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Mt. Kisco Requests Traffic Study for DOT to Improve Key Intersection

By Neal Rentz

Mount Kisco village officials are withholding support for proposed improvements by the state at the busy Route 117/172 intersection until they can review a traffic study to gauge the impacts on the area.

The state Department of Transportation (DOT) is seeking the village's approval of a utility work agreement. The agency stated in a November letter to Village Manager Edward Brancati that if any village-owned utilities needed to be moved the state would pick up the cost.

The DOT is seeking to eliminate yields for vehicles – one where Route 117 intersects with Route 172 going east and another where Route 117 intersects with 172 going west, eliminating right hand turn lanes known as slip lanes. Trustee Peter Grunthal said last week the slip lanes and yield signs and the two existing islands would be eliminated. An additional short stretch of lane will be added to the main lanes for right

hand turns coming in from 172 and North on 117, he said.

Brancati said last week the DOT is proposing to eliminate the yields and have traffic routed to traffic lights at both locations. In addition, crosswalks would be created by the state, he said.

The purpose for the proposed changes is safety, Brancati said. Currently drivers are yielding for oncoming traffic but may not see pedestrians crossing the streets, he said. The intersection features heavy vehicular traffic along Route 117 and from traffic turning onto Route 172. It is also where Northern Westchester Hospital is located.

Grunthal said pedestrian crossings would be added across all four roads leading into the intersection, including the roadway coming in from the hospital. The pedestrian crossing on Route 172 near CVS will be eliminated, he noted.

Though routes 117 and 172 are state-owned roads, the DOT is seeking Mount Kisco's permission to move any of the



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The intersection of routes 117 and 172 where the DOT is planning to undertake reconfiguration. However, Mount Kisco officials have refused to give their approval to move village utilities to accommodate the work until they can review a traffic study.

village's utilities to accommodate the roadwork.

At the Dec. 18 Village Board meeting, Mayor Gina Picinich and village trustees

declined to approve the DOT's request until they see a completed traffic study from the state. Picinich instructed Brancati to write a

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Latimer Outlines Plan Before Taking Oath as County Executive

By Anna Young

Westchester County Executive George Latimer announced his plans last Friday to tackle significant county issues and create a more inclusive and transparent government.

During a press conference in White Plains, Latimer, who was surrounded by his leadership team, shared his enthusiasm to move the county forward in a positive direction as he prepares to replace incumbent Rob Astorino.

"I'm enthusiastic about something new, something open, something invigorating, and I'm realistic about the fact that there's going to be tough decisions ahead," Latimer said on Dec. 29, three days before he was to be sworn into office. "If we can make them in a spirit of inclusion then we

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ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Members of County Executive George Latimer's leadership team were on hand during a press briefing last Friday on how the new administration plans to tackle its first month in office. Pictured clockwise, from bottom, are County Attorney John Nonna, Andrew Ferris, senior assistant to the county executive, Latimer, Joan McDonald, director of operations, Deputy County Executive Kenneth Jenkins and Bridget Gibbons, senior assistant to the county executive.

Armonk Developer to Make Another Attempt at Moving Affordable Units

By Martin Wilbur

Armonk developer Michael Fareri vowed last week to once again try and convince the North Castle Town Board to let him relocate six affordable housing units from his approved lumberyard project to Main Street.

Fareri made his intentions known in a Dec. 24 e-mail with the subject line "Holiday Thoughts" that was sent to various town officials before sending out a slightly revised message two days later. He mentioned that he planned to attend an upcoming Town Board meeting to make his pitch.

"I am looking forward to seeing you at the next couple of Town Board meetings and I hope that we can put aside our differences and amicably work together," Fareri wrote.

Fareri has been at odds with the board

for several years, having proposed a series of revisions to the project at the old lumberyard site on Bedford Road that has frustrated officials. He received approval for 36 units – 30 market-rate condos and six affordable apartments – but has since sought to move the affordable residences to 470 Main St., where he's been approved for a 16-unit project.

He has said he wants to make the move because there would be too great a disparity between the upscale market-rate condo residents and the affordable residents' ability to pay for upkeep and maintenance. Fareri has also stated that the Main Street site would be in closer proximity to downtown amenities and public transportation.

Last spring, Fareri filed an Article 78 proceeding against the town where he

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letter urging the agency for a study.

"It appears this will be an improvement for pedestrians with the addition of the crosswalks. Improving movement through the intersection for drivers should also be an outcome of the project," Picinich said Saturday. "As of yesterday, the DOT has not provided a traffic study which was requested by the Board of Trustees. We need to see the data to understand if these changes will ease the traffic congestion that often occurs."

"The Village Planner (Jan Johannessen) and Engineer (Anthony Oliveri) are working with Ed Brancati, our village manager to make recommendations regarding, signage, landscaping and aesthetic improvements," Picinich added.

Brancati said last week he has asked the DOT verbally and by letter for a copy of a traffic study, if one has been done, but the agency has not responded to his requests.

Construction is anticipated to start later this winter or in early spring and be

completed toward the end of this year, said DOT spokeswoman Gina DiSarro.

"The project at the intersection of Route 172 and Route 117 in the Village of Mount Kisco will improve the safety of the intersection, both for motorists and pedestrians," DiSarro said. "The New York State Department of Transportation has been and will continue to be in contact with the village while the project progresses."

Michael Caruso, vice president of facilities management at Northern Westchester

Hospital, said the hospital supports the DOT's road reconstruction project.

"Northern Westchester Hospital is aware of this work scheduled by the New York State Department of Transportation that will create much-needed crosswalks allowing pedestrians to cross these busy routes safely," Caruso said. "Northern Westchester Hospital has worked with the DOT to ensure that the safety of our patients, visitors and staff is paramount in these plans."

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claimed town officials were arbitrary and capricious. The developer, an Armonk resident, said he believes that the board continues to refuse the request because he has been critical of officials regarding unrelated issues.

A state Supreme Court judge ruled against Fareri in September but he is appealing that decision. He is also suing Supervisor Michael Schiliro personally in separate litigation in federal court.

"I'd like them to put aside their personal feelings toward me, which I think they have as a result of (me) criticizing many of the things they have done as a Town Board," Fareri said. "I think a lot of their anger towards me, I think it's fair to say, there's an awful lot of anger towards me. I'm willing

to put aside my feelings toward them and I think the Town Board has a responsibility to be doing what's exactly right for the community, for the taxpayers."

He said that the relocation of the six units received the backing of the town and county planning boards as well the town's planning department. The town also has allowed other developers the right to transfer affordable units, including the Brynwood Golf and Country Club proposal and the Cochran project, he said.

His proposal has received strong support from the members of the public who have come out to speak on the issue, Fareri said.

He suggested last week that he might make an offer that would contain some

additional benefits for the town, but was not yet prepared to discuss that possibility. Fareri said he is eyeing the Jan. 24 board meeting and will speak for five minutes during the public comments portion of the meeting because there is virtually no chance the town would place him on the agenda again.

It is also the meeting where the public hearing on the town's Comprehensive Plan update is scheduled to open.

Fareri said he would withdraw the litigation against the town if the town agreed to transfer the units.

When contacted last week, Schiliro declined to comment because of the pending litigation. When asked about similar allegations last May at the time that the Article 78 was filed, the supervisor had

said the town has granted Fareri virtually every request, including all approvals for the lumberyard, a building permit for that project and two special use permits for his 470 Main St. project.

However, the town strongly prefers the affordable units to remain on-site and mixed with the market-rate residences, Schiliro had said.

