

## Stolen Dreidel Rededicated Amid Community Support

By Anna Young

The six-foot dreidel that stood at the intersection of Manville Road and Great Oak Lane in Pleasantville was knocked over and stolen Thursday night prompting over 100 community members to come together in solidarity.

Clergy and residents of all faiths gathered in Pleasantville Friday night singing songs of peace and hope as they rededicated the scene of the crime with a new three-foot dreidel display that was quickly whittled together by Pleasantville resident Dan Ryan.

Rabbi Maura Linzer of Temple Beth El in Chappaqua, who led the Dec. 22 gathering, said it was wonderful to see so many different houses of worship and residents of different faiths support the Jewish community.

"It was really important to have the community gather together because I

didn't want people to go into the holiday break thinking this was the message of Pleasantville," said Linzer, a Pleasantville resident. "Pleasantville is a community that is so open and welcoming and close-knit."

She added that the new display was representative of Hanukkah, proving how members of the Jewish faith persevere to overcome the odds of adversity.

"Hanukkah means rededication, and it was in true Hanukkah spirit to rededicate a place that is so important to us in Pleasantville," she said.

The dreidel, which was bought and placed privately by a group of Jewish residents in 2012, was created as a symbol of diversity and faith within the village.

Pleasantville resident Alison Laden, who led in the effort to get the dreidel, was heartbroken by the incident. She said the

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## Ex-Greeley Drama Teacher Assigned Level 3 Sex Offender Status

By Anna Young

Former Horace Greeley High School drama teacher Christopher Schraufnagel received the highest degree of sexual offender status for sexually abusing three students at school.

New Castle Town Justice Douglas Kraus, who handed down Schraufnagel's three-year probationary sentence on May 30, assigned a Level 3 sex offender status last Thursday, which means he is a high risk of repeating the offense, and a threat to public safety. Schraufnagel must also be registered as a sex offender for life.

David Engelsher, the attorney for four plaintiffs in a civil lawsuit against Schraufnagel, said he and his clients are relieved by Kraus's decision.

"We have been saying all along that

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Christopher Schraufnagel, the former Horace Greeley High School teacher who pleaded guilty to sexual abuse of students at the school from 2011 to 2015, was assigned the highest level of sex offender status last week.

## North Castle's Finest



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

The North Castle Town Board and Police Chief Peter Simonsen welcomed the police department's two newest hires during the board's final 2018 meeting. The unanimously approved probationary appointments are Jeanna Marie Saccoccio, who grew up in Ardsley, is a graduate John Jay College of Criminal Justice and is a clinical social worker, and Nicola Ciero, who was raised in Eastchester and is a U.S. Army veteran. The appointments are effective Jan. 1.

## Bedford Board of Ed Rejects School of Choice for Bilingual Program

By Erin Maher

The Bedford Board of Education narrowly rejected the School of Choice option for Mount Kisco Elementary School's Dual Language Bilingual Education (DLBE) program last week forcing the district to maintain the current guidelines with modifications.

School of Choice was one of two alternatives proposed by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christopher Manno to address how the district would deal with questions concerning the program. Under the School of Choice alternative, parents of Mount Kisco Elementary School students who didn't want to have their child in a bilingual English-Spanish program starting in first grade would have been moved to West Patent Elementary School.

The split 4-3 vote saw Board President Brian Sheerin, Vice President Michelle Brooks and trustees Pam Harney and William Canavan vote against School of Choice while trustees Ed Reder, Beth Starpoli and Collette Dow voted in favor.

After the vote BOE members continued the discussion.

"I think there needs to be some soul searching in Mount Kisco if you have 54 families in your community that are feeling ostracized, feeling like outsiders. That's horrible. So I think you all need to point the fingers at yourselves and say, what are we going to do to address this?" said Canavan.

Harney, who voted with Canavan said, "I think there's more to be fixed that we need to address." "We made a choice tonight to keep in place, an unfair, unbalanced

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ALISON LADEN PHOTO

Clergy and residents gathered Friday night in Pleasantville to rededicate a new three-foot dreidel display.

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150-pound display had been vandalized throughout the years, but never stolen.

"It was obviously heartbreaking, but a lot of hope was restored (Friday night) to see that everyone is coming together," Laden said. "I'm very thankful the people in our village came together regardless of religion and supported each other, which was very enlightening."

She added that the new display made by Ryan, who is not Jewish, in just hours was

an incredible act of kindness.

"He took it upon himself to make something really bad into something really good and that's incredible," she said. "As sad as the day started it couldn't have ended any better with the way the community supported everyone."

While Pleasantville police don't have any suspects, they are investigating the incident and are encouraging the public to help find those responsible.

## Ex-Greeley Drama Teacher Assigned Level 3 Sex Offender Status

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the Chappaqua Central School District never wanted to acknowledge that a dangerous sexual predator was in their midst," Engelsher said. "The judge's ruling confirms what we have known all along."

The state Department of Criminal Justice defines a Level 3 sex offender as someone who is considered a high risk of repeat offense and a threat to public safety.

In June 2014, following allegations of improper contact with several of his students, the popular drama teacher was suspended with pay until he resigned his teaching post after 12 years on the job.

In October 2015, he was arrested and charged with third-degree criminal sex act, a felony, and six misdemeanor charges. He later pleaded guilty to two charges, endangering the welfare of a child

and sexual abuse, both misdemeanors.

Schraufnagel, who lives in New Jersey, admitted to abusing three of his 15-year-old students at Greeley between 2011 and 2015.

During a May 9 court appearance, Schraufnagel, 42, took full responsibility for his actions, adding that his remorse has been continual.

"I have marred three people," he said. "I did not intend to harm these three young men."

Seven students and their families have filed a civil lawsuit against the former teacher and the Chappaqua School District, describing how students were subject to sexual, verbal and physical abuse and harassment by the teacher while on school grounds and that Schraufnagel provided illegal drugs and alcohol to students.

## Senior Bus Driver Wanted for New Castle Rec & Parks

The New Castle Recreation & Parks Department is looking for an experienced driver to operate the department's 16-passenger bus. The driver will transport seniors on Thursdays to and from doctors'

appointments, shopping and community center events. On some Wednesdays, the driver will transport seniors to local venues for trips, as well as an occasional trip to New York City. The salary is \$16 an hour and a

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# Latimer Subcommittee Hears Economic Development Ideas at Forum

By Anna Young

Nearly 100 residents filled the Mount Kisco Public Library last Tuesday night who provided County Executive-elect George Latimer's Economic Development Subcommittee with suggestions on how to improve economic growth in Westchester.

The forum was one of a series of meetings during the past two weeks to listen to the public as Latimer prepares to take over his new role on Jan. 1. Held throughout the county, the meetings have addressed a wide range of issues, including criminal justice, mental health, human rights and administrative, operational and social services.

"George is eager to receive your input and believes that this is an important and integral part of the transition process," said Michael Romita, co-chair of the Economic Development Subcommittee, at the Dec. 19 forum. "Information gathered at these meetings will be considered as part of that process."

Throughout the 90-minute forum, the public shared thoughts on how improving infrastructure, increasing affordable housing opportunities and the arts would benefit the county.

Robert Kesten, a South Salem resident and a Democratic candidate for the 40th Senate District seat, said resources must be invested into advancing the county's infrastructure. While he credits



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

A well-attended subcommittee meeting focusing on ways to enhance economic development in Westchester was held Dec. 19 in Mount Kisco as part of County Executive-elect George Latimer's transition effort.

construction of the new Mario M. Cuomo Bridge as an improvement, he said officials have avoided greater opportunities.

"One of the things that hurts Westchester to a large extent is the lack of investment in long-term, 21st century infrastructure," Kesten said.

Other residents said the county needs to provide more affordable housing. White Plains resident Jeff Smith proposed reviving the Housing Opportunities Commission, saying a more varied workforce could accelerate economic development. He said the commission could include labor unions and create jobs.

Michael Boriskin, artistic executive

director of Copland House in Peekskill, was critical of the low priority given to community arts programs and institutions. Boriskin said the arts spur economic growth.

"Arts are often seen as a frill, (when) in fact it really forms a bedrock of communities, not only socially but economically," he said, describing how Copland House's concert series at the Merestead Estate in Mount Kisco attracts visitors throughout the metropolitan area. "We don't want you to overlook the arts and culture and education as a really significant portion of economic development."

Jeffrey Haydon, CEO of the Caramoor

Center for Music and the Arts in Katonah, and Kristen Hastings-Silver, associate director of Lyndhurst Castle, agreed that their destinations are economic engines for Westchester because it results in tourists spending money in local businesses.

Haydon also indicated that arts programs provide more than 5,000 full-time jobs to county residents and generate millions in state and local revenue.

"Just as arts attract people, we see a lot of anecdotal evidence of people moving to our different areas because of the arts, because of the quality of life and the business," he said.

Also speaking on behalf of the arts was Peter Pockriss, senior vice president of Historic Hudson Valley, which holds numerous events including its biggest attraction, the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze, at Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson. The Blaze, which completed its 13th year, was open for 42 nights from September to November and attracted about 175,000 people.

"This event has become a true drive of economic development in the county, especially for the Village of Croton," Pockriss said. "I present The Blaze as a sterling example of how the arts can help to revitalize communities and enrich the cultural vitality of the county."

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# Bedford Community Rallies to Help Family Following Son's Death

By Erin Maher

Two websites were launched last week to help the family of Fox Lane Middle School student Jacob Kornreich who died on Dec. 18.

An e-mail was sent to the community the following day from Bedford Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christopher Manno that addressed the death of the eighth-grade student. No details about Kornreich's passing were released by the district.

One website, [www.teamjacobsfamily.com](http://www.teamjacobsfamily.com), allows community members to assist the family to organize food deliveries to the home and help with errands and other tasks to support the mourners during the grieving process.

A gofundme page was also created to collect funds dedicated toward funeral and burial expenses, counseling and child care for the family. As of late last week, more \$8,000 toward a \$28,000 goal was raised. To donate, visit [www.gofundme.com/teamjacobsfamily](http://www.gofundme.com/teamjacobsfamily).

A message posted on the website last



Jacob Kornreich

Friday from the family thanked community members for their kindness and generosity.

"Although no amount of money can ease our pain, our family is so deeply grateful and overwhelmed by everyone's generous donations and the money will be used to help pay for Jacob's funeral expenses and grief and trauma counseling for all of us," Heather Siegel Kornreich wrote. "Words cannot begin to express

our appreciation to all."

The Examiner reached out to Fox Lane Middle School and the district office on Tuesday. Grief counselors were available last week for any student who needed help.

"Our school community has indeed suffered a loss, at which time we cannot currently comment on, but we can ensure that we have counselors available to students at this time," said Carole LaColla, the district clerk and assistant to the superintendent.

# Bedford Board of Ed Rejects School of Choice for Bilingual Program

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incomparable elementary school experience in one elementary school. It's not fair for those students," said Reder, who voted for the program.

As the post vote discussion became heated Sheerin shut down the conversation quickly. "I just want to point out we voted. The processing of this issue is important, but we voted and it is a business meeting, we're supposed to move on."

Since 2015, Mount Kisco Elementary, which has a large population of students from Spanish speaking families, has offered parents of children in grades 1-4 who attend the school the choice of a single-language curriculum or to enroll in the DLBE program after their child finishes kindergarten.

