayor Michael Cindrich said he wanted the board to examine the latest proposal for the property and consider the zoning text change. Three trustees agreed to hold a future joint meeting with the planning board regarding the proposal.

The widely used disposable plastic bags are not biodegradable, thereby endangering the environment. The single-use bags also shed chemical particles that are found in the food chain and in humans, litter beaches and waterways, require the used of fossil fuels to be produced and are costly to clean up.

Under the CAC plan, bags for meat and produce, newspapers, dry cleaning, greeting cards and prescriptions at pharmacies would not be banned, Antin said. Restaurants, delis, boutiques and liquor stores would not be required to charge a paper bag fee, he said. Any bag fee must be specified on customers' receipts.

The proposal is "a pro-business" initiative, Antin said. New Castle and many other communities have implemented the bag ban with negative impacts on merchants.

Antin said the ban would be extended to paper bags because to produce the 10

million of those that are used every year requires 14 million trees to be leveled. It also expends more than four times as much energy to manufacture a paper bag as it does to make a plastic bag and excessive levels of water and chemicals are needed, he said.

CAC members have recently met with local store owners who have expressed support for the initiative. ShopRite on North Bedford Road, which also supports the proposal, distributed free reusable bags when the group met with supermarket representatives in September, Antin said.

Trustee Peter Grunthal said he backs the proposal, but shoppers would need to be educated about the initiative if approved by the village.

"We do need a period of adjustment," he said.

Mayor Michael Cindrich said similar laws has been well-received on Long Island where residents are concerned about plastic bags littering beaches.



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Editorial

Keeping Cheer in the Holiday Season: Guidelines for Family Caregivers

By Jennifer Rajewski

Family caregiving can take many forms, from parenting a child with special needs who requires around-the-clock supervision, to caring long-distance for an elderly parent who is alone in the apartment they've spent their life living in.

According to the Caregiver Action Network (CAN), there are more than 90 million Americans who care for loved ones with chronic conditions, disabilities, disease or old age.

Undeniably this role is deeply rooted in love, and caregivers are happy to help their family members who need it. Still, it is important that family caregivers also acknowledge the added demands caretaking can bring.

The holiday season, approaching fast, can be an especially tricky time for family caregivers. The additional responsibilities of cooking, gift-buying, hosting family and friends, not to mention increased financial burdens and shorter, darker days, often produce anxious feelings. But with November being National Family Caregivers Month and Thanksgiving and the rest of the holidays almost upon us, it is the perfect time to recognize and honor family caregivers by practicing self-care throughout the season and beyond.

As a registered nurse and the leader of Partners in Care, a licensed home care agency affiliated with the Visiting Nurse Service of New York, my colleagues and I communicate often with family caregivers while we provide care for their loved ones in their homes. We offer support by helping them navigate the complexities of their role and deal with the stresses that can often come

along for the ride.

Below are some tips and guidance for all kinds of family caregivers – from the child caring for their parent from afar, to the sibling who is becoming older and frail themselves – that we hope will help you remain at ease when you start to feel tense and help keep the cheer in the holiday season.

1. Do Half of What You're Supposed to Do

Many times, holiday stress is self-induced. We add items to our to-do list that are not only unnecessary, but are often not even remotely doable. Putting so much pressure on yourself to do everything – filling out cards, making custom place settings, cooking the perfect meal and desserts – could leave you feeling deflated later on. Be attentive to taking on a manageable load and always ask for help if needed. Ask yourself: is this a complete necessity, or would it just be a nice addition? If it's the latter, just cross it off now.

2. Do Good

No matter how often we hear it, doing good really does feel good. Helping others will often take your mind off your own troubles and put things into perspective. At the risk of contradicting the guidance above, see if you can squeeze in some time volunteering at a soup kitchen or donating to a food or toy drive. There are many families struggling just as much as you, if not more, and helping them will remind you of the good there is in the world and how help is available if only you are willing to ask.

3. Eat Well and Sleep Well

Taking care of your health should always be the number one priority, especially when you are going through a trying

time. If you cannot function mentally or physically, there is no way you can continue to carry on with your duties or enjoy life. Though sugary and fatty foods and alcohol are always tempting during this time of year, remember that a harder choice now will result in a more fulfilling outcome later. Keep yourself strong and healthy with proper nutrition and a good night of sleep, especially leading up to the big days.

4. Spend Wisely

On top of the usual medical expenses you may already incur, large meals and gifts can add an extra burden around this time of year. Echoing my first bit of advice, really reflect on what you are purchasing and how necessary it is. Avoid the anxiety and remorse that comes with high credit card bills by pulling back a little on what you buy. Friends and family won't love you any less, promise.

5. Plan Diversions

The nostalgia of the holidays can offer a welcome opportunity to tap into the things you used to enjoy. Rekindling connections to past experiences can be beneficial, whether your areas of interest are playing cards, watching a game, listening to music or dancing a night away. They will also help you take needed breaks and live in the moment of enjoyment.

Jennifer Rajewski is a registered nurse and senior vice president at Partners in Care, an affiliate of The Visiting Nurse Service of New York. It is the largest nonprofit home- and community-based health care agency in the United States. For more information, call 888-735-8913 or visit www.partnersincareny.org.

What are STEAM Subjects and Why Do They Matter?

If you've heard your child's educators talking about STEAM subjects, they are referring to science, technology, engineering, arts and math. And these subjects are growing in importance, as more industries require a strong mastery of the concepts and skills involved.

What's more, a growing body of research shows that exposure to the arts can have a positive impact on one's performance in science and math-oriented subjects. As your children prepares to succeed in all their classes, keep these things in mind.

The Right Classes

Talk to your children about ensuring they stack their class schedules with courses that challenge but don't overwhelm them. It's easy to overload a schedule with far too many advanced science courses in one semester that can make success unattainable. By the same token, it's important to ensure that your student is taking enough of the right classes to build

a strong foundation for future endeavors. A guidance counselor can help your child strike the right balance.

The Right Tools

STEAM success is built on having the right tools, so be sure students are well-equipped. New models of calculators are taking into account the demands on today's students and offer expanded features that give students the ability to easily draw three dimensional graphs and view them from various angles to better analyze their shapes. For example, the fx-CG50, the newest model in Casio's calculator portfolio, features a picture plot function and color LCD with a full textbook-style display.

Likewise, students can build a strong arts foundation by learning to play an instrument. Modern music students may prefer using the most cutting-edge instruments, such as Casio's Compact Grand Piano CGP-700, which features a touch display that gives them the option to

choose tones, select rhythms and split and layer sounds, as well as the ability to record and playback music. This digital piano has been engineered to have an authentic piano feel and concert grand piano sound.

The Right Programming

After school programming can be an ideal opportunity to reinforce STEAM learning in a way that is fun, creative and social. From the robotics club to the orchestra, find out what your school and larger community offer, and encourage your child to get involved. This programming will likely improve grades and test scores, as well as help your child draw connections between disciplines.

While not all trends are worthy of your attention, the importance of STEAM learning can't be understated and, as a parent, you can help bolster success in these subjects.

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The Bristol Honors 18 Veterans for Their Service to the Nation

By Martin Wilbur

It's been more than 60 years since James McGovern left the United States Marine Corps, but his emotions are just as raw today as they were all those decades ago.

McGovern, a Korean War veteran, served for four years in the Marines and is a retired police officer, but had to choke back tears when asked about what he remembers most about the time he spent defending the country.

"Who we lost, all of my friends that are gone," McGovern said. "I'm 87 years old and I still think about it. I see something in a movie and it comes back to me. You don't forget that. You don't forget about it. It's a part of your life."

McGovern is one of 18 veterans living at The Bristol, an assisted living facility in Armonk, who were honored last Friday in commemoration of Veterans Day. Nearly all of them, ranging in age from 83 to 98, were veterans of either World War II or the Korean War.

Officials from the Town of North Castle, Westchester County and state government, including state Senator and County Executive-elect George Latimer, participated in the ceremony and lined up to shake the veterans' hands.

Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) related a story of how earlier last week he attended the funeral of Joseph Davis, a decorated World War II veteran who died on Nov. 5 at 96 years



Assemblyman David Buchwald was among the local elected officials who greeted each one of the veterans living at The Bristol for their service during a Nov. 10 Veterans Day ceremony.

old. After his service to his country, he became the first African-American firefighter in White Plains history.

Stories of service members throughout the generations who continued to give of themselves throughout their lives is common and must be remembered, Buchwald said.

"I want to thank you for your direct service to your country but also because so many of you continue to give back to this country and make us a stronger society to live in," he said. "That you for all you've done."



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTOS

James McGovern, center in blue jacket, and Leon Yablon, left, are two of the 18 veterans living at The Bristol assisted living facility in Armonk who were honored at a special commemoration for Veterans Day last week.

County Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Thornwood) said family members of hers have served and continue to serve in the military. Their commitment and courage must always be honored.

"It's truly an honor to me to be in the presence of the men and women that fought for this great country," Cunzio said. "I'm very fortunate to live in this great country and a heartfelt thanks goes out to each and every one of you."

For the veterans at The Bristol last week, despite all the years that have passed it's no easier to talk about their time, especially

when they think back to their fellow who were lost in combat. Leon Yablon, 96, a member of the 269th Combat Engineers, was among the soldiers who met up with the Soviets when victory was nearing in Germany.

But it was the thought of losing friends at such a young age on the battlefield that moved him to tears last week.

"It's sad," McGovern said. "There's nothing else I can tell you. I'm here, they're gone."

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Saverio Bentivegna

Dr. Saverio "Sal" Bentivegna (Dr. B) passed away peacefully at age 90 on Nov. 9.