Fareri repeated previous statements that if his offer is rebuffed he would likely sell the lumberyard property. The town then runs the risk that the lumberyard project would become an all-affordable project.

"I'm looking to do what's right for the community," he said. "I believe the town needs fair and affordable units at the right locations."



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Municipalities Scramble to Handle Throngs Rushing to Pay Taxes

By Martin Wilbur

For about three days last week, local tax receiver offices were nearly overwhelmed by the crush of residents descending on their town or village hall to pay or pre-pay upcoming tax bills.

The frenzy was caused by property owners looking to get as much of a deduction as possible by paying their approximate town and special district tax for 2018 and the second half school taxes by Dec. 29, the last business day of 2017.

The week before Christmas, Congress passed the Tax Cut and Jobs Act, which will limit state and local deductions next year to no more than \$10,000. It was signed into law by President Donald Trump.

"I'm here about 30 years. Never have there been this many people come in and pay (their property taxes)," said North Castle Receiver of Taxes Patricia Colombo.

Colombo estimated that from Wednesday morning until about 3 p.m. on Friday about 750 property owners walked into the Town Hall annex, where her office is located, to pay early. That doesn't include hundreds more checks that were received in the mail, she said.

If sent by mail, the envelope must have been postmarked no later than Dec. 30 in order for the taxpayer to receive the deduction.

Mount Kisco Deputy Treasurer Alexandra O'Connor said Friday afternoon

the staff in the Receiver of Taxes office was so busy no one had time to even compile a rough calculation of how many people had come in to pay. After nearly three full days, a steady flow of residents continued to stream in.

"It's absolutely crazy," O'Connor said. "We've been very, very, very busy."

Despite the change in law, property owners were able to take advantage of the full tax deduction after Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a Dec. 22 executive order that suspended the application of certain provisions in the state real property tax law.

North Castle Town Supervisor Michael Schiliro said that any local tax where a 2018 warrant had been issued enabled taxpayers to pay before the year expired. While the bills had yet to be calculated, most towns were basing the 2018 pre-payments on property owners' 2017 bills. Any discrepancies will be addressed at a later date, he said.

Typically, towns with Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 fiscal years have an Apr. 30 town deadline while school districts have a Jan. 31 deadline to pay the second half taxes.

In Mount Kisco, which operates on a June 1 to May 31 fiscal year, property owners' second half 2017-18 taxes are due on Jan. 2. First half 2018-19 property taxes for Mount Kisco and Pleasantville, which also has a fiscal year commencing on June 1, could not be paid because there is no



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Three bins of payment slips and checks that had been submitted by property owners last week who paid their 2018 taxes before the end of 2017, the last time they'll be able to take advantage of the full state and local tax deduction because of a recent change in tax law.

warrant for the next fiscal year's taxes.

Westchester County did not permit taxpayers to include their 2018 county taxes. Outgoing County Executive Rob Astorino's office issued a Dec. 26 statement explaining that it would be impossible for the county to issue warrants to all municipalities before the end of this year.

"Westchester County has looked into the feasibility of having residents pre-pay their county taxes," said Astorino's senior adviser Ned McCormack. "It is just not possible for the county to issue its 2018 tax warrants to localities within the next four days for a whole host of legal, operational and practical reasons."



Even on the fourth day, there was still a sizeable line at the Mount Pleasant Receiver of Taxes office late Friday afternoon.

In Mount Pleasant, which allowed for tax payments starting last Tuesday afternoon, there was still a significant line with an hour to go before Town Hall was set to close for the three-day New Year's weekend.

Receiver of Taxes Grace Papa said there were some people who were upset at the reality of losing sizeable deductions in the future. Her office had three deep bins each containing hundreds of payment slips and checks that were submitted by property owners last week.

"We tried to keep everyone as calm as possible," Papa said. "People got crazy but there's nothing (else) we can do."



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have better chance for buy-in.”

Since Latimer soundly defeated Astorino in November, he has been focused on addressing government policies and personnel, recognizing the responsibility he faces leading a county with a more than \$1.8 billion budget and large government staff.

At his inauguration, Latimer was prepared to announce several policy proposals. Throughout January, he and his team will attend each village, town and city work session to discuss the central issues impacting each municipality.

Latimer will also hold informal

town hall meetings called Coffee and Conversation in all 17 of the county's legislative districts, inviting the Board of Legislators representative for that district to join him.

“I’ve always found if you put some coffee and some snacks out you get a different climate of dialogue and hopefully a helpful one,” Latimer said. “Westchester is filled with intelligent, successful people and they don’t want to be talked down to and they don’t want to be told what’s good for them; they want to help shape what those policies are.”

Latimer has also formed several committees that have held public forums throughout the county addressing a

wide range of issues, including criminal justice, economic development, mental health, human rights and administrative, operational and social services. He said feedback from the forums will help his team identify and prioritize issues facing Westchester.

He added that the Board of Legislators would be involved in exerting proper oversight in any decision-making process. He also intends to maintain his relationship with state officials to advocate for practical pieces of legislation.

Over the last month, Latimer has announced several leadership positions, including the appointment of former county legislator Ken Jenkins as deputy

county executive and former Pleasantville mayor John Nonna as county attorney. He also planned on announcing additional appointments on Monday and will fill all vacant positions by the end of January.

“We want to make sure we have the right people in the right position,” Latimer said.

Latimer will arrange a series of meetings with each county department to become more involved, stating that he’s most interested in identifying pressing issues that need to be handled quickly.

Throughout his 30-year political career, Latimer maintained that the public has a strong desire to be more involved in shaping government policy and believes public input is essential. Latimer has served on the Rye City Council, the Board of Legislators, the state Assembly and the past five years as a state senator.

“There’s a desire out there to see change and there’s a desire out there to see participation,” he said. “I think from all the time I’ve been out in the community, you listen to people and you understand that we can run this government differently, more openly, more inclusively, more diversely and we can get a better buy-in from the people of Westchester. And that’s what makes me enthusiastic and hopeful.”

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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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New Castle Considers Stiffening Sidewalk Snow Removal

By Martin Wilbur

The New Castle Town Board will resume a public hearing on Jan. 9 that would revise a local ordinance focusing on property owners clearing their sidewalks from snow and other impediments in the business hamlets.

In an attempt to make downtown Chappaqua and Millwood more pedestrian-friendly, officials want to impress commercial property owners and merchants that they must maintain their property.

However, there was a lack of consensus among Town Board members about how to amend the legislation, particularly the amount of time it should take for snow to be cleared. An increasing number of residents walk to the Chappaqua Metro-North train station and officials also want to drive foot traffic to downtown.

"You want to have fines, you want to keep the sidewalks safe, but you know, merchants have enough trouble staying in business, you don't want to start fining them every time," said Supervisor Robert Greenstein.

The originally proposed draft law, which was last discussed at the board's Dec. 19 meeting, would reduce the length of time property owners would have to clear their sidewalks once it has stopped snowing from 24 hours to four hours. The four-hour limit would not apply between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Under that proposal, landlords would

need to clear a sidewalk no earlier than 9 a.m.

Downtown property owner Erik Nicolaysen said the timeframe that was initially proposed is too difficult, particularly if it stops snowing overnight. He also expressed concern that it's unrealistic to ask property owners to adhere to that requirement on a Sunday morning when few shops are open.

"You've got to extend the time to what's reasonable," Nicolaysen said. "I'd take it down from 24 (hours), but certainly it's got to go beyond four at a minimum."