In April 2016, the district reviewed the program amid complaints from parents of children in the single-language classroom about being segregated from their peers and failing to receive an equal elementary school experience.

The second alternative largely continues the current policy of allowing families to decide whether their children are enrolled in the DLBE program or be educated in the traditional single-language classroom. For children in the single-language class, there would now be enhanced efforts to provide

additional experiences for them.

Before the board voted, Manno recommended that the district maintain the current system with enhancements because there was less risk associated with that option.

"From a leadership perspective, an educational perspective, I encourage you to choose choice number two," Manno said.

Mount Kisco Elementary School Principal Inas Morsi-Hagans gave a presentation outlining new procedures to be implemented in January to promote greater opportunities for inclusion between DLBE and traditional students. These protocols include a fully integrated 25-minute recess every day, have students both within and outside the bilingual program take math together twice a week and being assigned a lunch buddy that they would spend the lunch period with.

After the vote for School of Choice was turned down, Reder warned the board that this would not be the last time the issue would arise. He said previous enhancements were included in the program for traditional classroom students and there was still dissatisfaction.

"My opinion, sitting on this board four or five years, the enhancement has not seen any of the changes that these had promised," he said.



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# New Castle Approves New Electric Bus Purchase Despite Drawbacks

By Martin Wilbur

The New Castle Town Board approved the acquisition of an electric bus as a shuttle between Chappaqua Crossing and downtown Chappaqua despite distance limitations and a potential disproportionate benefit for the new development's residents.

In a split 3-2 vote, Supervisor Robert Greenstein and council members Lisa Katz and Adam Brodsky argued that its' purchase and use would provide increased accessibility between downtown Chappaqua and the former Reader's Digest site and cut down on greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging an alternative form of transportation.

It would also enhance the town's reputation as an environmental leader.

"I look forward to the day when I see that vehicle going up and down the hill knowing this is who we are as a community and that we're doing our part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," said Greenstein, who noted the purchase is supported by the town's Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAB).

However, board members Hala Makowska and Jeremy Saland countered that while they support

green initiatives, the bus isn't practical enough because it is limited to between 75 and 90 miles and would take eight hours to fully recharge, significantly reducing the town's ability to use it for other purposes.

"At a certain point, you have to say if this was my family, my money, my budget, is this how I would spend my money?" Makowska said. "When I take a look at maximum distance on a single charge and it takes eight hours to charge (for) 90 miles under perfect conditions, this bus is really limited to the Summit/Greenfield jitney process and maybe a few rare exceptions."

The pair contended that the primary beneficiary would be residents at Chappaqua Crossing. New housing is being constructed at the site, including more than 60 affordable housing, workforce housing and market-rate units at the signature cupola building. Later on, developer Summit/Greenfield will construct 111 new townhouses.

Under an agreement with the town, Summit/Greenfield is obligated to operate a shuttle service for at least two years between the campus and downtown during the four-hour Metro-North peak train periods for

the morning and evening commutes as well as an hourly run between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., said Director of Planning Sabrina Charney Hull. The shuttle service would start after the Certificate of Occupancy is obtained for the cupola building housing, she said.

Although the bus costs about \$250,000, it is expected only about \$60,000 will need to be spent for the bus. The town will be the recipient of a \$100,000 Clean Energy Community grant from the New York State Research & Development Agency (NYSERDA) and another \$90,000 rebate from the agency.

Saland said that the town, which had also listed the grant go toward LED lighting for the downtown Chappaqua streetscape project on the application, would be more feasible.

"What I'm concerned about is its use and viability," Saland said. "I'm concerned that it provides a limited benefit to a limited group of people, that limited are at Chappaqua Crossing, where it's going to be both private and public dollars."

Makowska added that the town should have negotiated with Summit/Greenfield ahead of time to get a

firm commitment regarding their contribution for the vehicle.

Hull responded that while the concerns are valid, NYSERDA would be most likely to sign off on the grant for projects by judging the level of reduction in carbon emissions. The town resolution estimates that New Castle would reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 50 tons annually.

Furthermore, the grant would cover only about 10 percent of the roughly \$1 million LED lighting costs for the downtown streetscape and infrastructure project, Hull said.

Katz said she believes the town may be underestimating how much it will use the bus, including serving as a shuttle between downtown and the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center.

"I think to be able to fulfill the Paris Accord (Agreement) in some way and to give people accessibility between Chappaqua Crossing and downtown, especially for shows and at a time that we want to support restaurants and other merchants, I think it's important," she said.

Hull said the town can do partial charges during the day that will provide the bus with more mileage.

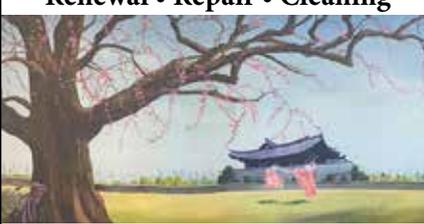
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## Emergency Blood Drive Set for Jan. 13 in P'ville

A blood emergency was declared on Dec. 8 by the New York Blood Center and is still in effect. This problem worsens through the holidays because the number of blood donors historically drops while the number of emergency transfusions rises due to holiday-related activities.

The Emanuel Lutheran Church is sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, Jan. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, located at 197 Manville Rd. in Pleasantville. Whole blood and red cell units will be collected from qualifying

candidates. Although this drive makes it convenient for Pleasantville residents to participate, blood donors from all towns are welcome to lend their help.

To schedule an appointment, call 800-933-2566 or register online at <https://drm.nybloodcenter.org/PublicScheduler/Default.aspx>. For information regarding your eligibility (such as medical and travel), call 800-688-0900. Although it is helpful to let organizers know in advance that you plan to donate, walk-ins are always accepted.

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# Mt. Kisco Board Supports Concept for Radio Circle Senior Housing Plan

By Neal Rentz

Four members of the Mount Kisco Village Board voiced support last week for the concept of a senior housing development proposed off of Radio Circle.

The four-story, 142-unit complex that was unveiled earlier this year would be located at 2 Morgan Drive.

Hawthorn Retirement Group of Vancouver, Wash. has presented a conceptual site plan for 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 include 114 spaces.

Mayor Gina Picinich, Deputy Mayor Jean Farber and trustees Peter Grunthal and Isi Albanese said they supported the

project's concept and instructed village staff to submit a letter to the Planning Board to convey their opinion.

Trustee Karen Schleimer opposed the concept, contending the Research and Development District was not an appropriate location for senior housing. Schleimer said she has the same opinion of The Bristol, an assisted living facility in Armonk's Business Park, also a corporate development.

The project would require site plan approval and a wetland permit from the Planning Board. The project would also need a zoning text change from the Village Board because the facility would not be a permitted use in the Research and Development District.

Plans call for studio suites of about

380 square feet; one-bedroom suites of about 500 square feet and two-bedroom suites of about 900 square feet. The units would not contain kitchens.

The facility would have several features including a chapel, beauty salon, exercise room, game room,

library, coffee lounge, movie theater and private rooms for family gathering.

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## Latimer Announces Re-Appointments to New County Administration

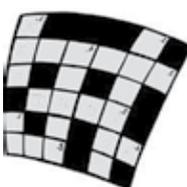
Westchester County Executive-elect George Latimer announced several members of the current county government that he has asked to continue to serve in his administration.

Latimer named seven current individuals to continue in their leadership posts. They are Senior Programs and Services Department Commissioner Mae Carpenter; Probation Department Commissioner Rocco Pozzi; Community Mental Health Department Commissioner Michael Orth; Kathleen O'Conner, commissioner of the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department; Dr. Kunjlata Ashar, pathologist/medical examiner

and commissioner for the Labs & Research Department; Robi Schlaff, executive director of the Office for Women; and Veterans Service Agency Director Ronald Tocci.

These individuals have proven their value to the people of Westchester in their current posts, and they have earned the opportunity to continue to serve our county," Latimer said. "We will be making changes in various parts of county government, and we will be maintaining personnel in other parts. We are seeking to engage the best individuals available to help us address the needs of our neighbors and friends in this county."

Latimer will take the oath of office on Jan. 1.


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## Obituaries

### Ellen Huvane

Ellen Huvane, formerly of the Bronx, East Durham, N.Y. and Fort Pierce, Fla., passed away at Calvary Hospital, her former place of work as a nurse, on Dec. 20.

She was 85.

The daughter of Elizabeth (English) and David Hennessy, she was born in County Limerick, Ireland and attended nursing school in Stockport, England before immigrating to New York in 1958 with her husband, Patrick Huvane, of County Mayo, Ireland.

Known as "Nellie" by family and friends, Huvane is survived by her husband, Patrick; her four children, Thomas Huvane of Thornwood, Christine Croke of Monroe, N.Y., Patrick Huvane of Yonkers and Kevin Huvane of Brick, N.J.; her daughters-in-law, Nancy, Tracey and Doreen; 10 grandchildren, Kara, Deirdre, Niall, Ellen, Kelly, Colin, Sean, Shay, Austin and Molly; and her siblings in Ireland, Maurice "Mossie" Hennessy, Catherine "Kitty" McCarthy and Thomas Hennessy. She was predeceased by her brother, David Hennessy, sister Christine Hennessy and son Patrick Bernard Huvane.

Visitation by family and friends was



Ellen Huvane

at Pleasant Manor Funeral Home, Inc. in Thornwood on Dec. 22. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for at Holy Innocents Church in Pleasantville on Dec. 23 followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to Calvary Hospital, a beloved place where she took care of others and in return they took care of her.

### Catherine Wade

Catherine L. Wade (nee D'Agostino) of Peekskill and formerly of Thornwood died on Dec. 20.

She was 54.

Wade was born on Mar. 30, 1963, to Chester and Janis (nee McEachren) D'Agostino in White Plains. She was a retired school bus driver with the Scarsdale School District, retiring in 2010.

She is survived by her mother, Janis D'Agostino, of Thornwood; her devoted husband, Garry G. Wade, and her two loving sons, Garrett G. and Griffin J., all of Peekskill; her three brothers, Natale B. D'Agostino of Mount Kisco, Frank

C. D'Agostino of Thornwood and Brian (Debbie) Arena of Salisbury Mills, N.Y.; two nephews, Chester and Arthur D'Agostino; and one niece, Patricia Arena. Wade was predeceased by her beloved son, Garry G. Wade, Jr., and her sister, Janis DeFalco.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Dec. 22, where funeral services were held on Dec. 23. Interment followed at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Greenburgh.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Diabetes Association would be appreciated.

## Police Blotter

### County Police/Mount Kisco

**Dec. 19:** A village resident arrived at the Green Street precinct at 7:15 a.m. to report that she had lost her driver's license. An officer provided her with information about how to obtain a replacement through the Department of Motor Vehicles.

**Dec. 19:** A school bus driver from a private bus company reported to police at 6:04 p.m. that a passing vehicle clipped a side-view mirror on the bus and drove off. No visible damage to the mirror or side of the bus was observed by officers or a supervisor from the company who responded to the scene.

**Dec. 20:** Police responded to Gregory Avenue at 10:54 a.m. on a report that an elderly woman was in pain and feeling ill. She was transported by ambulance to Northern Westchester Hospital.