Born Oct. 5, 1927, to Italian immigrants Pietro and Guiseppina Bentivegna, he was raised in Brooklyn, and attended Boys High and St. John's College. He spent his first year of medical school at Boston University. His transfer to and graduation from New York Medical College in 1950 was a turning point in his career. A medical internship and general surgery residency at Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospital and Metropolitan Hospital in New York City prepared him for the Army Medical Corps where he served as a captain from 1957 to 1959.

He returned to New York City as an associate professor of surgery at New York Medical College and rose to full clinical professor and senior associate dean

responsible for medical student surgical education, the 5th Pathway program and continuing medical education for the college.

He settled with his family in Chappaqua, and taught and practiced until the medical school moved to Valhalla and the Westchester Medical Center was constructed. From there, he helped develop a world-class medical campus, a tertiary care center and a children's hospital.

Teaching remained his first love. He guided many through the rigors of general surgery and specialty training. He was always available for advice and all benefited from his wisdom and perspective. He was keenly interested in his students' achievements and adventures.

In 1956, he married Patricia Connelly, a nurse, and raised two sons, Peter Edward and Michael Patrick. For the past 33 years, he was married to Kathleen Kalosky

and continued living in Chappaqua, working at New York Medical College until his retirement as a surgeon at 73. He subsequently retired from the dean's office at 87 years old.

During his 67 years at New York Medical College, he was the recipient of many awards from the college, including the Distinguished Service Award and the coveted William Cullen Bryant Award. Community awards included the Honor Legion of the NYPD and the Public Service Award from the American Committee for Italian Migration. He served on multiple boards as a director, including the American College of Surgeons Board of Governors, New York State Board of Medicine and many local organizations. He established the Bentivegna Family Award and Scholarship in memory of his parents that is awarded to a graduating medical student with honors in surgery

and who is entering the surgical field.

He leaves behind his wife, Kathleen, who cared for him with great love and compassion; his son, Dr. Peter E. Bentivegna, and wife Laurie of Osterville, Mass.; his son, Michael P. Bentivegna, and wife Wendy of Southport, Conn.; and his five grandchildren, Matthew, Devon, Kevin, Brittney and Morgan.

The family will receive friends and family at Beecher Flocks Funeral Home on Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 10 a.m. at The Church of Saint John and Saint Mary (Little Church) in Chappaqua. An entombment will immediately follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to the Bentivegna Family Award and Scholarship at New York Medical College in Valhalla.

Police Blotter

North Castle Police Department

Nov. 3: A caller reported from the Jennie Clarkson campus on Old Orchard Street at 11:35 a.m. that a student brought in contraband and is acting irrationally toward staff members. The subject is being restrained by three staff members. Officers responded to the scene.

Nov. 6: Report of an animal complaint

on Orchard Drive at 11:50 a.m. The complainant stated that a coyote is living underneath his porch. Officers were dispatched to the residence.

Nov. 7: A Brundage Street resident notified police at 8:50 a.m. that she has a BB gun and no longer wants it. She is requesting an officer retrieve the gun to have it destroyed. An officer was dispatched

to the residence.

Nov. 7: A woman reported at 5:28 p.m. that when she arrived at her parents' Morningside Place home, both her parents were lying on the ground. The complainant requested a lift assist for both. The responding officer reported the two parties were being transported to White Plains Hospital.

Pleasantville Police Department

Nov. 3: At 11:20 a.m., police received reports that political lawn signs were stolen from 41 Garrigan Ave.

Nov. 8: Police reported a case of harassment at 5 Court St. at 8:50 p.m. The case remains under investigation.

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An Evening of Art, Music to Help Recovery From Mental Illness

By Martin Wilbur

Talking about mental health is always difficult, but organizers of a special program scheduled for next March are hopeful that an evening of expressive art forms will provide a more comfortable and entertaining forum to address the subject.

Living Proof, a joint effort by The Mental Health Association of Westchester (MHA), the Lagond Music School and Music & Miles: Changing Minds, will feature music, dance, art, photography, poetry, essays and monologues performed and written by artists who have personal stories detailing mental health issues about themselves, friends or family.

The evening, scheduled for Saturday, Mar. 10, 2018, at the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center, will be a fundraiser for MHA of Westchester and The Miles Applebaum Music Scholarship Fund at Lagond Music School. It will be in memory of Applebaum, a 21-year-old Armonk resident and talented musician who committed suicide in October 2014.

"We all deal with our challenges. Some have fewer than others but we all deal with it because it's all relative to us and it's just all encompassing," said Shari Applebaum, Miles' mother who started Music & Miles: Changing Minds following her son's death.

"So whatever we're dealing with in life, that we know that we have the strength and courage to get through it to the other side and then to give hope and healing to others who are then going through their own challenges to say, 'Look, here I am. I've been in your shoes, I've walked in your shoes, but we could all come out the other side together.'"

Artists have been submitting entries to be considered for a performance spot in Living Proof. Applebaum said there's still time this week to fill out applications and submit at www.musicandmiles.org. The listed deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 15, although if entries come in a day or two late they will still be accepted, Applebaum said.

Musicians and dancers must forward a demo tape of their audition while submissions of a poem, two monologues or five pieces of artwork or photography are required for those art forms. A steering committee will choose the entrants that will appear on stage for Living Proof. Applicants selected for the performance will be notified.

In addition to the artwork, an explanation of why the artist has chosen the work that was submitted and how it fits into the theme of the show is also required.

Miles was a guitar student at Lagond



Living Proof, a program that will feature performances and readings of various art forms next March, will raise money for The Mental Health Association of Westchester and The Miles Applebaum Music Scholarship Fund at Lagond Music School. The evening will be in honor of Applebaum, shown above, who died in 2014.

Music School in Elmsford and later the Boyer School of Music and Dance at Temple University. He also studied abroad, but his education was slowed by bouts of trauma and depression, which was linked to post-traumatic stress disorder, Applebaum said.

Applebaum, now a suicide bereavement support specialist who has been working for MHA of Westchester, said she wanted to help others who have faced mental health issues. The arts is a powerful vehicle to change and improve people's

lives and the best way to honor Miles, she said.

"I wanted to talk to continue the conversation that we can change something that we're stuck in, we can change our negative thoughts to make them more positive," Applebaum said. "To keep going in life no matter what obstacles we face. That's what Miles would have wanted and we could show that through music."

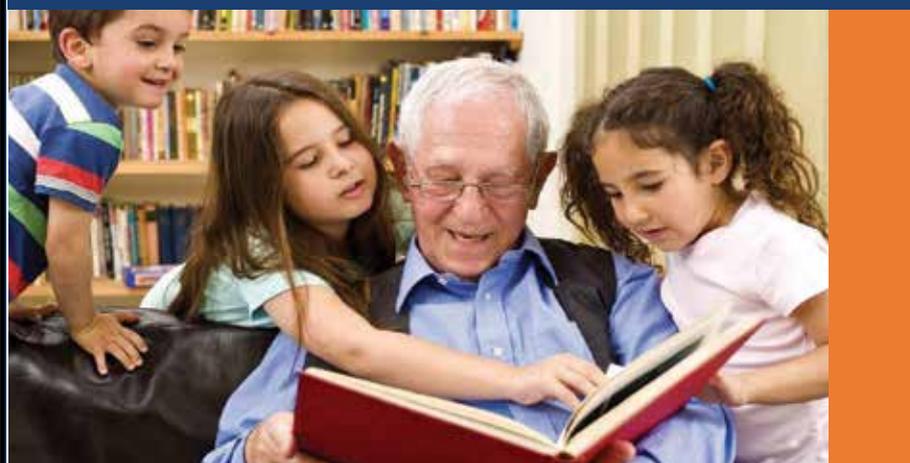
The first major fundraising event undertaken by Music & Miles was in April 2016 at the Capitol Theatre in Port Chester featuring a reception and a performance by the group Lettuce. Money raised went toward scholarships for two high school students to the Lagond Music School.

Proceeds for Living Proof will be split between MHA of Westchester and the scholarship fund to provide budding musicians who might not be able to afford to attend Lagond Music School.

It will also let people know who suffer from mental health issues that they are not alone.

For more information about the event and how to submit entries, visit www.musicandmiles.org. Tickets for Living Proof will go on sale Dec. 1 through Ticketmaster. Check the website for ticket prices when sales commence.

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David Johns Adolescent Therapist, Mt. Kisco

By Martin Wilbur

David Johns thought he was ready to retire after working for more than 30 years in the residential treatment field helping children and teenagers overcome a vast array of problems.

Johns was waiting for his wife, Kathleen, an attorney, to join the retirement ranks in the next couple of years so they could move to their home in Columbia County. He had held a succession of temporary and short-lived positions once his 24-year run as a Pleasantville College School administrator ended in 2009.

But members of the New Castle United for Youth (NCUFY), a coalition that formed within the past two years to address youth substance abuse and related issues, had other ideas. They had learned Johns was available and asked if he was interested in becoming the organization's coalition coordinator.

After spending his entire career assisting youngsters, Johns, 67, said it was a role he couldn't turn down.

"Their focus, before I even joined them, it made sense to me, and the reason why I still

wanted to make a contribution was to work with kids in a part-time way –because it is a part-time situation – is that their focus, the focus of our coalition, as is many of them, is the effects of what alcohol, smoking and drugs are doing on the brain, particularly the adolescent brain," Johns said.

While hardcore drugs, including opioids, remains a concern in the area, drinking, particularly binge drinking, is one of the biggest challenges along with marijuana use and vaping, the latest popular illicit activity of choice among teens, he said.

In 2016, NCUFY applied for and received a Drug Free Communities grant to help fund the organization for five years. Johns said the money provides for educational programs, speakers and other initiatives.

"The money will allow for more stuff to happen and I think in my role I'm really there to support them and go to events, kind of screen people...to see if it's something we'd like to bring in," Johns said. "That's what I've been doing."