He added that it currently takes the town six to seven hours to clear its own roads and parking lots and suggested to have it coincide with the length of time it typically requires the town to complete its snow removal.

Tom Keane, the husband of the owner of Cosmetic Boutique on South Greeley Avenue, said the proposed snow removal hours would be drastically restrictive. While New York City, which has thousands of miles of sidewalks, also has a four-hour requirement, it exempts 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.

"So you're making this, quite possibly, the most onerous sidewalk statute in the state of New York," he said.

Keane said he supports the idea for a Business Improvement District to cover snow removal.

Town Administrator Jill Shapiro said

officials agreed that 24 hours was too long to wait for sidewalks to be clear. Councilwoman Lisa Katz said the town needs to review what would make the most sense for its residents and merchants.

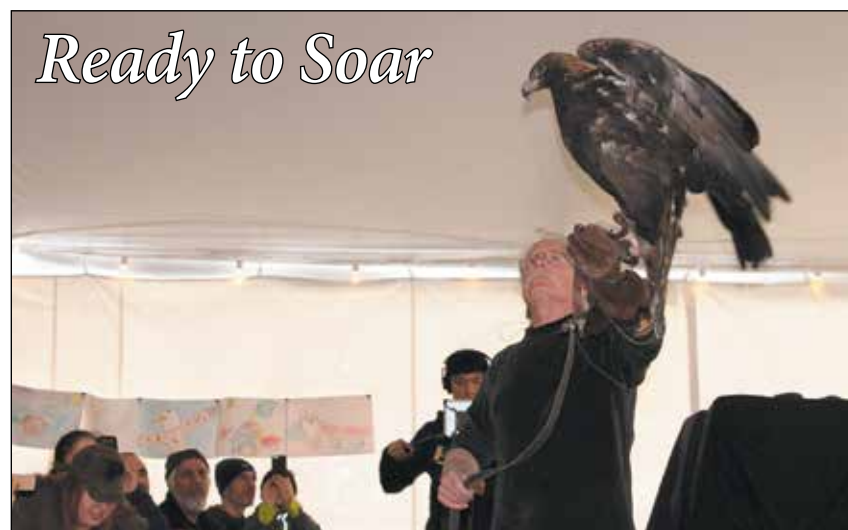
"We need to find the right balance of getting people into the stores, getting it clear and making it safe, being able to allow residents to walk without putting too much of the onus on the owners," Katz said.

The board will discuss whether any

modifications should be made regarding hours, differentiation between Sunday and the other days of the weeks and what constitutes a sufficient path.

Potential fines for noncompliance of snow removal was not addressed.

While most of the discussion centered on snow removal, the proposed ordinance also covers sidewalk obstructions and the property owner's responsibility should there sidewalks be damaged.



It's just a little more than a month before EagleFest 2018 returns to Westchester. This year's event, which will be sponsored by Teatown Lake Reservation and state Sen. Terrence Murphy, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 10 at Croton Point Park. Bill Streeter, show above, director of the Delaware Valley Raptor Center, will be one of the guests featured at EagleFest.

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With below-freezing temperatures in the region, the Westchester County Department of Health reminds residents to take precautions against hypothermia and frostbite and to take care when heating homes using alternate heating sources.

Seniors and infants under one year of age should never sleep in a cold room and should be dressed in warm clothing to prevent the loss of body heat. If a safe temperature cannot be maintained inside your home, make temporary arrangements to stay elsewhere.

The drop-in shelters run by the Department of Social Services are open around the clock this week. For emergency shelter, call 914-995-3333 on weekdays. After 4 p.m. and on weekends, call 914-995-2099. Libraries, municipal buildings and malls are also good places to warm up.

“Low temperatures can be life-threatening, especially for seniors, infants and people who are at increased risk for hypothermia,” said Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler. “To avoid frostbite and hypothermia, wear a coat, hat, gloves and lots of layers and limit your time outside.”

Warning signs of hypothermia in adults include shivering, confusion, memory

loss, drowsiness, exhaustion and slurred speech. Infants with hypothermia may appear sluggish, with very low energy and bright red, cold skin.

Frostbite is especially dangerous because it often occurs with little warning. At the first sign of redness or pain, get out of the cold or protect the exposed area. Fingertips, toes, the ears or nose can become numb so quickly that the person is unaware of being frostbitten and may remain outside, increasing the chance of permanent damage. People with poor blood circulation, including seniors and those with diabetes are especially vulnerable to frostbite.

Tips to prevent frostbite and hypothermia

- Dress in several layers of windproof clothes to trap body heat.
- Wear gloves, scarves and a hat that covers the ears.
- Go indoors when you begin to feel cold.

If you think someone is suffering from hypothermia or frostbite, call a medical provider immediately.

Never use a generator inside your house or in partly enclosed areas, such as garages, basements, porches, crawlspaces, sheds, carports or breezeways, even if



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your windows are open. Generators should only be operated outside, away from open windows. Carbon monoxide in the generator’s fumes can build up and cause fatal carbon monoxide poisoning. Barbeque grills and camp stoves produce carbon monoxide and should only be used outdoors.

The Health Department also reminds residents to take the following precautions

when using alternate heating sources at home:

- Be sure that fireplaces, wood stoves or other combustion heaters are properly vented to the outside and do not leak flue gas indoors.
- Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions when using space heaters and wood burning stoves.
- Ensure adequate ventilation if you must use a kerosene heater.
- Use only the type of fuel your heater is designed to use - don’t substitute.
- Do not place a space heater within three feet of anything that may catch on fire, such as drapes, furniture, or bedding, and never cover your space heater.
- Never place a space heater on top of furniture or near water.
- Never leave children or pets unattended near a space heater, fireplace or wood burning stove.

For more information on cold weather safety, contact the Westchester County Department of Health at 914-813-5000 or visit www.westchestergov.com/health. You can also follow the department on Twitter @wchealthdept or like on Facebook at [Facebook.com/wchealthdept](https://www.facebook.com/wchealthdept).

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County Police Commissioner Longworth Retires From Law Enforcement

Police Commissioner George N. Longworth announced last week that he has retired from his post effective Jan. 2, capping a 35-year law enforcement career.

Longworth, who has served as county police commissioner since January 2010, initially retired as chief of the Dobbs Ferry Police Department in 2007 to practice law. He returned to police work when outgoing County Executive Rob Astorino asked him to serve as commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.

"It has been my privilege to be the Westchester police commissioner these last eight years," Longworth said. "I am proud of all we have accomplished at the county police. This department is well prepared to meet the challenges that lie ahead. I would like to thank the men and women of the Department of Public Safety for the courage, dedication and professionalism they exhibit every day."

Longworth began his police career as a special patrolman with the Department of Public Safety, patrolling parks during summers while he was attending Mercy College. He worked for the New York City Police Department before transferring to the Dobbs Ferry Police Department, where he served for 27 years. When he was appointed chief at 32 years old, he became the youngest person ever to hold that rank in Westchester.

Longworth, a Pace University Law

School graduate, formed the law firm of Grant & Longworth in 2007 with Steven P. Grant, a Dobbs Ferry village justice. He is now returning to the firm.