**Dec. 20:** Employees at Staples on North Bedford Road reported at 12:32 p.m. that a man stole headphones valued at \$104. Employees provided the license plate of the vehicle the man drove off in. An investigation is continuing.

**Dec. 21:** A village resident arrived at the Green Street precinct at 12:51 p.m. to report that she has been receiving unwanted text messages from her ex-husband. She asked for a report to document her complaint so she could submit it to the judge handling her divorce proceeding.

**Dec. 21:** A High Street resident reported at 1:49 p.m. that a hissing sound was coming from a gas meter in her home. The woman was advised to leave the residence. The Mount Kisco Fire Department was notified and responded to the scene.

**Dec. 21:** Police were notified at 4:03 p.m. that a vehicle was being repossessed in the Blackeby Place municipal parking

lot. The vehicle was secured and towed without incident.

### North Castle Police Department

**Dec. 17:** An Intervale Avenue resident reported at 2:02 p.m. that she can no longer house a dog who has been with her at home. The woman said she has been taking care of the dog since its owner went to jail. The dog is not being abused but she cannot properly take care of it. The homeowner stated that she contacted the SPCA in Briarcliff Manor and numerous other shelters, but she was told by all of them that they didn't have room for the dog. Police suggested to the woman that she call and speak to the North Castle animal control officer in the morning who could possibly provide some guidance.

**Dec. 19:** A caller reported an erratically driven vehicle traveling southbound on Route 128 at 2:13 p.m. The vehicle crossed the double yellow line multiple times and was unable to maintain a consistent speed. It was described as a silver Toyota Rav-4 with New York plates. The responding officer made a traffic stop at 435 Main St. and charged the operator with DWAI.

**Dec. 20:** An employee of Manny's Unisex Salon on Main Street reported at 1:23 p.m. that a counterfeit bill was passed to them the day before.

**Dec. 20:** Report of a dispute on McDougal Drive at 7:23 p.m. A Con Ed employee contacted headquarters to advise his workers that a homeowner at the listed location is throwing traffic cones into the roadway. Police assistance was requested.

**Dec. 21:** An employee reported a burglary at Moderne Barn on Bedford Road at 7:52 a.m. The employee stated that a window was smashed in and two cash registers were taken. Officers were dispatched to the scene.

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**SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS**

# Mt. Kisco Introduces Facebook Page to Raise Village's Visibility

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Kisco Economic Development Committee (EDC) has debuted a new Facebook page for the village as one of several efforts it has undertaken to boost the village's visibility and improve business.

Trustee Peter Grunthal, the Village Board liaison to the EDC, said the committee proposed the page earlier in the year, as a way to encourage community feedback.

The page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/VillageofMountKisco>.

"The goal, of course, is to have a much higher level of engagement between the village and all our friends," Grunthal said. "Our friends are our residents, our businesses, potential vendors or customers, and anybody in the world who has an interest in our village, for the purpose of coming to live here, or starting a business here or coming here to shop or stroll or hike our trails or our mountain," Grunthal said.

Grunthal said the page will be filled with news, including EDC activities, announcements of events and any additional information that could be useful for residents and merchants. It will also include links to local businesses and organizations and will allow for public comments.

The EDC considered a concern from the Village Board about potential negative comments from the public. Grunthal said after looking into the matter he doesn't



Mount Kisco Trustee Peter Grunthal discussed the village's new Facebook page last week, one of several initiatives to promote the downtown.

believe it will be a serious problem.

"Some negative comments are inevitable, but I believe they will be mainly of two types," he said. "The first will be people whining about a pet peeve and these will soon be recognized as such. The second will be valid criticisms and positive suggestions for improvements. These are welcomed by our board. It is an excellent way for us to stay in touch with what people are thinking and feeling."

Another initiative led by the EDC is

preparation of a merchant's survey to gauge their concerns and how they would want to improve the village's downtown business district.

The committee is also working on proposals for the downtown streetscape project that will include new sidewalks and replacement of trees. The proposals are being submitted to Village Manager Edward Brancati and will be incorporated in the streetscape planning along with cost estimates, Grunthal said.

Bringing a farmers market back to Mount Kisco is another EDC goal. Grunthal said the committee is searching for the ideal partner to run a successful market. Its purpose is to give residents the chance to buy fresh produce and food grown by regional farmers while hoping that the increased traffic will benefit local businesses, he said.

A major piece of reinvigorating downtown is completing an update of the village's Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Development Plan Steering Committee will hold its first meeting at Village hall on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m.

Earlier this fall, the village hired consultant Frank Fish who will work with Mount Kisco's planner Jan Johannessen.

"At subsequent meetings or events, we will be inviting members of the public, residents, business owners, consumers from inside and outside of town and others to join us in meetings and share their ideas

with us," Grunthal said.

### Parking task force

The Village Board voted unanimously last week to create a parking task force. Mayor Gina Picinich said the group will be formed in response to the ongoing concerns about parking in Mount Kisco that have been expressed.

The committee will consist of seven to nine members, including residents and business owners, Picinich said. Those interested in serving on the task force should send an e-mail to Village Manager Edward Brancati at [ebrancati@mountkisco.org](mailto:ebrancati@mountkisco.org).



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# Burke Rehabilitation Hospital Helps Man to Walk Again

By Neal Rentz

Dec. 20 was a special day for 39-year-old Carmel resident Rusty Chmelovsky.

After months of rehabilitation Chmelovsky was able to be discharged from Burke Rehabilitation Hospital in White Plains and is able to walk for the first time since 2008 with the assistance of technology.

Chmelovsky, a 39-year-old Slovakian-born patient, was doing construction work nine years ago when he fell from the roof of a house approximately 32-feet high. The fall caused a spinal cord injury that left him paralyzed from the waist down. Following his accident Chmelovsky underwent various therapies, interventions and treatments at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital.

The work of Chmelovsky and the staff at Burke Rehabilitation received a boost from a ReWalk robotic exoskeleton device. He was the first patient discharged home in the region with the robotic device, according to the hospital.

ReWalk is a wearable exoskeleton that provides powered hip and knee motion to enable a person to stand upright, walk and turn. Chmelovsky demonstrated how the device helped him to walk again during a demonstration in the main lobby of the hospital's Wood Building on Dec. 20.



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Carmel resident Rusty Chmelovsky, paralyzed since 2008, was discharged from the Burke Rehabilitation Hospital in White Plains on Dec. 20 with the help of a robotic device. He demonstrated how he has learned to walk with the ReWalk technology in the lobby of the hospital.

In an interview Chmelovsky said, "I always thought there would be some way for me to walk again. This is amazing technology. It just feels great to stand again and just move around and walk."

Following his walk through the lobby

Chmelovsky said he was not in pain. "Since using ReWalk I can say that I don't feel the pain but I feel more like a muscle ache, like when you're going to the gym and working out and you're starting to feel the muscles (ache). So for

me it's like a kind of good pain. It's like more sensations coming in. I'm using some muscles I wasn't using in a sitting position."

Chmelovsky said he has been coming two or three times a week since July to work with the ReWalk technology as an outpatient.

Chmelovsky praised the staff at the hospital. "They are all professional, great. I love them," he said. "They really know how to work out with you and they are helpful."

Chmelovsky's therapist, Glenda Rosado, was able to identify that he was a candidate for robotics. She worked on developing his upper body strength, flexibility and ability to stand upright.

"Working with Rusty over the past two years has been a transforming experience for both of us," Rosado said. "We were able to improve his quality of life by changing his perspective from sitting in a chair looking up at the world to once again being able to stand and see it on his own two feet, something he had not been able to do in the last nine years"

"Rusty's rehabilitation journey exemplifies Burke's goal of getting patients back to their maximum level of recovery and independence," Jeffrey Menkes, Burke's president and CEO, said.

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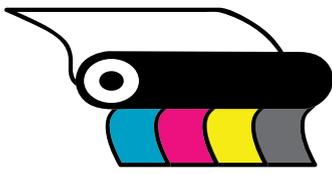
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# Hudson Valley Writers Center Received Grant to Benefit Local Youths

The Hudson Valley Writers' Center has received a \$10,000 grant from the St. Faith's House Foundation to provide writing workshops for children at the RSHM Life Center in Sleepy Hollow, the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester in Mount Kisco and Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry. Writing workshops will also be continued at Nepperhan Community Center in Yonkers.

Last year, the Writers' Center created several multisession writing workshops at RSHM Life Center and at the Nepperhan Community Center, both serving predominantly minority, low-income and underserved youth. This year, the center has expanded the program at RSHM Life Center, has started a workshop for teens at the Boys & Girls Club and will soon begin workshops for teens at Children's Village.

RSHM Life Center Executive Director Sister Susan Gardella praised the intimate and nurturing environment of the fiction/memoir and poetry workshops taught by two Writers' Center instructors as uniquely powerful to these students and that they were made to feel safe and supported. Students were encouraged to stop thinking of creative writing and literature itself as formal and inaccessible, but as something approachable and fun.

At the Boys & Girls Club, serving mostly black and Latino and economically disadvantaged youths from Mount Kisco and surrounding communities, the Writers' Center instructor is holding one-hour workshops designed for about 10 teenagers in grades 8-10.

For Children's Village, the workshops will serve teenage residents of the residential school for at-risk boys. Many of these students will present their own set of demands on the instructor with behavioral and emotional challenges resulting from feelings of loss, abandonment, educational failure and

resulting anger. Creating confidence through honest expression of true memories and experiences can be transformative for at-risk youth.

The Writers' Center is a nonprofit organization that advances the art and craft of writing by encouraging writers and readers to enjoy the literary arts. It offers a variety of educational programs for professionals and aspiring writers, presents festivals and public readings by well-known and emerging authors and brings literary and educational programs to a diverse community. The center also publishes literary works under the imprint of Slapering Hol

Press. Named from the Old Dutch for Sleepy Hollow, the Press was established in 1990 to publish poetry by emerging poets and anthologies.

Hudson Valley Writers Center instructor Joan Potter leads a fourth-grade poetry class.



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## Guest Column

### A Giant Step Backwards on County Youth Funding Process

After two and a half years of intensive work by child advocates, youth service providers and county staff, the most recent round of county funding for youth programs is nearly as flawed as it was three years ago.

This is truly heartbreaking for those of us who put in months of work with the aim of making the allocation of almost \$2 million a year more transparent, more accountable and more effective in providing positive youth development programs for our young people.

In 1993, the Campaign for Kids coalition, led by the Westchester Children's Association (WCA), successfully advocated for the county to use some of its own tax levy to support community-based youth programs – afterschool activities, academic support, career exploration, arts, etc. – that help young people thrive. Since 1994, Westchester County's budget has included the Invest-in-Kids Fund administered by the County Youth Bureau and allocated through a competitive application process every three years.

The last time Westchester allocated grants for community youth programs in 2014, the process was a disaster. The selection process lacked transparency and clear rationale, and was delayed into 2015. Meanwhile, programs were supposed to be up and running by Jan. 1.

In response, Campaign for Kids called on the Astorino Administration to partner with youth program providers to drastically overhaul the way funds were distributed. The two major

recommendations were to make the process more transparent and to make sure funding announcements were made in a timely manner to allow programs to effectively plan their operations. To its credit, the administration agreed and asked WCA to lead a collaborative effort toward this end.