Johns is a perfect fit for a local coalition fighting alcohol and drugs among youths, particularly in Westchester. Born and

raised in Florida, by the time he reached college Johns eschewed the idea of joining the family insurance business. Instead, as someone who came of age in the 1960s, he wanted to make a difference and assist others.

"I wanted to do something meaningful and related to social justice," Johns recalled. "I did it because my brother struggled terribly. He had some mental health issues. He came out as a gay kid at about 14 or 15 years old. He went through some real depression on that and tough times down in Florida. That probably had the most impact on me."

During his sophomore year at Florida State he transferred to Ohio Wesleyan. He studied in England for a semester during his senior year, which is where he met his wife, who was attending college in New Rochelle.

Johns' early training was in social work, and he worked as a therapist for about 10 years. He then had a chance to go to the University of Michigan Hospital's adolescent psychiatry program. By then Johns had decided working exclusively with children and teens was more rewarding.

"With kids, I always thought there was a lot more opportunity to help them change,



to help them with the issues that are impacting them, the trauma, the abuse and the neglect," said Johns, an avid bicyclist.

While at Michigan, a visiting former administrator at Hawthorne Cedar Knolls spoke with Johns. The administrator encouraged Johns to apply there and at Pleasantville Cottage School. It appealed to him because it would bring Johns' wife closer to

home.

It turned out it would be his home – literally – for nearly a quarter-century. Administrators are required to live on the campus in provided townhouses. He didn't leave until there were cutbacks toward the end of 2009, when Johns and his wife moved to Mount Kisco.

Johns said there have been highs and lows, but helping to turn a young person's life around makes for rewarding career.

Meanwhile, retiring full-time to that house in Columbia County, which he and his wife have had for about 20 years, will have to wait a little bit longer.

"For the most part it's a very gratifying career and lots of opportunities to help kids and families grow and change and that's what I was in it for," Johns said.



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Astorino Selects Airport Operator; Kaplowitz Suggests Tabling Until 2018

By Pat Casey

Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino announced last Thursday that he has selected Macquarie Infrastructure Corp. to operate Westchester Airport as part of a \$1.1 billion public-private partnership dedicated to improving this vital county asset without expanding its footprint.

Macquarie was the unanimous choice of a bipartisan task force made up of members of the Astorino administration and the Board of Legislators (BOL) to evaluate the three proposals received in April to manage, operate, maintain and improve the airport.

"The goal from the start has been a better, not bigger airport," Astorino said. "This proposal does just that: Private investment capital – not taxpayer dollars – will improve the passenger experience, implement new environmental safeguards and preserve the character of the neighborhood, all while creating a long-term revenue stream to help pay for county programs. This is an example of smart government operating on all fronts."

Shortly after Astorino released the decision, Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) suggested the decision be put on hold until George Latimer takes over as county executive after winning the Nov. 7 election.

"I believe that it is appropriate to take into consideration the opinions of County Executive-elect George Latimer during our budget deliberations," Kaplowitz said. I also believe that any decision regarding the privatization of the Westchester County Airport should not be undertaken until the new administration has an opportunity to fully research the RFP respondents' proposals."

During the campaign Latimer spoke out against privatizing Westchester County Airport.

"Westchester County Airport is not supposed to be 'LaGuardia North.' Once again Rob Astorino puts his politics before the people of Westchester County," Latimer said. "He knows that this is a bad and harmful airport deal, but will do anything to deflect from his fiscal mismanagement of the county. It is no secret that the privatization deal is one of Astorino's many budget gimmicks."

The three companies were graded based on both their technical capabilities and financial offers. The Manhattan-based Macquarie, received the highest overall score. HPN Aviation Group, a joint venture between Oaktree Transportation and Connor Capital Transportation

Opportunities, ranked second, and FerroStar Westchester Airport Partners, a consortium comprised of Ferrovial Airports International and Star America Fund, placed third.

Macquarie's proposal would net the county \$1.145 billion over the course of a 40-year lease – a \$595 million financial offer accompanied by \$550 million in capital funds to maintain and improve the airport's infrastructure, according to Astorino's office. The lease is "as-is/no expansion," which means the airport's existing terminal footprint will not expand, there can be no expansion of runways, the number of gates remains at

six and the cap of 240 passengers per half-hour stays in place.

Under the terms of the lease, the county would receive just over \$300 million up front, which includes lease payments, money transferred to the general fund from county money locked at the airport and various reimbursements.

In accordance with governmental accounting standards, the county would be able to use \$30 million the first year – \$6.5 million from the first year's lease payment, \$21 million transferred to the general fund from the airport and \$2.5 million in expense reimbursements. In addition, the county will also be

reimbursed \$10 million for police costs at the airport, and those reimbursements will increase 2.5 percent a year over the term of the lease and total \$674 million.

In future years, \$6.5 million, which is the amortized value of the \$261 million leasehold fee over 40 years, would be applied annually to the county budget as revenue to offset expenses.

The next step, unless the vote is tabled until January, is for Macquarie and members of the county executive's staff to finalize the lease and send it to the Board of Legislators for its review. The lease requires 12 votes for passage.

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When Neighbors Complain About Neighbors Over Property Maintenance

When it was reported last week that U.S. Sen. Rand Paul was physically attacked by his next-door neighbor allegedly over a landscaping matter, I was not surprised. Some years ago, I had written an article about issues that pit neighbor against neighbor based on complaints registered with my local code enforcement officer, and property maintenance concerns ranked highest on the list.

It had been many years since I checked in, but in speaking with Jason Zeif, the current code enforcement officer in Yorktown, I learned that property maintenance is still highest on the list of complaints made by homeowners.

"The complaints can range from grass not being cut to trees that overhang a neighbor's property," Zeif said, "but property maintenance is highest on the list of complaints I receive."

Following that top complaint, here are other issues most frequently reported by municipalities across the land that pit neighbor against neighbor.

Trash. Surprised? I was. The complaints deal with how trash is



By Bill Primavera

handled, bundled, where it is placed or whether it blows on to other neighbors' properties. Also figuring heavily is bulk pick up, when people pile their throwaway junk at the curb to be picked up by the town. If it is placed outside too early, there are often complaints from neighbors. Or, worse yet, if the dates get mixed up and the junk is on the street after the scheduled pick-up date, neighbors can get very testy with one another if it's left there for the next month. Yes, it happens

Fences. There can be trouble when a fence is constructed with the "ugly" side facing a neighbor, when town codes usually specify that the decorative side must face away from the house. This complaint is so endemic that fence manufacturers have invented the fence where both sides are decorative.

The complaint may also be about a "spite" fence. You might remember that Martha Stewart was accused of pinning a fence contractor against a gate with her SUV at her East Hampton home when he attempted to construct a fence between her and a neighbor who was

not among her legions of fans.

Visual Blight. This is a broad category and can involve anything from excessive numbers of vehicles in driveways to non-repair of a home's exterior or any pile that is covered with that horrible shade of blue plastic.

Noise. This covers several problems. There is noise from loud music, mostly yard parties with amplifiers, which by the way, can go on forever and as loud as one likes as long as it doesn't last past 11 p.m. Lawnmowers or leaf blowers used after dinner time are particularly challenging to neighbors staying friendly.

Signs. So you really don't want to learn about kickboxing? Or losing weight? One of the world's worst inventions are those commercial Styrofoam signs on wire holders that litter our landscape.

Then, there are the ubiquitous "tag sale" signs attached to utility poles, which is a patently illegal place to put them. The double dip of annoyance is when the offenders fail to return to remove them after the sale.

Dogs. Continuous barking is the main issue with dogs, and some towns have specific allowable time frames considered acceptable to let dogs bark. In my town, a resident can complain after 15 minutes of continuous barking.

Water Runoff. When a new

construction project creates water runoff on another property, the complaint usually goes first to code enforcement before the Town Board and Town Engineer to try to get something done about it.

Outdoor Lighting. This is a distant last category. Perhaps because of security measures or safety, there seems to be more outdoor lighting used today, which sometimes is pitched directly at neighbors' bedroom windows.

I have a friend who says that when her neighbors across the street pull into their driveway at night, the entire property and sky light up like there's a prison break.

Interestingly, when I wrote about this issue seven years ago, there were more than 500 annual complaints in my town of 40,000 residents and 13,000 homes. Today, that number has dropped to under 500. Does that mean, despite what we might see on the news, that people are becoming somewhat more tolerant of each other?

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NWH's Seligman Earns Lifetime Achievement Award

Joel Seligman, president and CEO of Northern Westchester Hospital (NWH) has been awarded the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award from Planetree, a global network of healthcare organizations dedicated to patient-centered care in healing environments.

The award was presented at the Planetree Annual Conference's Spirit of Planetree Award Dinner, which included over 800 attendees from 24 countries.

"I am honored to accept this important award," Seligman said. "As a nationally recognized leader for patient and family engagement, the delivery of high quality patient-centered care is at the heart of Northern Westchester's mission. Our goal in creating innovative programs and services is to fulfill the needs of our patients and their families. But the implementation of these programs would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of our staff, physicians, volunteers, trustees and our unique partnership with our robust patient and family advisory councils."

A decade ago, NWH was among the first organizations nationwide to achieve Planetree Designation. Last January, the hospital was once again Designated with Distinction. Today, the hospital is one of only 92 organizations worldwide and one of only 33 in the United States to receive the Patient-Centered Hospital Designation since the program's launch in 2007, and one of only nine organizations to be Designated with Distinction as an institution dedicated to sharing best practices with other healthcare organizations and providing the tools to replicate patient-centered innovative programs.

"Hospitals are focused on enhancing the quality of the patient experience and we consider it our mission to share what has worked and not worked as part of our journey to being a leader in patient-centered care," Seligman said.

Organizations from many states and countries such as Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, England, Malaysia, The Netherlands, Scotland, Sweden and Turkey have been to NWH to learn and share best practices.