Among the many initiatives launched during Longworth's tenure include:

- Overseeing the consolidation of the Town of Ossining Police Department and the Village of Mount Kisco Police Department into the Department of Public Safety, enabling both communities to provide enhanced police service at a lower cost.
- Creating a Real Time Crime Center, which operates out of headquarters in Hawthorne. It puts a massive data warehouse at a detective's fingertips, including live traffic cameras; license plate readers; shared law enforcement databases of police, corrections and probation records and cases; public records; and other open-source tracking technologies and other tools, including facial recognition software. This information is shared in real time with investigators in the field when a serious crime or incident occurs.
- Expanding county police participation on important federal-local task forces. Under Longworth's leadership, police expanded its participation on the Joint Terrorist Task Force, enabling access to real-time intelligence about threats to Westchester and the metropolitan area;

the Drug Enforcement Administration Diversion Task Force, which targets the illegal manufacture and sale of opioid medications; and the FBI Cyber Crimes Division and FBI Violent Crimes Task Force.

- Overseeing a \$10 million renovation of the Westchester County Police Academy, which trains recruit and veteran officers alike from all police departments in Westchester and Putnam counties. The Police Academy curriculum also was upgraded to enhance instruction on counterterrorism, active shooter incidents, crisis intervention and other emerging topics that pose new and challenging demands on law enforcement.
- Relocating and expanding the county police crime lab and Forensic Investigation Unit to the renovated Academy. The crime lab is the only one in New York State to be accredited in the following five disciplines: firearms (ballistics), crime scene investigation, latent print comparison, latent print processing and digital evidence/computer forensics.
- Obtaining a second helicopter for the Aviation Unit and more sophisticated patrol boats for the Marine Unit.
- Upgrading the county police Bomb Squad to a Hazardous Devices Unit capable of responding to incidents involving



George Longworth, who served as Westchester County police commissioner for the past eight years, announced his retirement on Dec. 29.

chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive devices.

- Creating a Unified In-Service Training Program at the Police Academy to lower the cost of in-service training for participating municipal departments.
- Assigning police officers to serve as school resource officers in the Somers, Lakeland and North Salem school districts.

"I am proud to call myself a member of the Westchester law enforcement family," Longworth said. "There are multiple police agencies in our county, but we stand together as one in our commitment to keep the people of Westchester safe."

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Obituaries

Rae Di Gianni

Rae Di Gianni of Pleasantville, and formerly of the Bronx and Hawthorne, died on Dec. 24 at her residence.

She was 94.

Di Gianni was born on Aug. 9, 1923, to the late Vito and Rose (nee DeVito) Di Gianni in the Bronx. She was a retired seamstress and worked at various dress factories in New York City.

She is survived by her loving sister, Anna Scarano, of Pleasantville and brother George (Rae) Di Gianni of Palm Coast, Fla.; her sister-in-law, Gloria Di Gianni; Linda Bufo, Edwina Zerbo, Debra Colbert, Thomas Scarano and many other loving, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews. She was predeceased by five brothers and five sisters. Di Gianni was a loving and caring sister and aunt who will always be loved and missed by all who knew her.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations to Hospice Care of Westchester and Putnam, 540 White Plains Rd., Tarrytown, N.Y. 10591 would be appreciated.

Carl Keller

Dr. Carl Keller unexpectedly passed away on Dec. 25 in Valhalla.

He was 55.

Keller was the cherished and adored son of Dr. Charles J. Keller and his late mother Hildegard (nee Mueller), who passed away June 29, 2017; the devoted husband of Holly Keller (nee Messenger); the loving father of twin daughters Allison Keller of Riverside, Calif. and Sherry (Damon) Mashburn (nee Keller) of Tinton Falls, N.J. and son Spencer Keller of Pomona, Calif.; the loving brother of Dr. Eric Keller, his wife Susan and their daughters Alexandra, Olivia and Abigail of Chappaqua; and the beloved nephew of his Aunt Rita and Uncle Dan and all cousins near and far.

Keller was raised in Valhalla and graduated from Valhalla High School. He graduated from South Hampton LIU and then moved to California and graduated with his doctorate from Palmer College of Chiropractic West. He moved to Sacramento to start his family and his chiropractic business where he practiced for 28 years.

He had a love of the outdoors and enjoyed skiing, tennis, hunting and fishing. He loved being with his children and was very proud of them and their accomplishments. He had many different



Carl Keller

animals and loved them all. Keller also loved playing his guitar and listening to classic rock music. He was an avid New York Jets and Yankees fan.

He will be missed by all and remembered fondly.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Carl's life on Friday, Jan. 5 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Pleasant Manor Funeral Home, Inc., 575 Columbus Ave. in Thornwood.

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Full to the Brim with Emptiness

It was the author's intention to have this article in the hands of the editor before the holidays – a bit of wishful thinking to say the least on my part. I had hoped to address those readers who still look upon this time of year as one of honest and sincere self-introspection.



By Richard Cirulli

As we come to celebrate the close of another year, some of us use this time to reflect upon the events we have experienced for the purpose of applying these life lessons. Sometimes we find our internal conflicts are at odds with the external world. For the more existential and spiritual minded, this can prove to be a painful reconciliation of contradictions that exist between inner core values and the need to survive in a harsh world. For those adverse to an existential/spiritual view of life, they are favored with little or no self-contradictions, since the self is united in seeking happiness only for itself. The baggage of assisting a humanity in distress is jettisoned.

For those kindred souls who struggle to maintain possession of their core beliefs and freedom in the face of being

overloaded with fake and filtered news that espouses a new 'materialistic manifest destiny', this article is dedicated to you. You are the stalwart true freethinkers bold enough to live lives with an open and expanding mind rather than succumb to the mass disinformation that appeals to the egocentric lower self.

You seek truth and are confident enough to cut the strings of our governing oligarchy puppeteers.

This independent view should hold much weight especially for us Baby Boomers who were raised on the anti-Utopian books of 1984, Animal Farm, Brave New World, and Erewhon, to name just a few.

In Orwell's, classic 1984, set within the country Oceania, a totalitarian society is controlled by the Thought Police via Newspeak. The goal of Newspeak is to make thoughtcrime an impossibility. It involves the "the mutability of the past." The governing oligarchy, Big Brother, achieves this by abolishing the past and altering history to suit the agenda of the ruling class. The book's protagonist, Winston, is persecuted as a traitor for

having attempted to establish contact with the past. Newspeak also uses fake news to report on its ongoing war with Eurasia, a means to secure the populace's codependency on its government.

Orwell was quite astute in his assessment of the close relationship in the English language between the words advertising and propaganda. In Oceania, the Ingsoc maximum is, "He who controls the past controls the present, and he who controls the present controls the future." Orwell's premise is that society can be controlled through its children, suggesting children will ultimately betray their parents to the Thought Police. We can see now why schools might want to seek a larger say in the parenting of children.

What we have read about in Orwell's Oceania is here today in America. Our new totalitarian oligarchy will not come in the form of goose-stepping Nazis, or the pogroms of communism, along with it gulags. Rather, by feeding the masses a delusional dessert to quench their appetite, there is no room for the main course of truth. A casual look around today will clearly prove the relationship between Newspeak and political correctness, and how our nation's monuments to the past are

being brought down for the purpose of denying the past's reality.

Our traditions, heritage and faiths are being dismantled by a few, who want to speak for all. And, like Oceania, discourse is no longer tolerated in America. It is no surprise or secret – America has been at war longer than Oceania and Eurasia. As we blind ourselves with egocentric views, enflamed by never-ending "selfies" and mindless reality TV shows, the oligarchy continues to tighten the radius of our ever-diminishing mind, and intellect.