Unfortunately, after more than two years of work, we are again disappointed. Although some improvements were made in the application itself and we were able to engage a broad panel of about two dozen reviewers to read and rate the applications, the current round of funding is plagued by a lack of timely decision making and an ultimately opaque decision-making process.

Award announcements were finally made on Dec. 15, about two weeks before the projected start date for new contracts. New programs must gear up for a Jan. 1 start, and existing programs that did not receive an award must wind down, which may mean dismissing staff and alerting families that the program their child attends will not re-open following the school vacation.

Now that decisions have finally been announced, they do not follow the recommendations made by reviewers, nor in some cases do they reflect the priority programming that this funding



By Cora Greenberg

is designed to support. Some programs have been selected for funding despite the fact that they charge their participants fees, a practice specifically prohibited under the terms of this funding.

Some programs that have been providing excellent services to young people for 20 years have been summarily de-funded with no explanation or rationale, the same pattern that was evident in the last round

of funding in 2014. And the actual rating scores given to programs seems to have been given little consideration; the program that received the lowest overall score among all the applicants was awarded the maximum \$45,000 per year.

We are frustrated that the many months of work by county staff, nonprofits and advocates have produced a result that falls far short of our hopes. The good news is that we have raised expectations about how funding decisions can and should be made. Hopefully, we can pick up this work in the new year under the new administration and move closer to our vision of effective, clear, responsive and transparent youth funding.

*Cora Greenberg is executive director of the Westchester Children's Association and the chair of Campaign for Kids.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Cuomo's Executive Order for Local 2018 Tax Warrants the Right Call

Taxpayers in my home county of Westchester and across New York State have raised valid concerns about their property tax bills following Washington's Republican tax plan.

I have been working with my colleagues across local and state government to find a long-term solution for these issues. On Friday, Gov. Cuomo issued an emergency executive order in an attempt to temporarily mitigate the catastrophic consequences of this new federal tax policy. The executive order permits local governments to send out tax warrants for 2018 property taxes immediately.

According to the executive order,

local governments can accept partial tax payments until close of business on Friday, Dec. 29, 2017, and online payments can be made until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017. All payments sent via mail postmarked by Dec. 31, 2017, will be accepted. Please contact your local assessor's office to learn if your tax warrant has been issued and to find out where you can send your payments.

The executive order presents a possible short-term fix, but this is a long-term problem. While it may help some residents pay a portion of their tax bill before the federal law takes effect, it does not end the long-term

consequences of the Trump tax plan, which caps state and local tax (SALT) deductions at \$10,000.

That is why I am committed to working toward a long-term solution with the governor and my colleagues to help New York taxpayers overcome this additional tax burden delivered by Trump and Republican legislators. This executive order was signed because you made your voices heard. Together, we will work toward a long-term solution for New York taxpayers.

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### Dr. Andrea Kropf, Optometrist Mt. Kisco Resident

By Lisa Mockel

When Dr. Andrea Kropf was setting up her Somers optometry practice six years ago, she went back to her South Brunswick, N.J., roots.

Looking for pointers on how to set up her office's billing system and other behind-the-scenes necessities, she reached out to her childhood optometrist and his staff. For Kropf, it made perfect sense to contact Dr. Edward Niemczyk, the person she credits with initially sparking her interest in the optometry field.

"I got glasses in the seventh grade," recalled Kropf, a 13-year Mount Kisco resident. "I played basketball and I remember my eye doctor saying, 'You're going to love this because you're going to be able to see the basket better.'"

For Kropf, a commonplace event became a defining moment, as corrective lenses and a love of sports would continue to play an important role in her life.

Contact lenses in eighth grade, which she's worn since, and an appearance by Niemczyk at Kropf's middle school career day reinforced her fascination with vision and eye care.

"Ever since then, I wanted to be an eye doctor," she said.

She earned her undergraduate degree in chemistry from Indiana University-Bloomington in 1998. The avid Hoosiers basketball fan went on to graduate from SUNY College of Optometry in 2002. As a student, Kropf completed internships in primary care optometry, pediatric optometry and vision therapy. She finished her residency training in family practice optometry at Segundo Ruiz Belvis Diagnostic and Treatment Center in the Bronx in 2003 before spending eight years as the sole staff optometrist in a northern Westchester pediatric ophthalmology practice.

Kropf, 41, currently sees about 50 patients a week at her 1,100-square-foot office located in the Mill Pond Offices on Route 100 in Somers. There she provides comprehensive eye exams for adults and children, contact lens fittings and vision therapy, or orthoptics, a program of activities or eye exercises designed to improve visual effectiveness.

She has also served as a professional affairs consultant for Johnson & Johnson for

the past five years. Because of her strong background in pediatric optometry, Kropf was asked to join a group of about 30 medical professionals who make presentations to other doctors throughout the country on new vision products. She's has recently begun talking to her patients about a new contact lens that is believed to slow down the progression of nearsightedness.

Because of her affinity for working with children – "In general, kids like me," she said with a laugh – Kropf initially intended to focus solely on pediatric eye care but broadened her practice include vision care for the entire family.

"I see the kids, I see the parents and an occasional grandparent," Kropf said. "I like the idea that (my practice) is small and I really get to know all my patients. I like to treat people like they're family."

That's because family is important to the affable and down-to-earth Kropf. She is mom to Danny, 10, and Lauren, 6, both students at West Patent Elementary School in Bedford Hills. Her husband, Scott Spolansky, coaches Little League baseball in town.

"I love the community feel," Kropf said. "I like the diversity that Mount Kisco offers. I've made great friends here and my kids have made great friends. There's a close-knit community feel and I really like that."



Most weekends are spent shuttling her children to various activities, including basketball, baseball, flag football, soccer and tennis.

"My kids are heavily involved in sports," Kropf said. "I take my kids from activity to activity like most moms. We spend a lot of time outside on fields. We're huge sports fans. Our entire lives revolve around sports."

Other favorite family activities include taking in an Indiana basketball game when her beloved Hoosiers are playing locally or spending an afternoon cheering for the Mets at Citi Field during baseball season.

Kropf makes it a point to give back to the community by supporting several local organizations and events. She's a sponsor for the Mount Kisco Little League, Somers football and West Patent Elementary School's annual pancake breakfast, activities that directly benefit her neighbors and patients.

Kropf would love to write a book about the funny things kids say while in her examination room chair, has an 11-year-old West Highland white terrier named Lashes, who she jokingly refers to as her "favorite child," and has an intense dislike of going to the dentist.

"People think you're in the medical field so you can take anything," she laughed. "Oh no, I'm terrified of the dentist."

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# New Year's Predictions for the Housing Market

There have been times through the many years I've offered advice as The Home Guru when I've made New Year's predictions about the housing market for the coming year, and there have also been times when I have been spectacularly wrong.

This year, I'm playing it safe and relaying 2018 housing predictions offered by Zillow, with far greater resources, namely from top economists and housing experts, including Zillow chief economist Svenja Gudell, who offers the following forecast for the industry on a national basis. I've added by own notations as they apply to the local market.

"We're on the other side of the housing recovery, and the real estate market looks quite different than it did 15 or even five years ago," Gudell said in a recent statement. "We have a huge generation entering the market. They really want to be homeowners, and they're faced with an inventory crisis that leaves them with few options."

"Builders won't ignore this hungry market, and we'll start to see a rise in new construction at the more affordable end," she added.

"However, builders are also facing high costs, so instead of adding density in cities



By Bill Primavera

where zoning laws and land costs often preclude affordable building, we'll see the suburbs grow and expand outward."

While that may be the case nationally, I would make the obvious observation that, locally, new construction is limited, especially in upper Westchester, by the scarcity of available land.

Here are the six things Gudell expects to happen in 2018:

1. Inventory shortages will drive the housing market. Low inventory will continue to push up home prices which will serve as a barrier for first-time homebuyers. Locally, low

inventory levels are very much the state of affairs and realtors are complaining that there are not enough houses on the market to show their buyer clients.

Gudell said there are 12 percent fewer homes to choose from nationwide than there were a year ago, and 51 percent of for-sale properties are in the top one-third of home values, which are out of reach for first-time buyers.

2. Builders will turn their focus to entry-level homes. Economists have said that increased residential housing starts, especially at the starter home level, are the key to bringing home prices down.

Housing starts have been well below

the 50-year average of 1.2 million, but Gudell expects builders to finally hearken to the call of first-time and lower- to middle-income buyers yearning for more affordable options.

3. Millennials will move to the suburbs. The majority of millennials would rather live in urban centers with access to a plethora of entertainment and shopping options and robust tech-centered job opportunities. But most millennials, especially those without help from parents, can't afford to live in these areas.

Gudell said 25- to 34-year-olds will begin moving to the suburbs in search of more affordable home prices.

Here in the upper Westchester and Putnam County areas, we find that a good percentage of our first-time buyers are coming from the city, many times either Brooklyn or Queens.

4. Many homeowners will remodel rather than sell. In addition to higher housing starts, experts have said more homeowners selling their homes would help alleviate low inventory issues. Homeowners, despite having high confidence about being in a seller's market, will continue to stay still, according to Gudell.

Instead of buying a new home, homeowners will invest in remodeling efforts to make their current homes feel and look brand new. This has been evident locally as well.

5. Baby boomers and millennials will drive home design. Baby boomers and millennials are driving the housing market, so it's no surprise that Gudell said they'll be driving home design trends in 2018, too.

New starts and renovated homes will feature designs that appeal to both millennials and baby boomers, such as wide hallways that can accommodate both strollers (for young families) and/or wheelchairs (for aging boomers).

6. Homes prices will continue to grow, but at a slower pace. 2017 has been full of record-breaking home price growth, with economists calling it nearly "unstoppable."

Gudell said home prices are expected to climb 4.1 percent in 2018 — 1.1 percentage points higher than the "normal" annual appreciation closer to 3 percent, but slower than the current annual pace of 6.9 percent.

But whatever the pace of growth, home ownership has always been, and will remain the most reliable investment any of us can make; that is a prediction to feel confident about for 2018 or any year.

While Bill Primavera has enjoyed careers as a journalist and publicist, he is now a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate, specializing in upper Westchester and Putnam Counties. To engage the services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale, call (914) 522-2076.

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# Volunteers Sought to Create Reading Kits for Low-Income Children

United Way of Westchester and Putnam needs the public's help to make sure that hundreds of books it collected in recent months will go to low-income children in Westchester and Putnam counties.

On Jan. 15 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, United Way will host volunteers at the Girl Scout Heart of

the Hudson in Pleasantville to help build reading kits for children from low-income families as part of the organization's United2Read program.

The program seeks to promote literacy and boost grade-level reading among low-income children. Sixty percent of low-income children do not have one children's book in the home

and only 38 percent of those children in Westchester and Putnam are reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

"These are numbers that are very disturbing and ones we need to change if we want to see progress in moving people toward self-sufficiency," said Alana Sweeny, president and CEO of United Way of Westchester and Putnam. "Low-income children who are not reading on grade level by the end of third grade are 10 times more likely to drop out of school."

Dorothy Perez, the staff leader of the book drive, said the reading kits will include three books from United Way's recent book drive and activities that inspire parents and children to interact in educational play.

Volunteers are still needed to help create kits and can choose from two shifts: 10 to 11:30 a.m. or noon to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 15 at Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc., located at 2 Great Oak Lane in Pleasantville.