Planetree's President Susan Frampton lauded Seligman for his work in enhancing the hospital's reputation.

"Your tireless work to bring humanity and a holistic approach to the delivery of care to patients and families in your region has inspired not only your own organization, but countless others from provider organizations around the world," Frampton said. "With this award, you join a distinguished group of pioneers in patient care. This award provides an opportunity to both recognize your notable contributions to the field and shine a light on the critical importance of local community hospitals providing access to safe, high quality patient-centered care services."

Recently, Seligman served as a member of the National Academy of Medicine's

Scientific Advisory Panel that issued a discussion paper and guiding framework for harnessing the evidence supporting patient and family-centered care. Grounded in scientific evidence, it concluded the involvement of patients and families is the key to creating a high-quality, high-value health system that achieves patient-centered outcomes. The paper asserts that a cultural shift to patient and family engagement is an essential driver to achieving "the Quadruple Aim," outcomes of better culture, better care, better health and lower costs.

The International Spirit of Planetree Awards were created to promote patient-centered care by publicly recognizing individuals who personalize and demystify

the health care experience for others, as well as programs and services that support extraordinary achievement in patient-centered care. The initiative helps communicate the character and quality of the caregivers and health care organizations in the Planetree network.

Caregivers, physician champions and animal therapy awards are presented as well as best practice awards for programs representing each of the 10 components of the Planetree model of care. A committee evaluates each program based upon criteria such as innovation, sustainability, customer impact and utilization and outcomes measurement.



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A Glimpse Into The President's Culinary Adventures in Eastern Asia



By Nick Antonaccio

In past columns I've enjoyed reporting on state dinners hosted by American presidents. The long-standing tradition of entertaining world leaders at the White House typically provides a valuable insight into the current state of affairs between nations and their representatives. I especially enjoy the choice of dinner courses presented and the pairing of wines with each course.

I also enjoy following the reciprocity of those world leaders as our presidents travel on official state tours to engage in high-level meetings.

It is with this perspective that I am following President Trump's whirlwind 12-day tour of five Eastern Asia nations and an equal number of state dinners. One notable exception to the usual international dinner protocol – wine. As the world has come to know, President Trump abstains from all alcoholic beverages. There is another dietary preference of the president that is in stark contrast to the traditional Asian cuisine. He prefers well-done steak and ketchup rather than raw fish and exotic ingredients.

I thought it would be interesting to

report on these state dinners.

First stop: Japan

At the state dinner, the menu could have been from a high-end, multi-hundred dollar tasting menu at a top New York City restaurant. The appetizer course was a mélange of grilled fish marinated with miso paste, rolled omelet, duck and onion on skewer and burdock rolled in Wagyu beef slices. Following this exotic offering were a Matsutake mushroom in steamed egg custard, Ise lobster salad, Japanese beef steak, steamed rice with mushrooms and miso soup with vegetables.

There is no report of how gracious the President was in indulging in this local Japanese fare. And with no wines to complement these flavors and textures, I imagine it may have been rather difficult.

Next stop: South Korea

Here, the traditional menu had a distinctly American-fusion focus. The courses included corn porridge, local grilled sole with brown bean sauce consommé, grilled prawn and pine mushroom rice in a stone pot accompanied by grilled Korean beef ribs, seasoned with a special sauce made with a 360-year-old soy sauce.

Cooked fish and ribs – sounds enticing to the Presidential palate. And who can turn down a soy sauce older than the United States? What to wash it down with? I guess a glass of clear, crisp water

might provide a perfect pairing for a teetotaler.

Third stop: Beijing

In the spirit of Mr. Trump's self-proclaimed "state plus plus" tour afforded by the Chinese, the state dinner was more in line with his dietary preferences. The menu was the most Western on his tour: coconut flavored chicken soup, seafood chowder, Kung Pao chicken, stewed beef steak in tomato sauce, braised vegetables in premium broth and grouper fillets in hot chili oil.

While not a traditional Chinese menu, it seems to cater to the President's taste. The beef dish shouts steak and ketchup, and what red-blooded American doesn't enjoy chicken soup or Kung Pao chicken? A photo of the dinner shows the President with a glass of wine-like beverage in his raised hand. Although Chinese wines were served at the gala – a Great Wall brand of 2009 red wine and 2011 white wine – the mystery liquid in Mr. Trump's glass was not identified.

Fourth stop: Vietnam

It's not clear to me how the President handled this meal, with no beef dish to satisfy his appetite. The Vietnamese chefs seemed to use this world stage to feature

traditional dishes. The menu: vegetable salad with bacon, steamed rice powder roll with fluffy pemmican, fried scallop, shrimp rolled in fried egg, seafood soup, sauté cod in lemon sauce and Dong Tao chicken.

With the First Lady still in China, the President dined alone, which provided the opportunity to spend more time extolling the country as "one of the miracles of the world." It's not certain what he ate – or drank.

The final leg, to the Philippines, occurred after the submission of this column.

All in all, it seems the President's culinary experience on his tour was (politically)

uneventful. I wonder what he'll be dining on when he boards Air Force One for his trip home. A Big Mac anyone?

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Business of the Week

Regus Mount Kisco

By Colette Connolly

If you're looking for a flexible workspace in the Mount Kisco area, look no further than Regus, the world's largest provider of flexible workspace solutions.

The global company celebrated its newest location, a 17,000-square-foot office space in the large corporate building at 100 S. Bedford Rd., at its Oct. 18 grand opening.

Space is filling up quickly, said Area Manager Richard Chow, with millennials having a particular interest in the space and in the concept of co-working.

"More and more people can start a business at a fraction of the price it would take in another type of professional setting," Chow said, referring to the many advantages that flexible workspaces offer.

The company's 3,000 worldwide "business centers" have attracted a variety of professionals, from Fortune 500 companies to individual entrepreneurs and start-ups.

At the Mount Kisco location, as at other Regus centers, there are private,

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"The service we offer here at Regus is truly turn-key," Chow said.

Regus offers many of the conveniences found in a typical office setting, including a receptionist, otherwise known as a "community manager," who is responsible for greeting visitors and answering phones during office hours, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is also a kitchen equipped with a coffee machine, refrigerator and microwave.

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Other perks include a virtual office service, which Chow said is ideal for someone running a business from home but who still wants to maintain a professional appearance. The virtual package includes a call- answering



Local dignitaries surround representatives of Regus at its grand opening last month. The company provides flexible office space to professionals and small business owners at 100 S. Bedford Rd. in Mount Kisco.

service tailored to each client's needs, as well as mail handling that comes with a professional business address. All of this is important for operations that want to be found on Google, explained Chow, rather than maintaining a post office box, which is not considered an accurate physical location.

Regus also offers meeting room space for business professionals looking for a setting in which to conduct presentations, interviews, client pitches and more. The service includes the use of projection equipment [supplied] and [the] kitchen facilities. Conference rooms and boardrooms are also available to rent.

For business professionals who frequently travel, Chow often suggests enrollment in the company's "Businessworld" membership initiative, available at three levels. The Gold membership package provides clients access to what are known as business lounges, which can be found in various locations around the world, such as airports, train stations, business parks and elsewhere.

The Platinum package provides the benefits of the Gold membership, along with access to a co-working space, and the Platinum Plus package adds the use of a rental office.

"Anyone can come in and work in between meetings," Chow said.

These facilities provide a viable alternative to working in a remote location such as Starbucks, Chow noted, and that renting space at Regus is a welcome alternative to telecommuting.

"The challenging part about working at home is the distraction," he said. "Regus offers face time and discipline, and many of our clients have found this to be good for them."

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Happenings

We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Martin Wilbur at mwilbur@theexaminernews.com.

Tuesday, Nov. 14

Drop-in Tech Help. Drop in for help with any of your technology devices. Henry V. Kensing Memorial Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.org.

SAT Prep Course. A 10-week, one-hour weekly class that will teach the test-taking strategies to help you get the score you want. Participants are strongly urged to attend all sessions to get the most benefit from the class. North Castle Public Library, 10 Clove Rd., North White Plains. 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Free. Tuesdays through Dec. 5. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-948-6359 or visit the library.

Harvest Food & Wine Festival. Sample an array of international fare from local restaurants and merchants, from appetizers to desserts. Come and find your favorite new restaurant. Proceeds help support A-HOME's long-term supportive housing programs. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 85 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 6 to 9 p.m. In advance: \$50 or \$80 for two tickets. At the door: \$60 or \$100 for two tickets. Info and tickets: Contact Barbara at 914-741-0740 ext. 322 or visit www.a-homehousing.org.

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. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887.

Author Talk: Fred Van Lente. Van Lente, author of "Ten Dead Comedians: A Murder Mystery," pays homage to the golden age of mystery and satirizes contemporary show business. He also co-wrote the graphic novels "Odd is on Our Side" and "Cowboys and Aliens," the basis for the feature film starring Harrison Ford and Daniel Craig. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

An Evening With Cher, Billy Joel, Midler, Streisand and Many More. All your favorite legendary superstars come alive – Sonny and Cher, Billy Joel, Elton John, Bette Midler, Barbra Streisand, Neil Diamond, Lionel Richie, Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles, Lady Gaga, Celine Dion, Rod Stewart, Andrea Bocelli, Tom Jones and more. Starring Las Vegas impersonators, The Edward Twins. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Matinee: Lunch at 11:15 a.m. Show at 1 p.m. \$64 per person (plus tax). Show only: \$50 per person (plus tax). Evening: 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.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

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.