In essence, we have outsourced our thinking to the ruling oligarchy, and with our inability to think we now defer to the government to enact laws to tell us how to act and behave. The wise know that one becomes a fool when he is no longer willing or able to think and therefore act for himself.

We should ask ourselves what our teacher's taught us to ask, "Am I wise enough to know if what is being imparted is true?"

Dr. Richard Cirulli is a retired professor, business consultant, writer, columnist, and innocent bystander at large. He welcomes your comments at Profirulli@optonline.net.

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Editorial

Time to Polish Off the Crystal Ball and See What's in Store for 2018

Now that everyone has finished opening their presents, returned the gifts that just weren't right, had their fill of holiday treats and welcomed in the new year, it's time to see what lies ahead in 2018.

There is a new county executive and some new local officeholders, there will continue to be new local businesses opening, and unfortunately closing, and all kinds of action on the local news, sports and arts scenes.

So, in keeping with The Examiner's nearly annual tradition, we take the crystal ball out of the attic and take a look at what may be in store for 2018. If just a handful of these come true, it will be a highly successful and fulfilling new year.

The Chappaqua infrastructure and streetscape project is completed on time later this year with minimal disruption for residents, shoppers and merchants.

Freshly repaved roads for motorists in all towns.

That motorists don't have to sit in any more traffic jams.

For highway department and DPW crews to continue to do a great job at clearing roads during and immediately following snowfalls.

Developer Michael Fareri finally breaks ground for the project at the

old lumberyard in Armonk regardless of whether the six affordable units are built on-site or not.

That the United Methodist Church in Pleasantville be able to build something on their property that the community can support that is also consistent with their mission.

For the Upper Westchester Muslim Society to see their new mosque and community center be built in New Castle.

All municipalities that are updating their Comprehensive Plans to finish the work and to see the plan have the desired effect on their towns and villages.

Thriving downtown business districts everywhere.

For the state Department of Transportation to complete its statewide grade crossing study and propose long-awaited safety improvements at rail crossings now that its nine months overdue.

Positive train controls to be installed on all trains.

A resolution to the ongoing problems at Hawthorne-Cedear Knolls and the Pleasantville Cottage School to ease the community's concerns and make sure the youngsters at the two facilities are able to be helped in a safe environment.

No more vape shops to move into

downtown business districts.

For Whole Foods to open in Chappaqua without further delay and before Amazon decides to make its next major acquisition.

A new and successful farmers market for Mount Kisco.

For everyone who wants to raise chickens on their property in New Castle to be able to accomplish that.

PCTV to move back into their new studios as soon as possible.

Support for all the community theater and arts organizations that will make them flourish.

All families have enough to eat every day of the year.

No more killer hurricanes.

For more affordable housing and for more housing to be affordable.

That the Pleasantville High School football team are able to defend their state championship.

Nothing but success for all of the area's youth and high school athletes.

That everyone let all first-responders, both the professionals and the volunteers, know how much they are appreciated. You make the local communities a better place to live.

And to all our readers, advertisers and supporters everywhere, a happy, healthy and prosperous 2018.

Guest Column

Program Helps New Yorkers With Disabilities Save for the Future

By Thomas P. DiNapoli

New Yorkers with disabilities can now save through a new plan called The New York Achieving a Better Life Experience (NY ABLE) program.

The program, modeled after New York's 529 College Savings Program and adopted under the federal Stephen Beck Jr. Achieving a Better Life Act of 2014, helps individuals with disabilities maintain their health, independence and quality of life.

NY ABLE allows New Yorkers to save and invest funds without putting their disability-related benefits at risk and should provide some relief for families worried about the long-term financial situation and future care of their loved ones with disabilities.

Also known as 529A accounts, these tax-free savings programs give people the opportunity to set aside money for short- and long-term needs. New York is one of several states to offer this type of program.

The NY ABLE legislation was signed into law in 2015. The legislation authorized the state comptroller's office to administer the program. Until now, families could create a special needs trust in order to secure a loved one's finances,

but trusts can be costly to establish and maintain.

NY ABLE allows New Yorkers with disabilities to save money in their own names without risking their Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid and certain other means-based benefits. ABLE programs are intended to supplement other governmental and private benefits, including SSI and Medicaid.

An account can be opened with as little as \$25. Families and others may contribute to an account, but contributions are not tax-deductible. The annual contribution is capped at \$14,000 and the maximum account balance is \$100,000. In 2018, the annual contribution cap will be increased to \$15,000.

NY ABLE provides a variety of investment options, from conservative to aggressive.

Earnings and distributions from NY ABLE accounts are tax free provided the funds are used for qualified disability expenses. These include costs for education, health and wellness and transportation and housing, among other expenses. Users can access funds in several ways, including an optional checking account and debit card. Earnings on non-

qualified withdrawals may be subject to federal and state and local income tax and a 10 percent federal tax penalty.

In order to qualify, a person must have a disability that was present before he or she turned 26 years old. Participants must be eligible for SSI or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or be blind, have a significant disability documented by a medical doctor or have a disability that is included within the Social Security Administration's requirements.

New York State residency is also required and only one account per individual is allowed.

Many New Yorkers will benefit from this program. The comptroller's office is committed to helping families and individuals enroll in NYABLE.

To start an account, visit www.mynyable.org or call 1-855-5NY-ABLE (855-569-2253). A copy of the Disclosure Booklet and Participation Agreement is available online at <https://cdn.unite529.com/jcdn/files/NYB/pdfs/programdescription.pdf>.

One should always consult their legal and tax advisers regarding specific legal, investment or tax situations.

Thomas P. DiNapoli is the New York State comptroller.

Slow the Pace of Cooking, Something Great to Try in Winter

In this new year, one of my goals is to learn or try something new each month. Now that winter has arrived, January is the perfect time to try one of these slow cooker recipes I am sharing with you.

This simple method of creating meals offers benefits such as warming the kitchen, filling your home with comforting scents and slowing the pace – especially following the holidays.

Give these recipes a try and let me know how it goes for you!



By Joanne Witmyer

Indian Vegetable Curry (serves 6)
Ingredients:
¼ cup extra of virgin olive oil
2 cloves of garlic, peeled and minced
3 tablespoons of fresh ginger, peeled and minced
1 ½ teaspoons of ground coriander
1 teaspoon of ground turmeric
1 teaspoon of cumin seeds
1 pound of potatoes, peeled and cubed

1 large head of cauliflower, trimmed and cut into florets
¾ lb. of green beans, trimmed and chopped
1 cup of water
Sea salt to taste
¼ cup of fresh cilantro, chopped without stems for garnish (optional)
Instructions:
Add all ingredients, except the cilantro, into the slow cooker and cook on the high heat setting for four hours (or the low heat setting for eight hours). Add more salt and pepper if desired before serving and garnish with cilantro. Tip: Serve over basmati or brown rice.

Nourish

If you enjoy slow cooking, you can find different recipes on various websites, such as for Crock-Pot®, a brand of slow cooker. Recipes can be searched for by meal, main ingredient, cuisine or flavor.

What are your goals for the new year? I would love to hear from you.

Joanne Witmyer is the founder of Indigo Health and Wellness based in Briarcliff Manor. She teaches group classes, offers wellness consulting to companies and helps individuals achieve their health goals – particularly during times of change and transition. You can reach Joanne at 914-208-1022 or at Joanne@IndigoHW.com.