To sign up, visit <http://bit.ly/2BNu3DK>

The book drive will also continue through Friday, Jan. 5 with new and gently used books accepted. To purchase books via Amazon and ship



Alana Sweeny, president and CEO of United Way of Westchester and Putnam, helps an Ossining youngster choose a book this month as part of its book drive.

## Clearwater Receives Grant for Sailing Classroom Equipment

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater was awarded a \$1,962 grant from Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley to help purchase science equipment for Clearwater's Sailing Classroom. This grant makes possible the curriculum's aim to teach young people about the ecology of the Hudson River estuary.

"We are extremely grateful for this support from the Community Foundation of Putnam County," said Education Director Maija Niemisto. "Students aboard the sloop Clearwater will now have

access to the equipment needed for sampling the Hudson River water, fish and plankton with their own hands. Clearwater's Board joins me in thanking the Foundation for providing young people with the tools necessary to investigate the natural world around them on voyages of discovery aboard The Environmental Tallship of America."

By Dec. 31, 2018, Clearwater anticipates more than 600 students in will have utilized this science equipment.

# Happenings

## Tuesday, Dec. 26

**Recycled Milk Carton Bird Feeder.** Winter is here and the birds are hungry. You can help them by making a cute owl-shaped bird feeder out of a recycled paper carton. For children five years old and up; younger children welcome with a guardian's help. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

**Westchester's Winter Wonderland.** Entertainment, the "Santa Experience," unlimited skating, rides, a dazzling light show and more. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla. 5 to 9 p.m. \$13. Also Dec. 27 and 28 from 5 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 29, 30 and 31 from 5 to 10 p.m. Info and tickets: Visit [www.WWinterWonderland.com](http://www.WWinterWonderland.com).

## Wednesday, Dec. 27

**Zumba Fitness.** Achieve long-term benefits while having a blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life. For all fitness levels. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. Every Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. (except Jan. 1) Drop in or weekly discount rates available. Info: Contact Peggy at 914 960-4097.

**Baby Time.** A fun interactive lap-sit story time that includes songs, rhymes and

a few very short stories. The experience gives babies an opportunity to socialize and parents a time to share. Recommended for newborns through 12 months old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday and Wednesday (except Jan. 1). Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.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 Whippoorwill 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 (except Jan. 1). 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 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://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 Jan. 1). Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

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

**Wolves of North America.** Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of

directly to United Way, visit <http://amzn.to/2BNtOsk>.

Last year United Way of Westchester and Putnam delivered more than 1,000 books bags filled with reading materials to low-income children and families at pre-schools, day care and community centers and other nonprofit agencies in Yonkers, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, White Plains, Valhalla, Ossining, Brewster and Carmel.

*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](mailto:mwilbur@theexaminernews.com).*

wolf families and discover why it's a special time for packs in North America. Whether the wolves are living on the Arctic tundra or the woodlands of the southwest, wolf families are out searching for prey as their pups prepare for their first winter season. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 11 a.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also Dec. 29, 30 and 31. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-763-2373 or visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.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, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except Jan. 1). Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Support Group for Alzheimer's Caregivers.** Temple Shaaray Tefila and Westchester Jewish Community Services have scheduled this forum to provide a place for caregivers to discuss their feelings, share their experiences and support one another. A specialist from the Alzheimer's

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CORDOVA MANAGEMENT, LLC. ARTS.** of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/08/17. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **1251 Wilson Road, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 336 WASHINGTON AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LLC.** Arts of Org filed with Secy of state of NY on 11/10/2017. Office loc: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **336 Washington Ave., New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: any lawful acts.**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: Flaggers Unlimited Plus, LLC**

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/10/2017. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: **The LLC, 66 Leonardo Dr. North Haven, CT, principal business location of the LLC. Purpose: any lawful business activity.**

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WISEN, LLC. ARTS.** Of Org. files with SSNY on 10/6/2017. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **LegalZoom, 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

## LEGAL NOTICE

A Bond Act, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Legislators on November 27, 2017 and approved by the County Executive on December 4, 2017 and the valid-

ity of the obligations authorized by such Bond Act may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Westchester, in the State of New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Complete copies of the Bond Act summarized herewith shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York, for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

**ACT NO. 209 -2017 BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,375,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF LAND LOCATED AT 501 BROADWAY, IN THE VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN, IN ORDER TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY'S FAIR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING CAPITAL PROJECT; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$1,375,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,375,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS** (Adopted November 27, 2017) Object or purpose:

to finance the cost of the purchase of approximately 7.34 acres of land located at 501 Broadway, in the Village of Buchanan (the "AFFH Property") from the current owner of record at a cost of \$1,375,000, including acquisition and settlement costs, in order to affirmatively further fair housing ("AFFH"); the County will file a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants in the Westchester County Clerk's office requiring that the acquired property remain affordable for a period of not less than 50 years. The funding requested herein is in support of the development of 35 AFFH units at the aggregate estimated maximum cost of \$1,375,000. The County shall also provide funding in an amount of \$2,400,000 from BPL1A for infrastructure improvements for this project. Such property shall be acquired by the County, subjected to a declaration of restrictive covenants and subsequently conveyed to Community Housing Innovations, LLC, its successors or assigns (the "Developer") and the Developer shall construct such 35 units which shall affirmatively further fair housing in accordance with the Stipulation and Order of Settlement and

Dismissal entered into in connection with the settlement of the lawsuit titled, U.S. ex rel. Anti-Discrimination Center of Metro New York v. Westchester County, the Westchester County Affordable Housing Plan Statement of Need adopted by Resolution No. 107-1992, as amended (the "Statement of Need"), and otherwise as set forth in the County's Current Year Capital Budget, as amended. Amount of obligations to be issued and period of probable usefulness: \$1,375,000 - thirty (30) years **Dated: December 19, 2017 White Plains, New York, Sunday Vanderberg, Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the County Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York**

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**ACT NO. 210 -2017 BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,400,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 501 BROADWAY, IN THE VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN, IN ORDER TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY'S FAIR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING CAPITAL PROJECT; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$2,400,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,400,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS.** (Adopted November 27, 2017), Object or purpose: to finance the

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# Steps to Take to Prevent Shoveling-Related Injuries

Winter has arrived, which means snow is likely as well. For those without a snow blower or plow, it is important to make sure you shovel appropriately to avoid injury.

Common health issues include heart attacks and lower back, shoulder and head injuries. More than 25,000 people are treated in emergency rooms each year for injuries related to shoveling. Understanding some of these injuries and tips to help prevent them are important to make sure you do not become a statistic.

Lower back injuries are common when it comes to shoveling snow. They are usually caused by excessive twisting and bending. It's important not to throw snow over your shoulder or behind you to avoid excessive twisting. Twisting itself will not cause injury, but repetitive twisting under load while clearing your entire driveway will start to wear you down over time. Instead, try to clear snow in a straight path. You can try pushing the snow if there isn't much

accumulated on the ground and you have space to move it.

Shoulder injuries are also common with shoveling. Many people try to lift too much at once and throw it far, which can place excessive load on your shoulders after many repetitions. Rome wasn't built in a day, so there is no reason to feel the need to throw as much snow as possible with every shovelful.

With large amounts of snow, start at the top and work your way down to decrease the overall weight you are clearing. Don't be afraid to take breaks along the way as well. This will allow your shoulders to relax for a couple of minutes before having to work again.

Head injuries can be caused by being hit by a shovel or slipping on ice. Everyone who goes outside to shovel snow should take precautions to make sure that no one else is in the area where they are shoveling. Additionally, wearing appropriate footwear and putting sand or salt down can help prevent slipping on

ice. If someone injures their head, either by a fall or by being struck by a shovel, then they should seek medical attention to be evaluated for a concussion.

One of the more serious health issues associated with shoveling are heart attacks. It can be very intense work, and along with cold temperatures increases the chances of having a heart attack. Those in poor cardiovascular shape should take extra precautions when shoveling snow. Ease your way into shoveling to help bring your heart rate up slowly. Then when you have completed all your shoveling, it is best to walk for several minutes to help lower your heart rate safely. Use this time to admire your clean driveway.

Although most people don't want to spend extra time in the cold, don't rush shoveling, make sure to take



Dr. Ryan Chevrier

breaks as needed, use proper techniques and outdoor footwear and ease into it so as not to increase your heart rate too quickly. Following these simple tips will help reduce the risk of injuries. An extra five minutes without pain in the cold is much better than five hours with pain in a warm house.

If you think you may have a shoveling-related injury, or want to make sure your body and heart are prepared for its rigorous demands, it is best to see your physical therapist, physician or qualified healthcare professional.

*Dr. Ryan Chevrier is a physical therapist at ProClinix Sports Physical Therapy & Chiropractic in Pleasantville. He can be reached at 914-202-0700. For more information, visit [www.ProClinix.com](http://www.ProClinix.com).*

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Association will lead the group and provide educational materials and information. All welcome. Temple Shaaray Tefila's Youth Lounge, 89 Baldwin Rd., Bedford. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900 or visit [www.alz.org/hudsonvalley](http://www.alz.org/hudsonvalley).

**Storytime.** For children 18 months to five years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday and Thursday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**Kwanzaa Celebration.** This African-American festival meaningful for people of all faiths, is celebrated by family and friends who gather to share food, light candles, and think about particular values that make meaningful community. This program includes traditional drumming by Kofi, the Sankofa Dance & Drum Ensemble, and performances by White Plains Youth Bureau dancers, the White Plains Steppers and more. A free cultural potluck dinner will be provided by ShopRite. Thomas H. Slater Center, 2 Fisher Court, White Plains. 2 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Barbara Mair 914-769-7186; cell: 914-391-5382.

**Live Animals With Christine's Critters.** Christine's Critters will bring some amazing birds of prey for the whole family to enjoy. Come meet an eagle, an owl or a hawk on

your winter holiday. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 2 to 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**Affordable Care Act Navigator.** A trained navigator provided by the county Department of Health will be available to help people with choosing and signing up for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act and the state health marketplace. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 2:30 to 7 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Also Thursdays from 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointment required. Info and appointment for Wednesday sessions: 914-336-6026. Info and appointment for Thursday and Saturday sessions: 914-813-5192.

**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 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-864-8041 or [www.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**Art Series: Man Ray.** Born Emmanuel Radnitzky in Philadelphia in 1890, Man Ray was a major protagonist of both the Dadaist and Surrealist movements. Famous for his work as a painter and photographer, he produced unusual images that forced his viewers to interpret his work in an exciting new way. 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](mailto:12stepdivorcegroup@gmail.com) or visit [www.meetup.com/Mount-Kisco-12-step-Separation-Divorce-Support-Meetup](http://www.meetup.com/Mount-Kisco-12-step-Separation-Divorce-Support-Meetup).