Mother Nature's Storytime. Children, along with a parent or caregiver, will explore nature on trail walks through stories and nature-themed crafts for this session that meets for six consecutive Wednesdays. Dress for outdoor activity unless weather is extreme. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 to 11 a.m. Members: \$50 per child. Non-members: \$90 per child. Info and reservations: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Ambassadors for Successful Aging. Are you aware of the benefits available to you as a Westchester County senior? Information can be provided to you on housing, home care, transportation options, counseling options, memory care, nutrition, vision and dental services along with SNAP, HEAP, EPIC and STAR and other programs that can save you money and help you plan for the future. Feel free to discuss a Westchester County "ambassador." No appointment necessary. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Also Mondays at the North White Plains branch, 10 Clove Rd., North White Plains. Info: 914-273-3887 or 914-948-6359.

New Mommy and Daddy Meet-Up. Whether it's your first child or your fifth, this is a great way to get out of the house, meet new friends and enjoy time with your baby. World Cup Nursery School, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 10:25 to 11:10 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-238-9267 ext. 20.

Adult Coloring Club. It's a relaxing, analog stress-reducer that can give you a sense of accomplishment. Coloring also provides a creative outlet to people who may not be trained artists. The library provides colored pencils and intricate mandala patterns, just bring your creativity. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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 (except Nov. 24). 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. Henry V. Kensing Memorial Library, 100 Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Also Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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 (except Nov. 24). Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Storytime. For children 18 months to five years old. Henry V. Kensing Memorial Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday and Thursday (except Nov. 23). Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco.org.

Meditation Series: Midday Mind Break. Benefits of meditation include increasing focus and memory; increased health; reduced stress, anxiety and pain; and increased productivity and happiness. Led by Alka Kaminer. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.com.

Medicare Consulting. James Shelly, certified by the Centers for Medicare Services, will be on hand to answer Medicare questions so you can make informed choices. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Also Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Every Wednesday and Saturday through November. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.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. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887.

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.

"Guys and Dolls Jr." Random Farms Kids Theater presents this classic musical featuring performers in grades 3-8. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 6:15 p.m. Premium seating: \$14. Regular seating: \$10. Groups of 12 or more: \$7. Also Nov. 18 and 19 at 11:15 a.m. and Nov. 21 at 6:15 p.m. Info and tickets: Visit www.randomfarms.com.

Art Series: Korean Fashion Joseon Dynasty. From 1392 to 1897, the Chosun (or Joseon) Dynasty ruled Korea. Influenced by Confucian ideals as it moved away from Buddhism, the Joseon dynasty saw a move toward realism in its art and a dramatic change in its fashion. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Separation/Divorce Support Group. A new group for men and women separated, in the process of separating or post-divorce. Establishes a safe place where attendees can deal with the pain and loneliness brought about by the ending of a significant relationship. This nondenominational group will use the 12 Steps to focus on its members and the choices made to cope and adjust. Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 15 S. Bedford Rd., Mount Kisco. \$10. Every Wednesday. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Contact Ilene Amiel at 914-980-0898 or e-mail 12stepdivorcegroup@gmail.com or visit www.meetup.com/Mount-Kisco-12-step-Separation-Divorce-Support-Meetup.

Bedford Chamber Concert Series. An all-Mozart concert featuring the Sonata for Flute and Piano, with Mimi Stillman on flute, the Piano Quartet No. 1 and the "Jupiter" Symphony No. 41. St. Matthew's Church Fellowship Hall, 382 Cantitoe St. (Route 22), Bedford. 8 p.m. \$40. Students: \$10. Info and tickets: 914-522-5150 or visit www.bedfordchamberconcerts.org.

Thursday, Nov. 16

Third Thursdays Bird Walk. Join naturalist Tait Johansson at this local migration hotspot for the second in a new series of bird walks. A great way to hone your birding skills and mark the passing of the seasons and birds. Maple Avenue, Katonah. 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Susan at 914-302-9713 or e-mail info@bedfordaudubon.org.

Annual Thanksgiving Diversity Breakfast. Hosted by Manhattanville College's Duchesne Center for Religion and Social Justice, the breakfast was created after 9/11 by the American Jewish Committee as a way to bring the religious

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Winter Is Coming, So it's Time to Prepare and Get Your Flu Shot

The cold weather months have arrived, which means it's time to prepare yourself to fight against the flu. Catching the flu is quite a taxing ordeal, almost always resulting in having to call out sick from work. The Bureau of Labor Statistics has done studies that show there is a notable spike in illness-related work absences each year during flu season.

Get Your Flu Shot

Failing to get your flu shot is setting yourself up for disaster. Not only will you likely miss work, but you could end up spending a pretty penny on medical costs, too.

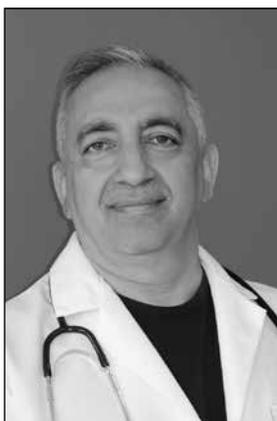
The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) conducted a study estimating the annual direct cost of the flu in the United States is \$4.6 billion. That number includes costs such as doctor's office visits, medication and hospital visits. The flu causes U.S. workers to lose up to

111 million workdays each year. That can add up to nearly \$7 billion in costs due to sick days and lost productivity.

The easiest way to stave off the flu is to get your flu shot. The recommendation is for everyone six months and older to get vaccinated, with few exceptions. Older adults and young children are particularly susceptible

to the flu, but anyone can catch it. Who wants to be down and out with body aches, chills, cough, fatigue, sore throat and nausea? Take care of yourself and go get your shot!

It doesn't have to be a time-consuming event. At AFC Urgent Care Yorktown, no appointment is needed to get a flu shot. You can walk



By Dr. Rajesh Gupta

in to receive quality care from qualified medical professionals and protect yourself for the season.

Keep It Clean

It's common sense that you wash your hands after using the restroom, but it's also important to wash your hands periodically throughout the day. Be aware of touching common-use surfaces,

such as doorknobs, hand railings or elevator buttons, and clean your hands after each use. Remember during washing to scrub the front and back of your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.

Finally, it's a good idea to wipe down your work area with sanitizing wipes. Germs can lurk on your

phone, desk and keyboard just waiting to get you sick. Do yourself a favor this winter and up your hygiene game.

Stay Home if You're Sick

If you do get the flu, stay home! You may feel like you just don't have time to be sick, but the best thing you can do for your body, and your co-workers, is stay away from the office and rest. Your body needs time to recuperate, so take it easy and drink plenty of fluids. If you try to power through and come to work anyway, you're unlikely to be productive, and you'll end up spreading your illness to your colleagues. Do everyone a favor, and stay home to recuperate properly.

Avoid the hassle of the flu during the cold winter months by taking the proper precautions. Get your shot today. You'll be glad you did.

Dr. Rajesh Gupta is medical director at AFC Urgent Care Yorktown.

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communities together after the tragedy. This year's breakfast will be attended by Westchester's religious and civic leaders and by more than 85 religious and civic organizations and attract over 350 guests from Westchester and Fairfield counties. Manhattanville College's Benziger Hall, East Room, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase. 7:30 to 10 a.m. \$16 in advance. \$25 at the door. Info and registration: Visit www.global.ajc.org/westfair/diversity2017.

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 (except Nov. 23). 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 (except Nov. 23). 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 (except Nov. 23). Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Mahjongg Club. Intermediate players welcome. Participants must bring their own set. Henry V. Kensing Memorial Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 p.m. Free. Every Thursday (except Nov. 23). Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Advanced Beginner and Intermediate Bridge Class. Do you want to improve your bridge game, but the beginner class is redundant for you? This class is for people with some knowledge of the game. With Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Thursdays through Nov. 16. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

NT Live: Follies. The great Imelda Staunton, who has won Olivier awards for her performances in two other Sondheim musicals, "Sweeney Todd" and "Gypsy," leads a 37-person cast broadcast live from London's National Theatre. Featuring standards such as "Losing My Mind" and "I'm Still Here," the show is set around a group of former showgirls who reunite 30 years after their final performance to

have a few drinks and reminisce. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Members: \$25. Non-members: \$35. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.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 (except Nov. 23). 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. Henry V. Kensing Memorial Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday (except Nov. 23). Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Read to Rover. Dogs love listening to stories. Come meet Rover and read your favorite story. For children five years old and up. Henry V. Kensing Memorial Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday (except Nov. 23). Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

English as a Second Language Class. Strengthen your English skills through pronunciation exercises, grammar exercises and conversation practice. All are welcome to participate in these informal

small English Language Learner group classes. The friendly, flexible yet structured setting is ideal for those who want to improve their English communication skills. Led by Stacey Fields. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Every Thursday (except Nov. 23). Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Terry Reid With Cosmic American Derelicts. Terry Reid, "Superlungs" as he's affectionately known, is one of the greatest rock/soul voices this country has ever produced. A Terry Reid concert should be a cherished memory for any self-respecting fan of the greats of British music. He turned down the front man's job with Led Zeppelin, recommending his mate Robert Plant instead, and a similar offer from Deep Purple. Reid's work includes numerous collaborations with Graham Nash, covers of Reid songs by Marianne Faithfull, The Hollies, The Raconteurs, film soundtracks, including a song in George Clooney's recent film "Up in the Air," and a catalogue of six studio albums. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 7 p.m. \$37 and \$47. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

"The Enlightenment of Mr. Mole." The Schoolhouse Theater presents the premiere of this production, an adaptation of Kenneth Graham's "The Wind and the

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Willows,” written and directed by Tony-Award winner B.H. Barry. A stunning play for anyone from 5 to 105. A perfect evening or afternoon of comedy, adventure and fun for families, particularly at Thanksgiving. The Schoolhouse Theater, 3 Owens Rd., North Salem. 8 p.m. \$38. Seniors: \$35. A 30 percent discount with season subscriptions; student and group discounts available. Also Nov. 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 19, 25 and 26 at 3 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-277-8477 or visit www.schoolhousetheater.org.