Tuscan Ribollita (serves 6)
(Something new I learned: “ribollita” means reboiled in Italian.)
Ingredients:
1 48-ounce can of cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
¼ cup of extra virgin olive oil
2 cloves of garlic, peeled and minced
¼ cup tomato paste
8 cups of vegetable broth, preferably low sodium
1 bunch of lacinato kale, chopped without the stems
4 carrots, peeled and chopped
2 celery stalks, chopped
1 tablespoon of fresh thyme, minced
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Day-old country bread, 3 cups cubed
Instructions:
Add all ingredients, except the beans and bread, to the slow cooker. Cover and cook on the high heat setting for four hours (or on the low heat setting for eight hours if you will be out for the day). Ten minutes before the soup is ready, stir in the bread cubes and beans and finish cooking. When the soup is ready, taste to determine whether additional salt or pepper are needed. Spoon into serving bowls, and top with a drizzle of olive oil if desired.

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 commercial driver's license is required.

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Emily Ann Hoffman, Filmmaker Bedford

By Anna Young

Later this month, filmmaker Emily Ann Hoffman will attempt to follow in the footsteps of cinematic legends.

Hoffman plans to be in Park City, Utah where her stop-motion animated short film "Nevada" will be screened at the Sundance Film Festival.

During her brief career, the 24-year-old writer and director from Bedford has received high acclaim at national and international film festivals for her three short films that each focus on situations that many women have confronted.

Last year, Hoffman was accepted into the Jacob Burns Film Center Valentine and Clark Emerging Artist Fellow program, where she received the creative support, mentorship, studio space and financial backing to film "Nevada" and "Ok, Call Me Back," another short.

Hoffman was also accepted into the Sundance Ignite Fellows Program, an internship where young filmmakers receive additional creative and

professional development opportunities as they develop their craft.

Hoffman, a 2015 Rhode Island School of Design graduate with a degree in illustration, spent the latter part of her college career focused on film and animation. She said her decision to concentrate on those areas of study opened her eyes to a more dynamic method of storytelling and self-expression.

"I loved it," Hoffman said about her animation classes. "I kept doing it throughout college and took as many classes as I could."

In her senior year, Hoffman collaborated with classmate Ariel Noltimier Strauss to produce "The Emily & Ariel Show," another stop-motion, animated short that portrays the simple fun two young women can have when they hang out. The film was well-received and qualified for entry into several national and international film festivals.

But Hoffman had become discouraged when she couldn't find work after



graduating from college.

"I felt like I wasn't going anywhere," she said. "This is what I wanted to do, so I channeled that energy and focused on my own projects."

Hoffman began writing screenplays and sought out opportunities to make her movies when her basement was no longer the ideal filming space. After seeing an advertisement on Facebook for the Burns' fellowship program, Hoffman applied with her script for "Nevada," a comedic story of a how a young couple's weekend getaway is interrupted by a birth control mishap.

With support from Burns producer Sean Weiner and input from the film center's educational program, Creative Culture, Hoffman's story came to life. Weiner also produced "Ok, Call Me

Back," a live action short where a woman craving companionship leaves a voicemail late at night.

"It was a great opportunity, especially because I didn't come into it with a great knowledge of film school," Hoffman said. "I was constantly surrounded by support and creativity and they helped me make the best film it could be."

After submitting both films to several festivals, Hoffman was overjoyed when she got the news that "Nevada" was accepted into the Sundance Film Festival, the largest competitive independent film festival in the United States.

"It was a crazy feeling because two years ago I never thought that this would have happened at this point in my life," Hoffman said. "It feels overwhelming in a really good way."

While Hoffman works as a freelance illustrator and animator during her downtime, she said attending film festivals and meeting other filmmakers has inspired her to keep working and creating new projects. Although she has had some early success, Hoffman is looking ahead, already working on her next project while maintaining ambitious goals for the future.

"I hope within the next couple of years I'll be able to make a feature length film and share my films and get more exposure," she said. "It's been the most rewarding experience making these films. I'm very happy with what I'm doing."

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Tuesday, Jan. 2

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

Wednesday, Jan. 3

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

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

Mother Nature's Storytime. Children, along with a parent or caregiver, enjoy nature-themed stories, nature walks, live animals and/or crafts. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. For children two to four years old. Meets for six consecutive Wednesdays. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 to 11 a.m. Members: \$50 for series for child and caregiver. Non-members: \$90 for series for child and caregiver. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Ambassadors for Successful Aging. Are you aware of the benefits available to you as a Westchester County senior? Information can be provided to you on housing, home care, transportation options, counseling options, memory care, nutrition, vision and dental services along with SNAP, HEAP, EPIC and STAR and other programs that can save you money and help you plan for the future. Feel free to discuss a Westchester County "ambassador." No appointment necessary. North Castle Public Library, 19 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. 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.

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

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

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

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.

Meditation Series: Midday Mind Break. Benefits of meditation include increasing focus and memory; increased health; reduced stress, anxiety and pain; and increased productivity and happiness. Led by Alka Kaminer. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Also Jan. 10 and 24. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.com.

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.

Breast, Ovarian and Gynecological Cancer Support Group. Northern Westchester Hospital at Chappaqua Crossing, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Meets the first Wednesday of every month. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

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

Thursday, Jan. 4

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

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

Preschool Storytime. This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities

to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Mahjongg Club. Intermediate players welcome. Participants must bring their own set. 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.

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

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

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

English for Speakers of Other Languages Classes. Provided in partnership with Southern Westchester BOCES. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. Free. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Mar. 29. Space limited; registration required. (Students may register starting Jan. 2). Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Friday, Jan. 5

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.

Country Line Dance. Dancing followed by a complete dinner. All proceeds to go to the scholarship fund at Fox Lane High School and New York Boys' State. Moses Taylor American Legion Post 136, 1 Legion

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Makings of a Great Guest Room

The holiday season is a time when many of us receive overnight guests, and the experience can be wonderful one if their sleeping quarters are properly considered. Sleeping overnight in another person's home can be delightful or a real drag, depending on the planning or lack of it that goes into the guest's accommodations. I've experienced both situations.

The first time I was an overnight guest was as a senior in college when I was invited to join my roommate for a weekend in New York City where we were scheduled to stay with one of his best buddies.

Being from a small southern town, I had never been in a Manhattan apartment, but my expectations ran high because I had just seen a movie that showed the city digs of Doris Day as the very height of sophistication.

What I found instead was a five-story walk up in the East Village, long before it was chic, arriving breathlessly to a cold water flat, long since outlawed. My sleeping arrangements were on the floor in the space where the coffee table had been pushed away. I had only a blanket under me to prevent my bones from getting bruised on the hard floor. My buddy was luckier the first night because he got to sleep on the

sofa, which our host proudly announced had been retrieved from the sidewalk. The second night, I got the sofa, but it was actually more uncomfortable than the floor.

To bathe, there was no shower, but rather a claw-footed bathtub, elevated on a platform across from a galley kitchen. When it was not in use, the tub was covered with a wooden top that served as the kitchen table. There's nothing to compare with my memory of bathing in the tub while our host prepared scrambled eggs 18 inches away from me, and then to eat breakfast on top of the tub where I had just bathed. It wasn't quite pooping where you eat, but not far off. Doris Day, where were you to the rescue?

I vowed that someday I would have my own place in the city and invite all my out-of-town friends to visit me with a stay over they would remember. After I married, my wife and I couldn't afford to have an extra bedroom in our first apartment, at least we were able to offer a comfortable Castro Convertible in the living room. It wasn't until we moved to the country that we were able to realize



By Bill Primavera

our dream of having a nice guest room.