### Thursday, Dec. 28

**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 Jan. 1). Info: 914-273-3887.

**Toddler Storytime.** Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking

skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Preschool Storytime.** This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://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. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**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 Dec. 30. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-

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cost of construction of infrastructure improvements for property located at 501 Broadway, in the Village of Buchanan (the "AFFH Property") at a cost of \$2,400,000, in order to affirmatively further fair housing ("AFFH"); the County will file a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants in the Westchester County Clerk's office requiring that this AFFH Property remain affordable for a period of not less than 50 years. The funding requested herein is in support of the development of 35 AFFH units at the aggregate estimated maxi-

mum cost of \$2,400,000. It is expected that the County will enter into an Inter-municipal/Developer Agreement with the Village of Buchanan and Community Housing Innovations, LLC for the construction of such infrastructure improvements for the AFFH Property. The County will also provide funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,375,000 from BPL30 for acquisition of land for this project. Such property shall be acquired by the County, subjected to a declaration of restrictive covenants and subsequently conveyed to Community Housing Innovations, LLC, its successors or assigns (the "Developer")

and the Developer shall construct such 35 units which shall affirmatively further fair housing in accordance with the Stipulation and Order of Settlement and Dismissal entered into in connection with the settlement of the lawsuit titled, U.S. ex rel. Anti-Discrimination Center of Metro New York v. Westchester County, the Westchester County Affordable Housing Plan Statement of Need adopted by Resolution No. 107-1992, as amended (the "Statement of Need"), and otherwise as set forth in the County's Current Year Capital Budget, as amended., Amount of obligations to be issued and period of probable usefulness: \$2,400,000 - fifteen (15) years **Dated: December 19, 2017** **White Plains, New York, Sunday Vanderberg, Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the County Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York**

designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to PO BOX 112, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF @CE-SARCAPJR, LLC. ARTS.** of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/17. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose any lawful activity.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CZOU & CO., LLC.** Arts of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/18/2017. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail copy to 9 Highview Dr, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ADVANCED PROFITS, LLC.** Arts of Org filed with Secy of state of NY on 5/11/17. Office loc: Westchester County. SSNY

## Legal Notice

### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE

Index No. 68828/2016

Date Filed: 12/13/2017

Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America,

**Plaintiff,**

-against-

**James Whalen a/k/a James Whalen, Jr. a/k/a James F. Whalen, Jr.**, if he be living or dead, his spouse, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; Citibank, N.A.; Murreldise Whalen; State of New York; and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises, Defendants.

**PROPERTY ADDRESS: 36 Dakin Avenue, Mount Kisco, NY 10549  
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

**TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:** The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. David F. Everett, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Westchester County, entered December 12, 2017 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Westchester County Clerk's Office.

**NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT** of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Consolidation and/or Modified Mortgage (hereinafter "the Mortgage") to secure \$409,335.26 and interest, recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's Office on August 30, 2012, in Control Number 520183368 covering premises known as 36 Dakin Avenue, Mount Kisco, NY 10549 a/k/a Section 80.25, Block 5, Lot 4. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial, Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated.

**NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME  
IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY  
SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE  
MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEED-  
ING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A  
DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR  
HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE  
YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO  
ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING  
A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS  
FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY  
OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORT-  
GAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.**

Dated: September 21, 2017

**Frank M. Cassara, Esq.**

**Senior Associate Attorney**

**SHAPIRO, DICARO & BARAK, LLC**

**Attorneys for Plaintiff**

**175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, New York 14624**

**(585) 247-9000 Fax: (585) 247-7380**

**our File No. 10-003369 #93784**

# The Breathtaking Beauty of the Sky Heading Into the New Year

By Scott Levine

The last week of the year is an incredible time. Along with the festive nature of the season, the skies at the end of December and the beginning of January present prime opportunities for sky watchers.

The nights are at their longest and the skies are their clearest. There seem to be bright stars everywhere we look in the winter nights' skies, too. The nights this time of year face a part of the galaxy

where some of the stars that look the brightest to us from Earth appear to be near each other in the sky.

The brightest of them all is Sirius, a double star about eight light years away. That's far enough that if you have a third-grader handy you can tell them that the light from Sirius they see tonight left it when they were a baby. Since it's relatively close and appears brighter, we actually see it

more easily than some other stars that produce more light.

One of my favorite things to do as December winds down is to take a minute and look out a south-facing window, or step out into the night.

It's easy to find Sirius all night by drawing a line through Orion's belt toward the horizon. New Year's Eve is a particularly good night to look for it.

That night, Sirius will culminate and cross the meridian at around midnight. The

meridian is the invisible line running from north to south, which divides the entire sky into an eastern and a western half. It's the line between rising and setting. When objects culminate, they're at their highest point of their path across the sky. So, Sirius will be at its highest point in the sky with the rest of winter's bright stars in a broad circle nearby just as the confetti falls and we make our

toasts.

The next night, Jan. 1, my favorite full moon of the year will rise just after sunset. This is the first of two full moons in January (the second is on Jan. 31), and it will spend the night halfway between the bright stars Betelgeuse and Pollux. This full moon will be the second of three straight supermoons – full moons that occur when the moon is close to the nearest point in its orbit around Earth, its perigee. It will be about 222,000 miles away. That's about 17,000 miles closer than average. Since the moon will be closer, it will appear a bit bigger. The difference won't be as big as the hype and the rumors, though.

There's an even better reason to watch this. Since the nights are as long as they are, the nearest full moon to the winter solstice rises early and spends about 15 hours crossing the sky. This



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gives us a great chance to see the full moon rise in the east and then catch the sublime beauty of a full moon setting in the west relatively late, around 7 o'clock the following morning.

With cold, long nights ahead of us, the new year is a great time to take a few minutes under winter's wonderful skies. Happy New Year, thanks for reading this past year and

clear skies!

*Scott Levine has loved astronomy since he was young and now watches and writes about the skies near his Croton-on-Hudson home. You can read Scott's Sky Watch astronomy website, with its "Space, taken easy" approach to naked-eye astronomy, at [scottastronomy.wordpress.com](http://scottastronomy.wordpress.com). You can also find him at [astroscott@yahoo.com](mailto:astroscott@yahoo.com) or on Twitter @scottlevine13.*

## Happenings

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registration: 914-763-2373 or visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).

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

**Preparing for Winter.** Animal Embassy will help children define and understand terms such as hibernation, migration, brumation and adaptation and will explore the ways in which different animals prepare for the challenges of winter. Families will meet animal ambassadors such as a rabbit, ferrets, an African bullfrog, South American Chinchillas, an Axolotl, a duck and more. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2 to 3 p.m. Free. Registration requested. Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Standing Polar Bear Craft.** Celebrate winter by making an adorable 3D polar bear sculpture out of paper. For children of all ages. Recommended that guardians should help small children. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

**Gaming Old School.** Join old school

gaming enthusiasts to play board games like a kid again. Open to all ages. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscoliberalry.org](http://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. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscoliberalry.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberalry.org).

### Friday, Dec. 29

**Pace Women's Justice Center Counseling.** Legal advice to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and elder abuse. With experienced staff and a team of dedicated volunteers, including attorneys, professionals and students, the center has built an effective, coordinated response to interpersonal violence. Sessions will be held confidential. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscoliberalry.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberalry.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.

**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. 5:30 p.m. \$20. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).

### Saturday, Dec. 30

**Pleasantville Farmers Market.** The largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, and the one voted "Best of Westchester" from 2014 to 2017. With over 40 vendors participating in the indoor market, the delicious good time continues. Pleasantville Middle School cafeteria, 40 Romer Ave., Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 31, 2018. Info: Visit [www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org](http://www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org).

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

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

**Recycled Ribbons.** Wondering about what to do with all those ribbons from your holiday packages? Bring them to the library and make a fish or anything else you like. Fun for the whole family. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscoliberalry.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberalry.org).

**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 November 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. 5 p.m. Adults: \$16. Children (under 12): \$13. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).

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## Legal Notice

### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Index No. 69552/2016  
Date Filed: 12/19/2017

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,  
NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiff, -against-

ROSETTA SILVESTRO AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF LUIGIA SILVESTRO A/K/A LUISA SILVESTRO; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" 1 THROUGH 50, INTENDING TO BE THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DISTRIBUTES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF THE ESTATE OF LUIGIA SILVESTRO A/K/A LUISA SILVESTRO WHO WAS BORN IN 1930 AND DIED ON FEBRUARY 27, 2011, A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 147 FLORENCE STREET, YONKERS NY 10704, THEIR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST IF ANY OF THE AFORESAID DEFENDANTS BE DECEASED, THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE AFORESAID CLASSES OF PERSON, IF

THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE DEAD, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO THE PLAINTIFF; ASSET ACCEPTANCE LLC; CHASE BANK (USA), N.A.; CITIBANK SOUTH DAKOTA NA; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; MARGUERITE HOLMES; "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", SAID NAMES BEING FICTITIOUS, PARTIES INTENDED BEING POSSIBLE TENANTS OR OCCUPANTS OF PREMISES, AND CORPORATIONS, OTHER ENTITIES OR PERSONS WHO CLAIM, OR MAY CLAIM, A LIEN AGAINST THE PREMISES,  
Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiffs attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear

or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

### NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

**YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.**

**YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:**

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable David F. Everett, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of

New York, Westchester County, signed on November 27, 2017 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, State of New York. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by LUIGIA SILVESTRO A/K/A LUISA SILVESTRO to JPMORGAN CHASE BANK bearing date December 11, 2003 and recorded in Control # 441040350 in the County of Westchester on May 13, 2004. The aforesaid instruments were thereafter modified by Modification Agreement dated October 4, 2007 and recorded in Control # 473230308 in the County of Westchester on November 21, 2007 creating a new principal balance of \$50,000.00.

Said premises being known as and by 147 AKA 143 FLORENCE STREET, YONKERS, NY 10704 a/k/a Section 5, Block 5235, Lot 34 & 35.

Date: February 13, 2017

Batavia, New York

Andrea Clattenburg, Esq.

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## Legal Notice

### SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE

Index No. 56414/2016  
Date Filed: 12/13/2017

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-AR7,  
Plaintiff,

-against-

**Sloan Brown a/k/a Sloan A. Brown**, if she be living or dead, her spouse, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown to Plaintiff, United States of America o/b/o Securities and Exchange Commission; CACH LLC; Centerline Stables LLC; HSBC Bank USA; State of New York; and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises,  
Defendants.

#### PROPERTY ADDRESS:

89 Huntville Road, Katonah, NY 10536

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty(30) days after the ser-

vice of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

**TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:** The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. David F. Everett, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Westchester County, entered December 12, 2017 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Westchester County Clerk's Office.

**NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT** of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$460,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's Office on April 26, 2007, in Control Number 471060110 covering premises known as 89 Huntville Road, Katonah, NY 10536 a/k/a Section 49.18, Block 4, Lot 40.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated.

**NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME** IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED TMS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: December 12, 2016

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# For Those Who Experience Adverse Reactions to a Glass of Wine



By Nick Antonaccio

Are you one of those unfortunate wine lovers who have an adverse reaction to drinking wine? Do you peer at a glass of wine and wonder if the wine gods are going to strike you with a bevy of

unpleasantries: wheezing, headache, facial flushing, sinus inflammation?

Let's analyze what can cause these reactions and how you may prevent them, or at least make them more tolerable. Is your negative reaction allergic or non-allergic? (a hangover is typically not an allergic reaction). Although the symptoms may be similar, the causes are quite diverse. Disclaimer: none of the following commentary should be considered medical advice.

First, there are those of us that have an allergic reaction (stuffy nose, itchy eyes) to sulfites present in wines. Although naturally present in all wines, many winemakers add additional sulfites to their barrels in order to preserve the wines. Red grape skins have natural preservative compounds, thus reducing the need for added sulfites. If you can tolerate red wine more than white wine, sulfites may be the reason. What to do? Organic wines tend to

have fewer sulfites. Seek them out.