Friday, Nov. 17

Mosses and Lichens Workshop. Their small size tends to leave them overlooked, but mosses and lichens are important elements in many ecosystems as well as being beautiful. This workshop will focus on their basic evolution and biology, how birds and other wildlife use them, their use in gardening and how to recognize the most common species in the area by creating a living field guide. Dress appropriately for weather; part of this class will be outside. Westchester Community College’s Classroom Building, Room 100, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$80. Info and registration: 914-606-6830 and press 1 or visit www.sunywcc.edu/CE.

Private Estate Sale. Check out the high-end women’s designer and contemporary clothing, shoes and accessories, including Ralph Lauren, Diane Von Furstenberg, Donald Pliner, Marc Jacobs, Peruvian Connection, Roberto Clergerie, James Perse, Boden and many more. Sizing is mostly small; shoes mostly size 7 ½. Select items from the Barn Sale Treasure Room will also be for sale. First Congregational Church of Chappaqua, 210 Orchard Ridge Rd., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission. Info: 914-238-4411 or e-mail office@fcc-chappaqua.org.

Zumba. Low-impact Zumba with Amy. A great dance fitness workout for those who like to sweat, sizzle and tone while moving to the beat of exhilarating rhythms with a low impact/high intensity approach. A perfect class for those who need to protect vulnerable body parts such as knees, shoulders and back. Try a free trial class. Addie-tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. Drop-in rate: \$12. Every Friday. Also Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Info: Call or text the instructor at 914-643-6162.

County Budget Informational Meeting. The League of Women Voters of Westchester will sponsor this event where the recently released 2018 county budget will be discussed. County Budget Director Larry Soule will make a presentation on how the county’s fiscal decisions impact infrastructure, public safety, the Board

of Elections, social services, fixing pot holes, parks and recreation, Rye Playland, Westchester County Airport and taxes. Followed by a question-and-answer period. Scarsdale Library, 54 Olmstead Rd., Scarsdale. 1 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Betsy Shaw Weiner at 914-271-2465 or at treetops38@aol.com or the League office at 914-949-0507 or lwwestchester@optonline.net.

Evening Howl for Pups of All Ages. Enjoy visiting the wolves during their favorite hour – dusk. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why September is a magical time for packs in North America. Guests will take a short sunset hike to howl with ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican wolves. All guests will be served weather appropriate treats. Please bring flashlights. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 6 p.m. Adults: \$16. Children (under 12): \$13. Also Nov. 24 at 5 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Opening Reception and All-Ages Craft Workshop for Craft Marketplace: Exhibition and Sale of the Homemade. Pelham Art Center’s annual artisan and craft exhibition returns, with exciting changes, including highly affordable and unique gifts, perfect for the holidays. It will highlight a dynamic collection of quality, affordable handmade items from skilled craft disciplines including ceramics, silver works and other types of unique jewelry, glass, leather and more. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free admission. Sale and exhibit continues through Dec. 30. Open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: 914-738-2525 or visit www.pelhamartcenter.org.

Friday Night Cinema: “The Royal Tailor.” An epic rivalry between two tailors in the ancient Joseon era of South Korea changes the fashion of royalty amidst scandal, romance and tragedy in this 2014 period drama. Korean with English subtitles. 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.

WCC Film Series: “Tangerine’s.” In 1992, local Apkhazians are fighting to break free from Georgia. In an Estonian village, almost everyone has returned to their homeland, where only two men, Margus and Ivo, had stayed. However, Margus will leave as soon as he harvests his tangerine crop. This is a touching anti-war story about Estonians who find themselves in the middle of someone else’s war. The fifth of six Friday evening screenings. Westchester Community College’s Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. Doors open at 7:10 p.m. Refreshments at 7:20 p.m.

Screening at 7:45 p.m. \$11. Seniors: \$10. Info and tickets: 914-723-3186.

The Hit Men in Concert. Take a star-studded journey back through rock ‘n’ roll history with these legendary performers who sang and played with some of the greatest artists of our time, including Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, Carly Simon, Cat Stevens, Elton John, Rod Stewards, Carole Kins and many other. The group performs a Billboard chart-topping show of songs to which you danced, dated, sang along and knew every word. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35, \$45 and \$55. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

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Saturday, Nov. 18

Pleasantville Farmers Market. Experience the largest year-round farmers market in Westchester and the one voted Best of Westchester from 2014 to 2017. With 56 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, the market is a delicious good time every week. This market is a dog-free environment. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Chappaqua Farmers Market. 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. 8:30 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. Pruyne 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.

Practice Tai Chi With Larry Atille. Learn specific feldenkrais and chi kung breathing techniques for deep relaxation and apply them to tai chi movement. This is a hands-on class that will be geared to the level of experience of the class and challenge all participants. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a floor mat or towel. North Castle Public Library, 19

Whipoorwill Rd. East. Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: 914-273-3887.

American Association of University Women Salary Negotiation Workshop for Women. Women working full-time in the U.S. typically are paid just 80 percent of what white men are paid – and it’s even worse for women of color. In this workshop, women can expect to learn about the gender pay gap, including its personal consequences; how to quantify the market value of their education, skills and experience; how to conduct objective market research and determine a fair target salary; and how to create a strategic pitch and respond to salary offers. Led by Roli Wendorf and Jane Pendergast. Greenburgh Public Library, 200 Tarrytown Rd., Elmsford. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.tinyurl.com/Learntonegotiate.

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Compassion and Choices Info Session. A screening of the award-winning film “How to Die in Oregon” followed by a discussion about New York’s Medical Aid in Dying Act. Questions encouraged. Henry V. Kensing Memorial Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. Film at 12:30 p.m. Discussion at 2:15 p.m. Info: e-mail NY@CompassionAndChoices.org or visit lhvactionteamcompassionchoices.wordpress.com.

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One More Weekend of Performances for Axial Theatre's 'Nectar'

Axial Theatre's presentation of "Nectar," Katie Baldwin Eng's bright and bold new prize-winning play that tackles love, sex, birth, death and the power of magic, will conclude its world premiere this weekend.

Sure to stun as much for its hilarity as its unexpected bursts of enchantment and, ultimately, its poignancy, the play follows the transitions and transformations of strong women coming to terms with a once strong, now dying, man named Max. Eng, a Richard Rogers finalist, is known for writing plays that are like musicals and musicals that are like plays.

Performances continue this Friday, Nov. 17 and Saturday, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, located at 8 Sunnyside Ave. in Pleasantville.

"Nectar" tells the story of a midwestern woman, pregnant and on her babymoon in a great European city, who encounters a celebrated French film star, and discovers that they were both mistresses of the same legendary writer who now lies dying in a coma. An overnight vigil of astonishing revelations leads the beguiled and



Left to right, Gail Greenstein, Catherine Banks and Susan Ward star in Axial Theatre's production of "Nectar." The show is scheduled to run for three more performances this weekend at St. John's Episcopal Church in Pleasantville.

heartbroken to realize what it means to grow up, to love and be loved.

Exceptionally lauded for a play previously seen only in staged readings, "Nectar" has already received numerous accolades and much critical acclaim, including the Irv Zarkower Award for Excellence and the Hudson Valley Writers Center New Play Prize. Directed by Christina Roussos, a recent Clubbed

Thumb Directing Fellow, it features six women in a cast of nine, including eight members and associates of Axial Theatre. The play follows the company's tradition of celebrating the work of women in theater as writers, directors and actors.

Drama Desk Award-winning director Josh Hecht, artistic director of Profile Theatre, calls the play "a magical, poignant, funny new play, full of a wistful, even nostalgic sense of romance and loss while also holding space for a hopeful future."

Craig Lucas, Obie-award winning playwright, New York Film Critics award-winning screenwriter as well as an actor and director of stage and screen, said "seldom has a writer so trusted the logic and veracity of her dream. There is enough in 'Nectar' to occupy a fleet of Jungian analysts for lifetimes. Devouring passion and irrevocable loss join hands with the urgency of young lovers seizing their only chance to do what lovers must do."

Howard Meyer, founder and artistic director of Axial Theatre, calls it "a rare find, a play that exhibits rich, comedic language and fits right into the tradition

of magical realism established by Gabriel Garcia Marquez in '100 Years of Solitude.'"

The cast includes Axial members and associates Catherine Banks (Ossining), Susan Ward (Ossining), Gail Greenstein (Katonah), Mary Roberts (Mount Kisco), Sandy Oppedisano (Dobbs Ferry), Anne Hammond (Bedford Hills), Michael Boyle Jr. (Ossining), Patrick McGuinness (Brewster) and guest artist John Riley O'Handley.

Set design is by Heather Kornreich (Mount Kisco); costume designer, Isabelle Coler; lighting and projection design by Devorah Kengmana; sound designer is Sam Kaseta; music by Jeff Tang; props designer, Casey Alexander Smith; stage manager is Cat Hickerson; technical director, Diana Dávila; production manager, Mary Cate Mangum; and carpenter, Dijon Jackson.

Tickets are \$27.50 and \$22.50 for students and seniors. Student \$10 rush tickets will be offered if purchased on hour before curtain. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-838-3006. Tickets can be purchased online at brownpapertickets.com (search Axial Theatre).

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Pack Chat for Kids. This is the best introduction to wolves for families with young children. Kids will learn about the mythology surrounding wolves and the important role they play in the natural world. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr as well as the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 2 p.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also Nov. 19, 24 and 26 at 11 a.m. and Nov. 25 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-763-2373 or visit www.nywolf.org.

Artist Presentation. Renowned artist James Dyekman will make a personal appearance at his latest exhibit, "Horses and Hounds," featuring paintings, pastels and prints. His love for horses and animals, combined with his artistic skill and his expertise in computer technology and design, makes his work one of a kind. Dyekman will introduce a PowerPoint presentation based on his experience in the field of printmaking in the world of art. Art Gallery at Rockefeller State Park, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-631-1470 ext. 107 or visit www.parks.ny.gov.