I like visiting my retired brother- and sister-in-law in both their large homes, one in Florida and the other in Asheville, there is a separate guest suite. To stay with them is truly like a fabulous vacation. Not all of us can have a separate suite for guests, but we can compensate for it by providing other amenities that speak of comfort, convenience and luxury. For that, I consult with my wife Margaret who's the ultimate homemaker and hostess. Her advice:

- Fluffy new guest towels neatly folded on a corner of the bed or on a chair can make guests forget that they don't have a private bathroom.
- It's nice to have some totally empty drawers in the room, if not an entire chest of drawers. Also there should be at least half a closet for hanging clothes. My wife likes to put attractive hangers in that space.
- A comfortable easy chair with a reading light positioned for reading is always welcomed, along with an interesting selection of magazines and books. Guests are unlikely to

read a whole novel while staying over, but they might enjoy the coffee table book variety that can be just scanned through for interest.

- A bedside, lighted clock will be especially appreciated by guests in that, sometimes, you feel that time is altered when you're not surrounded by the familiar trappings of home.
- And like a hotel, you might add a couple of bottles of water and some packaged snacks, healthy and otherwise.
- Of course, a television set or even a laptop on a desk is a great way to have your guests entertain themselves at least part of the time they're with you.

Consider the advice above, but also keep in mind that too special a guest room may encourage guests to stay longer than you want. Remember Benjamin Franklin's advice that: "Guests, like fish, begin to smell after three days."

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.

Happenings

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Way, Mount Kisco. 7 to 11 p.m. \$15 per person. First Friday of every month. Info: 914-241-0136.

Saturday, Jan. 6

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 Mar. 31. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Chappaqua Farmers Market. Locally-raised and produced food to the community creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. First Congregational Church of Chappaqua, 210 Orchard Ridge Rd., Chappaqua. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. First Saturday of each month through April. Info: Visit www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org.

Children's Art Workshop. The Mamaroneck Artists Guild is hosting a new monthly series of children's art workshops. This month, there will be a Chinese New Year art workshop. Recommended for children 5 to 12 years old; younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 9:30 a.m. \$15 donation. The first Saturday of each month through July 2018. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.mamaroneckartistsguild.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 Whipoorwill Rd. East. Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: 914-273-3887.

Graham Clarke. Popular singer and children's entertainer Graham Clarke will perform songs for children three to seven years old and their families. There will be lots of fun and laughter for everyone. Clarke has released six albums and has been bringing his zaniness and his love for classic rock 'n' roll to children of the tristate area for more than 20 years. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

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

or visit www.addie-tude.com.

Open Art Studio. All supplies are provided to create your own artwork. For children four years old and up; with parent or caregiver. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. First Saturday of every month. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscopubliclibrary.org.

Origami. Join Westchester Origami Workers, a regional group of Origami, USA to share models and techniques. Open to all adults. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. First Saturday of every month. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscopubliclibrary.org.

"Jewish Perspectives on Jesus." Bennett Muraskin, noted author and Jewish educator, will present this talk that will tell the story that most Jews and Christians know little about. The entire spectrum on Jesus will be revealed. Refreshments served. Sponsored by the Westchester Community for Humanistic Judaism. Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 468 Rosedale Ave., White Plains. 2:30 p.m. Non-members: \$10. Info: E-mail info@wchj.org.

Havdalah Under the Stars. The Greenburgh Hebrew Center and PJ Library invite parents and children to this fun evening of interactive singalong with Carla Friend from TYKIA, the Jewish community music initiative, pizza, refreshments and a

joyful celebration of Havdalah under the stars. Bring a dreamlight star projector, if you have one. Ideal for children up to eight years old, but all are welcome. Greenburgh Hebrew Center, 515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry. 5 to 6:30 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Info: 914-693-4260 or visit www.g-h-c.org. RSVP: Contact Stacey at pjlibrary@g-h-c.org.

Sunday, Jan. 7

Project FeederWatch. Did you know that the Northern Cardinal's favorite snack is sunflower seeds? Or that the Eastern Goldfinch travels to Mexico in the winter months? Discover more about our feathered friends. Program includes a short walk through the woods and at-home tips on backyard birding and data collection. For everyone five years old and up. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Free. Every Sunday through March. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

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

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Purpose: Practice the profession of Nurse Practitioner in Adult Health.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BLOOM HAIR SALON LP. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/2017. Office loc. Westchester. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: **Maria Katsoros, 305 Florence Street, Mamaroneck, NY 10543. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

Notice of formation of SIXTH BROUGH CLOTHING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/10/2017. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **LEGALINC CORPORATE SERVICES INC. 1967 WEHRLE DRIVE, SUITE 1 #086, BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14221. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.**

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.**

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF @CESARCAPJR, 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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Index No. 68828/2016

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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.; Murrelise 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.

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Dated: September 21, 2017

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Analyzing the Sensory Experience in Your Glass of Wine



By Nick Antonaccio

Several readers have told me that they are confused by descriptive terms used to characterize wines. This week's column will take you down the path of understanding, and developing, a wine glossary. Now you can dazzle each other with a wine syntax that will help you better appreciate the true nuances of wine tasting.

First, the biology lesson. (You thought ninth-grade science would never be relevant later in life!) One of the reasons that experiencing wines is so complex and yet so simple is that we are able to employ several of our five senses in a singular, focused moment. Of these senses, taste and smell are the critical components.

For taste, think flavor. It is our taste buds that distinguish the overall experience of the wine at hand. The tongue is where the five elements of taste reside: sweet, sour, bitter, salty, umami. As we sip our wine, there are specific areas on the surface of the

tongue and the side of the mouth that impact our perception of wine. Sweet receptors reside on the front of the tongue, salty on the front sides, umami in the middle, sour on the rear sides and bitter on the rear. The next time you sip a wine, or taste any food for that matter, take special note of this road map in your mouth.

Let's translate several of these senses of taste. If your tongue senses sweetness, the term "residual sugar" is usually applied. Sour is often described in terms such as flinty, citrus, lemon grass, musty and is primarily dependant on the level of acidity in a wine. Low acidity may be described as fruity, buttery, soft or flabby (not much structure) whereas high acidity may evoke terms like crisp

or pineapple. Bitter has many connotations, from soft to astringent, that relate mainly to acidic elements, including tannin, finish, peppery, spicy, earthy, green and minerally.

On to our sense of smell. Think elements of fragrance, bouquet and aroma. This is where our senses are most refined and complex – and unique to each individual. Whereas there are five elements of our sense of taste, our olfactory receptors number

over 10,000.

By far, our experience of wines comes from the sense of smell. This is predominantly why we each have different preferences, likes and dislikes in wine; one person's "chocolatey" may be the next person's "barnyard."

Typical nuanced expressions include 1) fruit terms like apple, lemon, grapefruit, melon (white wine) to blackberries, cherries, strawberries, currants, jammy (red wine); 2) floral terms like violets, roses, honeysuckle; 3) vegetative/herbal terms like licorice, black pepper, woody, grassy; and 4) terms associated with processed products like chocolate, coffee, molasses, vanilla, honey.

Of course, the combination of the senses of taste and smell result in the total wine experience. Here, a few examples of pairing taste (flavor) and smell (fragrance/bouquet). The charred taste and the earthy aroma of steak pair well with an oaky, earthy, tannic Cabernet Sauvignon or Zinfandel. The fresh taste and buttery flavor of a white fish pair well with a crisp, grassy Sauvignon Blanc.