Second, adverse reactions such as headaches, itchy eyes and runny nose may be metabolic rather than allergic. Only 1% of the population is allergic to sulfites. There are certainly more consumers who have allergic-like reactions to wine. Similar outcome you say, I still feel terrible, so what's the difference? The difference: ways to overcome the indications. Here are non-allergic influences that cause allergic-like symptoms:

1. **Histamines:** Compounds present in many foods (especially strawberries) trigger the production of histamines in humans (that's right: foods don't contain histamines, humans produce histamines). These compounds are naturally found in the skins of red grapes (much more than in white grapes). Reactions include headaches and facial flushing. If you can tolerate white wine more than red wine, this may be the cause. What to do? Take an over-the-counter anti-histamine before drinking and see if your reaction is the same. If it's not, you've isolated your problem. If the same - read on.
2. **Ethanol:** Naturally present in alcohol, when ingested it breaks down into a compound called acetaldehyde. In the bottle, this volatile compound imparts the fruity aromas present in wine; in your body (in sufficient quantity) it

irritates the membranes of the brain, causing headaches and facial flushing. Our liver is designed to mitigate this effect. However, an overloaded or diseased liver is not adequately able to remove high levels of acetaldehydes from the bloodstream. What to do? Drink in moderation (defined differently for each liver), drink copious amounts of water to flush out the acetaldehydes and have your physician check your liver functions.

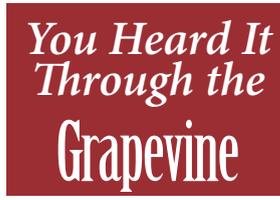
3. **Congeners:** A compound found more in red wines than white, which is believed to cause hangovers. When consumed, this nasty element actually is kept under control by the alcohol in our bloodstream. When the alcohol leaves your system, the congeners then go to work - hours after (the next morning?) the wine has been consumed. What to do? Moderation, moderation, moderation.
4. **Modern agriculture:** Many chemicals used to treat plants and soils are toxic. If fruits and vegetables are not washed and cleaned properly, these toxins may cause many of the allergic-like symptoms noted above. Making matters worse, since grapes are sensitive

to handling after being harvested, they typically go straight to the crusher - no washing, no thorough removal of particles of rotting leaves. What to do? Seek out organic wines.

5. **Cheap wine:** It's true; you are more likely to have a negative reaction to mass-produced bulk wines. Why? These wines are typically subjected to high levels of chemical additives and other manipulative methods. Not to mention that the growing, harvesting and winemaking techniques may be lacking in cleanliness and consumer health concerns. What to do? I'm sure you can answer this question yourself.

For those unfortunate to have negative reactions to wine consumption, I suggest you find ways to isolate the causes and consult your physician for medical advice on consuming wine.

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## THERE'S A WORD FOR IT A vocabulary-building quiz By Edward Goralski

**Boxing Day.** The day after Christmas is known as Boxing day. According to tradition, Boxing Day is when apprentices and servants would break open a box containing tips collected throughout the year. This quiz has no monetary value, but the words that comprise this week's quiz just may enrich your vocabulary.

1. **doyen (n.)**  
A) the senior member      B) a dignified person      C) a do-gooder
2. **reek (v.)**  
A) to leak      B) stink      C) lean
3. **redoubtable (adj.)**  
A) suggestive      B) questionable      C) formidable
4. **imprimatur (n.)**  
A) a director      B) a loan of money      C) endorsement
5. **frisson (n.)**  
A) a moment of excitement      B) a diversion      C) a disagreement
6. **animadvert (v.)**  
A) to act like an animal      B) speak out against      C) encourage
7. **monition (n.)**  
A) word of advice      B) a pet name      C) tedious sameness
8. **meretricious (adj.)**  
A) absolute      B) tastelessly showy      C) moving quickly

- ANSWERS:**
1. A. The senior member of a group, profession, or society
  2. B. To smell strongly and unpleasantly; stink
  3. C. Arousing fear or awe; formidable
  4. C. Formal and explicit approval; endorsement
  5. A. A moment of excitement; a thrill
  6. B. To pass criticism or censure on; speak out against
  7. A. A warning or an intimation of something imminent especially of impending danger; word of advice
  8. B. Apparently attractive but having in reality no real value or integrity; tastelessly showy

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## Greeley Edges the Patriots to Extend Its Winning Streak

By Andy Jacobs

On an evening when points were plentiful, it was a key defensive play in the final minute that helped decide Wednesday's boys' basketball matchup between Horace Greeley and the John Jay Patriots.

Chris Melis made a steal in the backcourt and quickly scored on a layup, giving the visiting Quakers a four-point edge with 45 seconds remaining, and they held on for an 80-75 victory, their fourth win in a row.

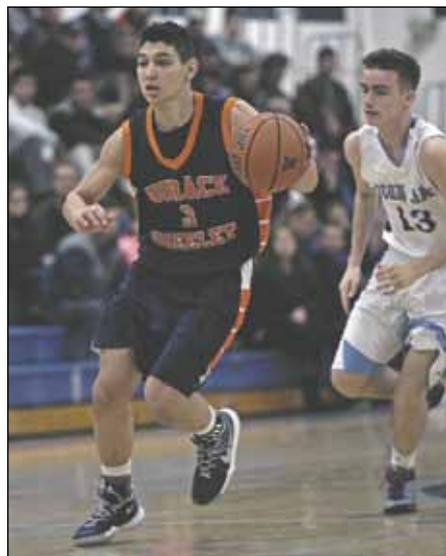
"He's been stepping up all season," said Greeley coach Felix Nicodemo about Melis, the sophomore forward who led a balanced Quaker attack with 21 points. "He came up with the big plays that were able to give us the 'W' tonight."

Facing a John Jay team bolstered by the unexpected arrival of a pair of players — Brady Hilderbrand and Aiden Hilderbrand — who helped Our Lady of Lourdes reach the state Class A final a year ago, the Quakers used a 14-4 burst over the final two and a half minutes of the second quarter to grab a 41-32 halftime advantage.

But the lead changed hands 10 times in the second half, and the ninth and final tie of the night came with 1:20 left on the clock as the Patriots' Alex Mackey nailed his sixth 3-pointer of the game. That set the stage for the late heroics from Melis, who gave Greeley the lead for good when he made both ends of a 1-and-1 free-throw opportunity with 50 seconds remaining.

"They hit some big-time shots to keep them in the game," said Nicodemo after watching the Patriots score 43 second-half points. "I saw them on film and I knew they had some individual talent with some transfers coming over. So I knew it was gonna be a tough game with an hour bus ride coming up."

The Quakers' Jeremy Block scored on a couple of layups in the opening moments

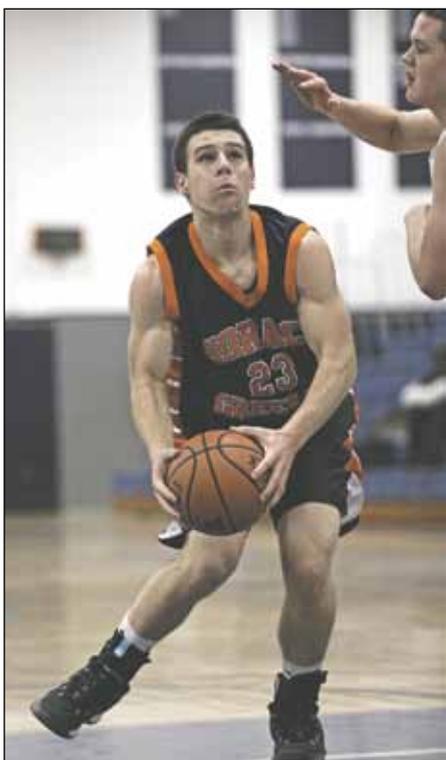


Greeley sophomore Chris Melis dribbles past midcourt in the first half of Wednesday night's 80-75 win at John Jay.

and the Quakers never trailed in the first quarter. But Mackey, a smooth-shooting southpaw who finished with a team-high 18 points, tied the contest with his second 3-pointer before Melis drove the lane with seven seconds to go and wound up converting an old-fashioned 3-point play that gave Greeley a 20-17 lead after the first eight minutes.

"I felt we started well," said Nicodemo. "We scored 20 points in the first quarter. Unfortunately, we gave up 17 points. Our defensive pressure has been very successful the past three games leading up to this. But they had some individual players who could make some big-time moves and contested shots."

Back-to-back baskets from Brandon



Greeley senior guard Jeremy Block takes the ball into the lane in the second half vs. the John Jay Patriots.



Brandon Gecaj of Greeley sets his sights on the basket in the fourth quarter of last Wednesday's game.

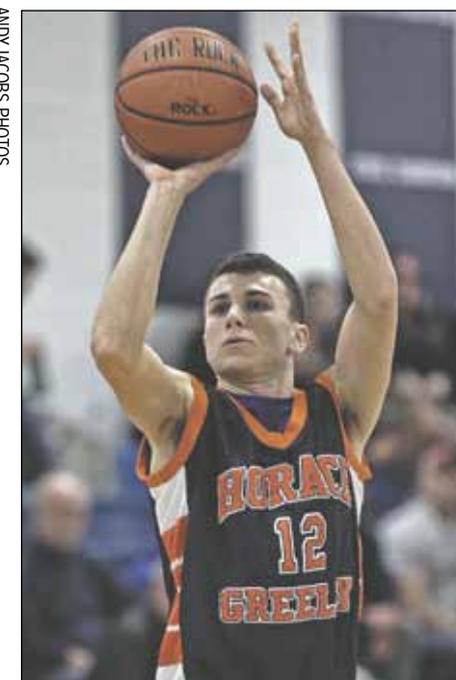
Gecaj, who wound up with 18 points, gave the Quakers a 27-19 margin early in the second quarter. The Patriots then went on a 9-0 run, taking their first lead of the game on Justin Long's turnaround jumper in the lane midway through the period.

But successive fast-break layups from Greg Karr and Block started the 14-4 Greeley blitz that ended the half. Junior sharpshooter Noah Shar came off the Quaker bench to provide a pair of 3-pointers in the midst of the run, enabling Greeley to build its largest lead of the night.

"We subbed some players in — Michael Salore with Shar — and it gave us a little spark and it helped us pick up the intensity," said Nicodemo. "Unfortunately, though, we came out in the second half and that lead dropped from nine to three in about a minute and a half. But basketball's a game of runs and we battled, we battled, and I'm glad we were able to escape with a win."

Indeed the third quarter began with a pair of Aiden Hildebrand baskets sandwiched around one from his older brother that cut the Quakers' lead to 41-38. A left-corner 3-pointer by Gecaj gave Greeley a 54-50 edge with 1:50 left in the period and another trey, this time from Shar at the buzzer, put the Quakers up 60-57 heading to the final quarter.