A Cappella Festival. The Westchester Chordsmen Chorus will hold its fourth annual A Cappella Festival featuring student groups from Mamaroneck, Pleasantville, Edgemont and Westlake high schools and Port Chester Middle School. Co-sponsored by Mamaroneck High School, Mamaroneck High School,

1000 W. Boston Post Rd., Mamaroneck. 2 to 5 p.m. Free. Info: 914-298-SING (7464) or visit www.chordsmen.org.

Opening Reception for "Call of the Wild." A juried art exhibit featuring more than 30 artists from across the Northeast. This show will leave no doubt that nature looms large for so many artists. Works range in media and include oils, acrylics, pen and ink, fiber, photography and sculpture. Anderson Chase Gallery, 65 Old Bedford Rd., Goldens Bridge. 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Dec. 29. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday by appointment only. Info: Contact Loren Anderson at 914-232-4843 or e-mail katonahartcentermedia@gmail.com.

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center's Flute Affair. An instrument that's been around for 60,000 years certainly deserves a concert of its own. This program's exposé of the flute's astonishing capabilities reveals how composers of three centuries were inspired by its magical qualities. Purchase College's Recital Hall, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 5 p.m. \$60. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit www.artscenter.org.

Evening Howl for Adults. Enjoy visiting the wolves during their favorite hour – dusk. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolves in North America while enjoying a lovely spread of wine and cheese. Take a short sunset hike to howl with ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and behold the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican

wolves. For adults 21 years old and up. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 5 p.m. \$20. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

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"Nobuntu." The Aquila Theatre Company presents this captivating all-female a cappella ensemble from Zimbabwe. Enjoy the mesmerizing choral concert of epic proportions and exuberant energy. Westchester Community College's Academic Arts Theatre, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. \$24. Seniors: \$22. Children (under 13): \$18. Info and tickets: 914-606-6262 or visit www.sunywcc.edu/smartarts.

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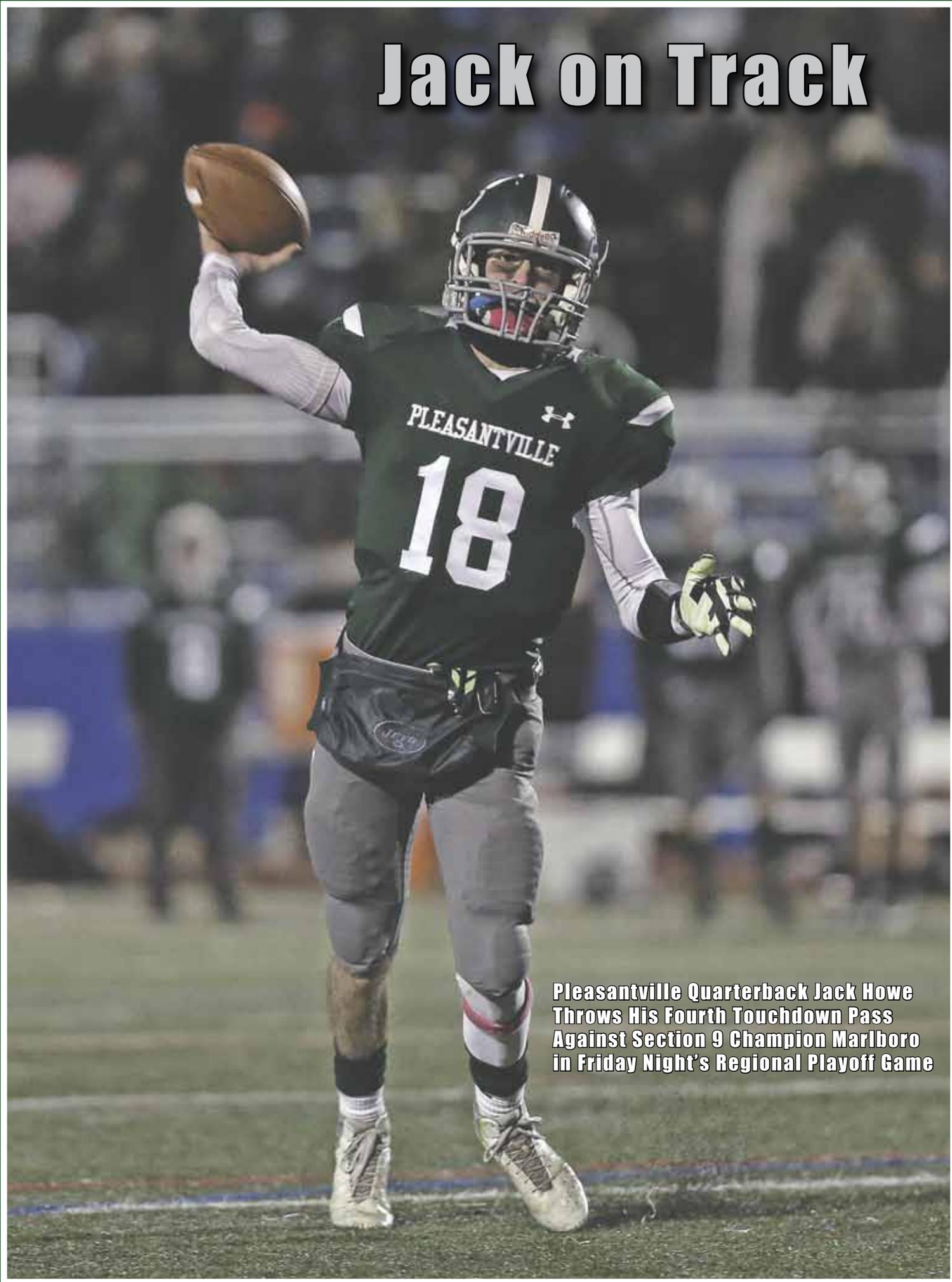
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Pleasantville Quarterback Jack Howe Throws His Fourth Touchdown Pass Against Section 9 Champion Marlboro in Friday Night's Regional Playoff Game

Panthers Roar From Behind to Win Regional Final

By Andy Jacobs

Not even an early two-touchdown deficit and record-breaking cold temperature could stop the Pleasantville football team on Friday night.

The Panthers used the throwing arm of junior quarterback Jack Howe, who tossed four touchdown passes over the final three quarters, and a resurgent defense, which blanked Section 9 champion Marlboro in the second half, to emerge with an impressive 33-22 come-from-behind win in the state Class B regional final at chilly Mahopac High School.

“They went up quick two scores and the combination of the kids not giving up and the coaches’ adjustments, they were the difference,” said Panthers head coach Tony Becerra shortly after his team had put an end to the season of the previously unbeaten Iron Dukes. “The kids didn’t panic. They showed their resolve, just like they did last week. They keep drawing on their experiences.”

Facing a Marlboro team that scored an average of 50 points through its first half dozen wins, the Panthers soon found themselves in a big hole for the first time all year. Iron Dukes quarterback Sam Mongelli galloped 50 yards on the first play from scrimmage and four plays later crossed the goal line from a yard out to complete a rapid 69-yard drive. The point-after kick by Mongelli gave Marlboro a 7-0 lead just under two minutes into the game.

The Panthers’ first possession of the bitterly cold evening ended with a long Howe pass being picked off by John Perugino deep in Iron Duke territory. That set up an 11-play, 85-yard drive Mongelli finished by running 13 yards for his second touchdown. The PAT was no good, but with 1:33 left in the opening quarter Pleasantville was still behind by 13 points.

“I just thought our defense needed



Panther quarterback Jack Howe is chased by Marlboro's Teige Napoli as he runs with the football during Friday night's come-from-behind 33-22 regional win.

to settle down,” said Panthers senior linebacker Nick Salzarulo, who would later be named the game’s defensive MVP after having a part in 15 tackles, including two big sacks. “We needed to stick to little things. We were missing too many tackles, we were just getting caught inside.”

Pleasantville, now 10-1, began to climb back into the contest on its second possession of the game. The Panthers, helped by a third-down interference penalty, drove 81 yards in nine plays, finally getting on the scoreboard with 9:43 left in the half when Howe connected with Jared Wilens on a 27-yard touchdown pass. But Howe’s PAT try was blocked, leaving the Panthers trailing 13-6.

The Iron Dukes immediately answered as Giovanni Frisenda returned the ensuing kickoff 68 yards to set up a 25-yard Mongelli field goal. But Howe soon bolted 54 yards on third down to highlight a five-play, 66-yard scoring drive that was capped by Charlie McPhee’s six-yard touchdown run. The Panthers’ try for a two-point conversion was stopped, so Marlboro’s lead was 16-12 with 4:55 remaining before halftime.

Marlboro, which scored on its first four possessions of the night and then never again, delivered one more highlight for



Pleasantville's Declan McDermott finds room to run in the first half of Friday's state playoff game vs. Section 9 champ Marlboro.

its fans less than a minute later when Mongelli, looking like a young Fran Tarkenton, scrambled away from big trouble before finding the wide-open Perugino for a catch-and-run play that turned into a 72-yard touchdown. The point-after kick sailed wide, but the Iron Dukes still had a 10-point cushion.

With just over a minute to go in the half, Howe tossed a 21-yard touchdown pass into the right side of the end zone to Jack Minerva to conclude a seven-play, 80-yard drive. Howe’s PAT cut the Marlboro lead to 22-19, and the Iron Dukes’ Mongelli missed a 34-yard field-goal try wide left with just one second on the clock.

“Even though we were down at halftime,” said Becerra, “I thought we had a little bit more momentum going in, especially with the missed field goal before the half. The staff did a great job making the adjustments defensively and then the kids, we didn’t give up the big plays in the second half that we did in the first half.”

When the second half began, it took the Panthers just four plays to cover 59 yards and grab the lead for the first time all night. Howe connected with Declan McDermott on a 26-yard pass play on third down, then found him wide open down the middle in the end zone on the next play for a 28-yard touchdown. The point-after kick gave P’ville a 26-22 edge with 9:41 left in the third quarter.