There were half a dozen lead changes in the fourth period before Melis was fouled after grabbing an offensive rebound with 50 seconds remaining and converted the two free throws that broke a 73-73 tie. He then stole a pass under the Patriots'

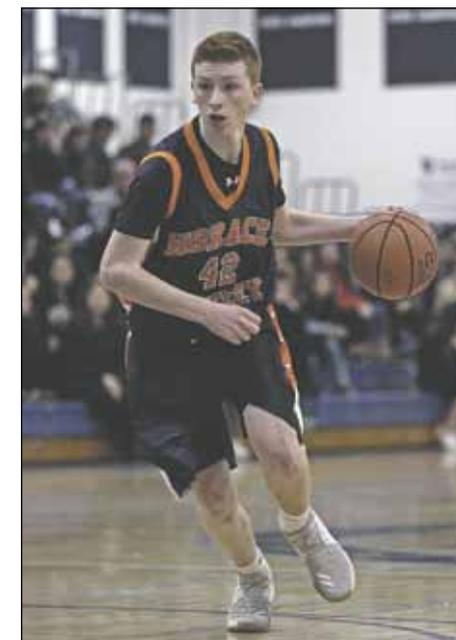


The Quakers' Greg Karr, who scored 15 points, shoots the ball from the top of the key vs. host John Jay.

basket and dropped in a big layup for a four-point lead.

Shar added one free throw with 25.9 seconds left and then two more with 2.2 seconds on the clock after the Patriots' Aiden Hildebrand had cut the Jay deficit back down to three points by scoring on a fast-break layup when the Quakers made an ill-advised two-on-one alley-oop try instead of just running out the clock.

"I think each win we're building more and more confidence," said Nicodemo, whose team had five players score in double figures and is now 6-3 heading into the holiday break. "They're playing with a lot of confidence and they're playing together. It's still early in the season, so the mindset is going to be continue to get better every single day."



William Laforzezza dribbles at the top of the key in Greeley's road win last Wednesday night.



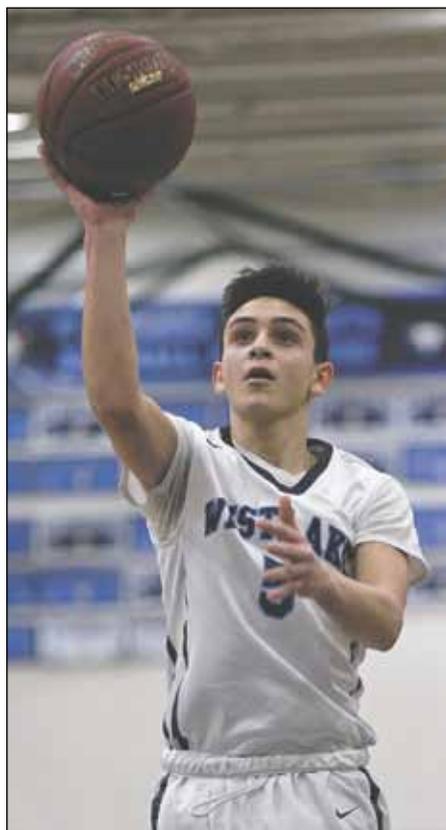
Horace Greeley's Noah Shar passes the ball on a fast break during last week's win over John Jay, the Quakers' fourth in a row.

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# focus on WESTLAKE Basketball



Tyler Tsiakaros drives to the basket in Thursday's game. He led Westlake with 19 points.



Westlake sophomore guard Matt Martin sends up a runner in the lane during the Wildcats' home win over Croton.



Westlake junior Richie Petrillo dribbles toward midcourt in the Wildcats' 44-42 victory over the Tigers.



Westlake's Terence O'Brien shoots the ball in traffic during Thursday night's 44-42 win over visiting Croton-Harmon.



The Wildcats' Joe Mazzariello takes the ball to the basket in the first half of Thursday's game vs. Croton.

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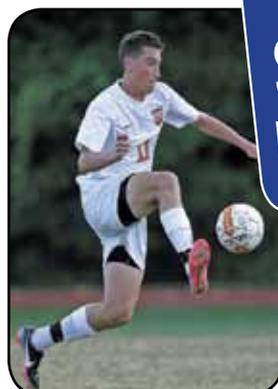
## 3-POINT WHIZ



Kennedy's Vanessa Duarte lines up a 3-point in Friday's game.

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Hawthorne resident Vanessa Duarte, a senior shooting guard at Kennedy Catholic High School, scored a career-high 35 points on Friday as the Gaels defeated reigning CHSAA state champion Monsignor Scanlan 72-69. Duarte connected on 10 3-pointers in the big win for the Gaels, who are now 4-1 this season. She is averaging over 20 points a game and also leads the team in steals.



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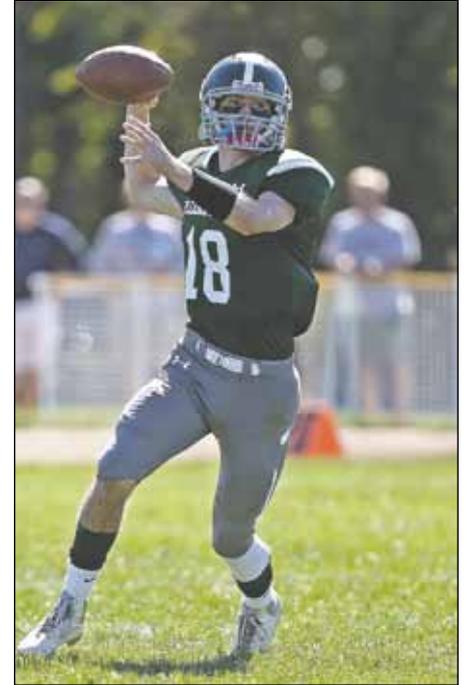
Pleasantville standout running back Charlie McPhee is chased by Valhalla's Joseph Pecora in the sectional semifinal game.



Pleasantville's Tim Driscoll celebrates after the Panthers defeated Glens Falls to advance to the state final in Syracuse.



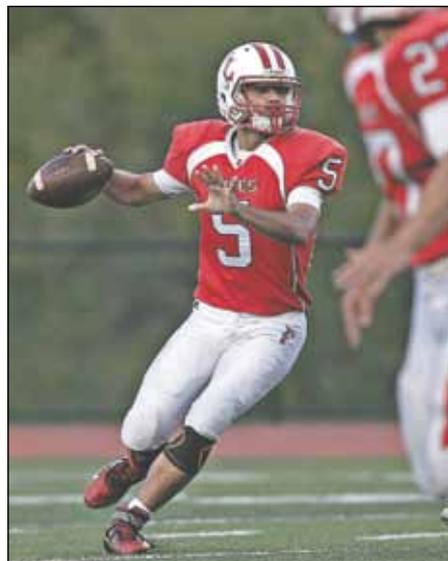
Declan McDermott of Pleasantville cuts across the field with the ball in the Panthers' state semifinal win over Glens Falls.



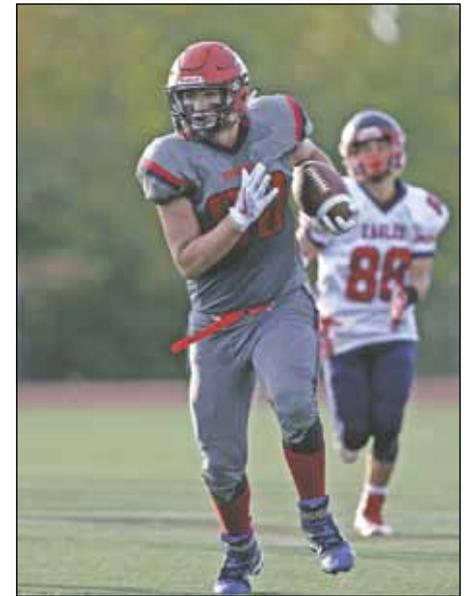
Pleasantville's Jack Howe, the MVP of the state's Class B championship game, throws a pass at Parkway Field.



Valhalla quarterback Ralph Gonzalez is chased out of the pocket by Pleasantville's Nick Salzarulo during the Vikings' surprising 21-20 road win.



Fox Lane quarterback Matt Bodine searches downfield for an open receiver.



Antonio Aversa of Byram Hills collects big yardage after making a catch in the Bobcats' come-from-behind win over Eastchester.



Horace Greeley quarterback Ryan Flanagan runs with the football during the Quakers' game under the lights vs. Roy C. Ketcham.



Nick Reish of Briarcliff makes a dazzling catch while falling down near midfield against the host Croton Tigers.



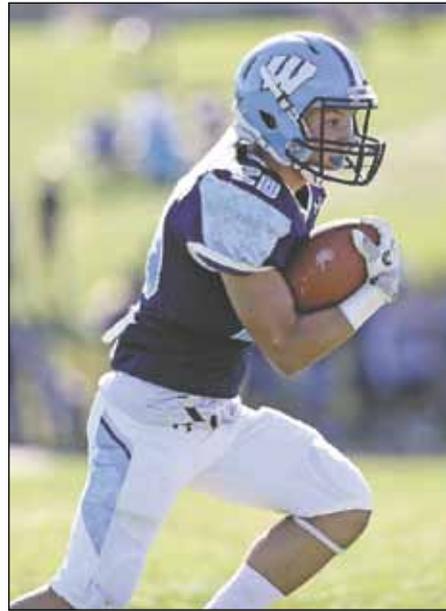
Evan Parker of Valhalla catches a pass on the last-minute, two-point conversion that lifted the Vikings to an upset win over Pleasantville.



Byram Hills running back Jay Jay Bancone returns a kick during the Bobcats' playoff qualifier vs. host Harrison.



Westlake star quarterback Rob DiNota carries the football for a big gain.



Nicholas Martinez of Westlake runs with the football in the Wildcats' home game vs. Pleasantville.



Running back Andrew DeBiase of Westlake finds some running room in the Wildcats' regular-season win at Ardsley.



Westlake's Dan Grossman tries to evade a tackle as he returns a kick.



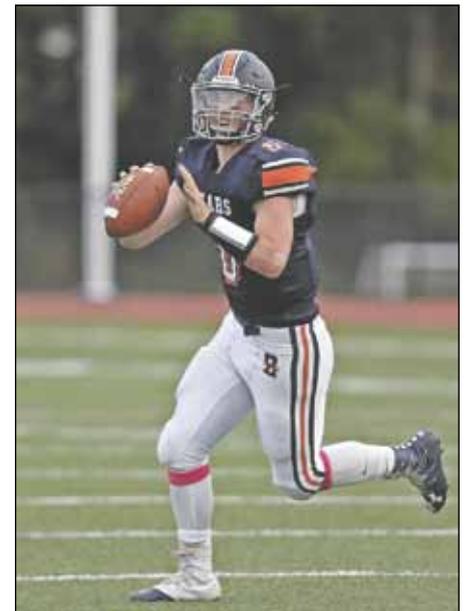
Briarcliff's Dan Huegel picks up big yardage in the Bears' game at Croton.



Josh Olsen of Fox Lane hauls in a long pass and is off and running toward the end zone.



Byram Hills quarterback Brett Stafford carries the football during a Bobcat home game.



Briarcliff quarterback Henry Anderson rolls out to his right before throwing a pass.



Fox Lane running back Andrew Brown carries the ball in the Foxes' home win over Greeley.



Greeley's Andreas Savvides turns upfield after making a reception vs. the Ketcham Indians.



Jacob Rose of Greeley has room to run in the Quakers' game at Fox Lane.



Valhalla running back Michael Ferrara capped his Viking career with a stellar senior season.

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**Pleasantville's Jack Howe**

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