“We saw that we can get those seams down the middle,” said Becerra of the back-to-back passes to McDermott, “and it was just a matter of being able to execute.”

Late in the third quarter, the Iron Dukes moved the ball into Panther territory before a Phil DeSantis pass was picked off by McDermott. The Panthers soon had an apparent Howe-to-Cullen Dell 36-yard touchdown pass called back because of a penalty and the fourth quarter began with Pleasantville punting the ball away.

Marlboro picked up one first down, but then was forced to punt. A short kick gave the Panthers the ball at the Iron Dukes’ 42-yard line. McPhee, who finished with 175



The Panthers’ Charlie McPhee picks up some of his 175 rushing yards in the playoff win over Marlboro.

of Pleasantville’s 302 yards on the ground, ran for 15 yards on consecutive plays, but eventually the Panthers were faced with fourth and four from the 6-yard line.

The Panthers decided to gamble and it paid off. Howe, who completed 11 of his 15 passes and earned the offensive MVP award, rolled out to his right, then threw into the corner of the end zone where Minerva made a diving catch just before stepping out of bounds. The PAT by Howe gave Pleasantville an 11-point lead with just 7:28 remaining.

The Iron Dukes responded by moving the ball down to the P’ville 30-yard line. But consecutive sacks of Mongelli sealed the outcome. On the second one, with just over five minutes remaining, Danny Minerva recovered Mongelli’s fumble near midfield. The Panthers held the ball the rest of the way, advancing all the way to the Marlboro 6-yard line before taking a knee on the game’s final play.

Asked afterwards if he had been concerned about the way Marlboro seemed to dominate the first quarter, Becerra said, “Extremely concerned, because it looked like the first couple possessions we didn’t have answers. Again, it was the adjustments by coach

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Jack Minerva of Pleasantville fends off Marlboro’s Giovanni Frisenda during the Class B regional final playoff game at Mahopac High School.



Pleasantville’s Nick Salzarulo is congratulated by injured teammate Brian Reda after being named the defensive MVP in Friday night’s win over Marlboro.

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(Brian) Maceyak and coach (George) LaMar that I think were the difference defensively. The first half was all about the field position, the big play and letting them off the hook. And we limited that in the second half."

As a result, the Panthers now move on to face Section 2'S Glens Falls in the state semifinals for a second straight season. A year ago, the Indians trounced Pleasantville 49-14 as sophomore

quarterback Joseph Girard III threw five touchdown passes. According to Salzarulo, not a single Panther has forgotten that long afternoon.

"Yeah, we've been looking towards this game," he said. "Kids have been working out for THIS game next week. They've been looking at this game the whole time. Not overlooking anyone, I mean, we took it game by game. But we have wanted to play this team since the end of our season when we lost to them. I'm very excited to get a second shot at them."



Pleasantville running back Charlie McPhee breaks tackles as he carries the football in the second half against previously unbeaten Marlboro.



Pleasantville's Declan McDermott scores the go-ahead touchdown on a 28-yard pass from Jack Howe in the early moments of the third quarter.



The Panthers' Jack Minerva and Cullen Dell meet in midair to celebrate a touchdown in the state playoff win over Marlboro.



Quarterback Jack Howe carries the ball during Pleasantville's regional playoff win over the Iron Dukes from Section 9.

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Westlake's Run in the State Tourney Ended by Owego

By Danny Lopriore

The Westlake volleyball team struggled early and then struggled to stay in the match before losing to upstate Owego in the New York State Public High Schools regional semifinals last Wednesday at Croton High School.

Owego, the defending Class B state champion, slammed and spiked its way to a three-set sweep by scores of 25-9, 25-14 and 25-20 as the Westlake squad seemed to improve with each set before falling.

The two-time Section 1 champion Wildcats, who topped rival Briarcliff last week in the Section 1 Class B championship match, finished their season with a record of 17-4.

Owego eliminated Westlake in last year's regional final before going on to the state title.

"We just couldn't get going early," Westlake coach Carmen Bates said. "We knew Owego was a strong team and maybe let it affect us. We had a great win over Briarcliff in the sectional final, but couldn't get it going (today). We were a little tentative, knowing how strong they were."

Westlake seemed poised to spring an upset beginning with team captain Sydney Roell's pitch-perfect singing of the national anthem in front of a gymnasium packed with vocal supporters. But the pregame fervor didn't produce a victory.



Westlake's Angelina Guarnieri (23) and Cayleigh Power try to block Owego's Brinn Shaughnessy during last Tuesday's state regional volleyball match.

The Wildcats did jump out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first set. Then Owego used its powerful front line, strong digging defense and serve returns in a 25-7 run to take the set. Westlake seemed caught between defending the net and returning Owego's slams.

"We kept growing and getting better all year, definitely peaking going into the sectionals," Bates said. "We swept that second set with Briarcliff and had momentum. We just couldn't get that attitude back here against Owego. If we had played up a bit early we could have made it a match."

The Wildcats didn't let the early setbacks deter them and opened the second set



Owego's Kaylee Kelly tries to power the ball past Westlake's Antonia Perino (center) and Stacie Kinlen in last week's regional playoff at Croton-Harmon High School.

with a 6-0 lead before allowing Owego to climb back in. Once again, mistakes and the failure to fight off their opponent's net game allowed Owego to tie the set at 9-9 and soon run away to a 25-14 win.

Jessica Woods, Angelica Guarnieri, Antonia Perino, Laine Peterson, Roell and Cayleigh Power, a force up front, played



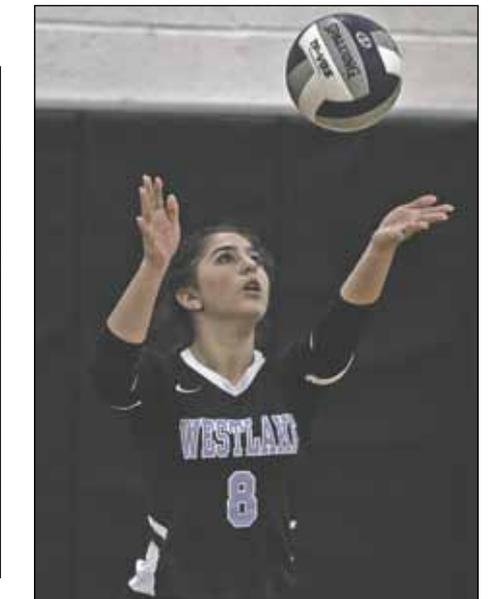
Antonia Perino and Cayleigh Power of Westlake rise together trying to stop Owego outside hitter Kaylee Kelly in last Tuesday's Class B state regional.

well in spots for the Wildcats.

Westlake played its best volleyball in the third and final set by standing tall at the net with Power making several key blocks as the teams stayed close. The Wildcats kept the scoring tight, moving within two points of the lead on four separate occasions and were still within 21-19 before Owego went on one final streak to capture the clinching set 25-20.



Westlake's Sydney Roell tries to send the ball past Ruby Coleman of Owego during the Class B regional playoff match last Tuesday.



Sydney Roell gets set to serve the ball in Westlake's state playoff match vs. Owego.



Westlake players, left to right, Sydney Roell, Laine Peterson, Caroline Murray and Angelina Guarnieri show their disappointment following last week's regional playoff loss to Section 4's Owego while Wildcat assistant coach Gina Perino gives a hug to her niece, Antonia Perino.

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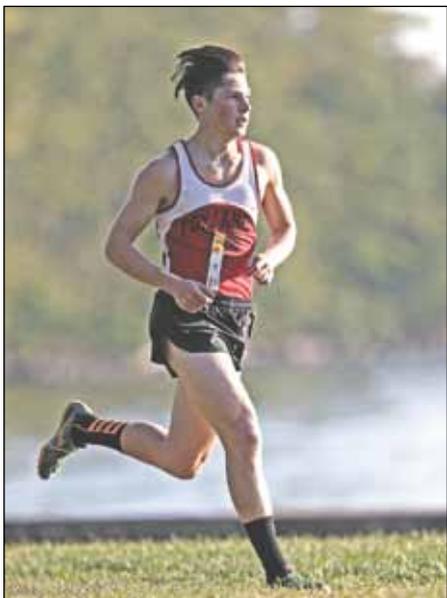


Byram Hills football players Luke Simon (left) and Antonio Aversa are joined by Bobcat head coach Doug Carpenter during Sunday's Section One All-Star Game at Clarkstown North High School. Simon and Aversa were part of the North squad, which triumphed 37-0.

FOX LANE Fall 2017 A Look Back



Miles Levy takes the ball along the right sideline in the Foxes' playoff win over visiting North Rockland.



Sam Barton heads toward the finish line as he runs in the league championships at Croton Point Park.



Danielle Palladino sends the ball up the field during Foxes' 4-4 tie at home vs. Greeley.



Members of the Fox Lane girls' cross country team run together at the start of the league championships at Croton Point Park.



Leah Tuluca, Fox Lane's top singles player, hits a backhand return during the conference championships at White Plains High School.



Standout swimmer Noelle Kaufmann won the 100 yard freestyle at the recent sectional championships.



Tess Krensky sets her sights on the ball in a soccer game vs. host Horace Greeley.



Olivia Dey chases after the ball in the second half of a late-season home game.



The Foxes' Alexandra Griffin controls the ball during a midseason game.



Abby Bayuk serves the ball during one of her matches at second singles.



Running back Jack Foote tries to elude a tackle as he carries the football near midfield.



The Foxes' Michael Washington runs with the football in the 43-14 home win vs. Greeley.



Maria Violante rises high in the air to send the ball over the net during a Fox home volleyball match.



The Foxes' Emma Kolsky concentrates as she bumps the ball.



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