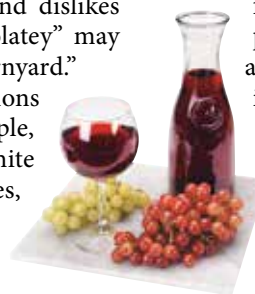
Note: This week's column is a reprise of one from 2007.

The counterpoint to the conventional wisdom in pairing fish is that many fish dishes are served with sauces that are in

direct contrast to the underlying sensory elements of the fish. Serving a Sauvignon Blanc with an unadorned white fish may be the perfect pairing, but the same fish embraced by mango and papaya chutney will overwhelm any traditional wine paired with it. Instead try the fruity flavors and tropical bouquet of a lightly oaked Chardonnay or the soft, low-acid, slightly jammy bouquet of a French Pinot Noir. Memorize two simple rules: first, seek balance between wine and food; and second, match the wine to the sauce, not to the protein.

So there you have it. Now it's up to you to refine your palate. Soon, not only will you appreciate the descriptive terms of wine aficionados, but you will be well on your way to becoming a sophisticated oenophile yourself.

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914-725-3023 or 914-484-5101 or e-mail sampelayo@optonline.net.

Salsa Social. Come and learn how to Salsa. A fun and exciting workout. Singles or couples; no partner necessary. Josie's School of Dance, 42 Memorial Plaza, Level B, Pleasantville. 5 to 9 p.m. Intro lesson at 4:30 p.m. \$10 admission. Dinner: \$6. The first Sunday of every month. Info: 914-332-8670.

Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester Speaker Series: Peter Somogyi. Hear the incredible story of Somogyi and his twin brother who were among those selected by the Nazi physician Josef Mengele at the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp. Somogyi will present his story. Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester, 351 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 7 p.m. Free. For high school students and adults. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: E-mail smcshea@bgcnw.com.

Monday, Jan. 8

Master Networker Meeting. Join this high-energy interactive membership network of learning-based, service-oriented entrepreneurs and business leaders. Come be a guest any Wednesday to learn more about this world-class

business training and referral program. 719 Bedford Rd., Bedford Hills (next to ShopRite). 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: Contact Tina Campbell at 914-441-1383 or e-mail tinacampbell@masternetworks.net. or just drop in.

Morning Bird Walk. Go birding with the Saw Mill River Audubon. Beginners welcome. Rain or shine. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way (Route 117), Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. Free. Meets the second Monday of each month. Info: Visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org.

Here We Are Together: Story Time for Children. From newborns to school-age children, with a parent or caregiver. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Monday (except Jan. 15). Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscopubliclibrary.org.

Belly Dancing. Learn this captivating Middle Eastern dance and enrich your cultural knowledge. Whether you want to dance professionally or just have fun and get in shape, this is the place to start. Josie's International School of Dance, 42 Memorial Plaza, Level B, Pleasantville. 7 p.m. \$20. Every Monday. Info: 914-332-8670 or visit www.josiedance.com.

Telephone Support Group for Women With Metastatic Breast Cancer. This

Support Connection group offers the opportunity to share information and experiences with women across the country who are living with breast cancer. Share information and experiences. Confidentially discuss concerns and gain support from others who understand from the comfort of home. Open to women nationwide living with recurrent, advanced stage or metastatic breast cancer. 8 p.m. Free. Typically, the first Monday of each month. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Contact Support Connection at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

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

Music & Movement. Shake, shimmy and dance. For children two to five years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscopubliclibrary.org.

Senior Afternoon Cinema: "Rebecca"

This romantic thriller tells the story of a self-conscious bride who is tormented by the memory of her husband's deceased first wife. Winner of six Oscars. Starring Laurence Olivier, Joan Fontaine and George Sanders. Part of the Jacob Burns Film Center's series showing a film one Tuesday afternoon a month. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 1 p.m. Members: \$8. Senior non-members: \$10. Non-members: \$13. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

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

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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 SILVES-
TRO; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE"
1 THROUGH 50, INTENDING TO BE
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DISTRIBU-
TEES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, TRUST-
EES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND
ASSIGNEES OF THE ESTATE OF LUI-
GIA SILVESTRO A/K/A LUISA SILVES-
TRO WHO WAS BORN IN 1930 AND
DIED ON FEBRUARY 27, 2011, A RES-
IDENT OF THE COUNTY OF WEST-
CHESTER, WHOSE LAST KNOWN
ADDRESS WAS 147 FLORENCE
STREET, YONKERS NY 10704, THEIR
SUCCESSORS IN NTEREST IF ANY
OF THE AFORESAID DEFENDANTS
BE DECEASED, THEIR RESPECTIVE
HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND
SUCCESSORS TN INTEREST OF THE
AFORESAID CLASSES OF PERSON, IF

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

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED
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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 Ap-
pearance on the Plaintiffs attorney(s) with-
in 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 man-
ner, 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.
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complaint by serving a copy of the answer
on the attorney for the mortgage compa-
ny 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 in-
formation on how to answer the summons
and protect your property.
Sending a payment to your mortgage com-
pany will not stop this foreclosure action.
**YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERV-
ING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON
THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAIN-
TIFF (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 IN-
FORMATION 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 Jus-
tice 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 prem-
ises described below, executed by LUIGIA
SILVESTRO A/K/A LUISA SILVESIRO to
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK bearing date
December 11, 2003 and recorded in Con-
trol # 441040350 in the County of West-
chester 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 Novem-
ber 21, 2007 creating a new principal bal-
ance 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.
**ROSICKI, ROSICKI &
ASSOCIATES, P.C.**
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Batavia Office 26 Harvester Avenue
Batavia, NY 14020
585.815.0288
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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 Citi-
group 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, Unit-
ed 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 inten-
tion of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of
premises being foreclosed herein, and any corpora-
tions 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 de-
fendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60)
days of servicehereof. In case of your failure to ap-
pear 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 publi-
cation 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 ac-
tion 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 judg-
ment 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 theCounty 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 SERV-
ING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE AT-
TORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY
WHO FILED TMS 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 PEND-
ING 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 RE-
SPOND 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
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
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Our File No. 15-047046
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ExaminerSports

Bears Defeat St. Joseph at the Slam Dunk Tourney

By Andy Jacobs

As he called for a timeout several minutes into the third quarter of Tuesday afternoon's game, Briarcliff girls' basketball coach Don Hamlin was just a bit livid. His players couldn't make a shot and they were suddenly getting destroyed on the boards. Even worse, though, some of them had just displayed a lack of interest in diving to the floor in pursuit of a loose ball.

"Yeah, it looked like we stayed in the locker room a little too long," Hamlin would say later. "We've gotta find a way to fix that — come out and maybe run a little before we play."

Fortunately for the Bears, they had already built a 14-point halftime advantage and were never seriously threatened after that. With Alana Lombardi and Kacey Hamlin combining to score 27 points, Briarcliff earned a 47-36 victory over the St. Joseph Cougars in the "Girls' Challenge" of the 19th annual Slam Dunk Tournament at the Westchester County Center.

"We played well at times, but we just didn't play with the energy I felt like we should've played with," said coach Hamlin after collecting the 350th win of his career. "I don't know, I think they should've been really flying around in here. For whatever reason, we were a little hesitant. I'll try to look at the film and figure it out."

St. Joseph, a city school nestled about halfway between the Brooklyn Bridge and the Barclays Center, managed to stay even with the Bears through most of the first quarter despite a pair of early 3-pointers by junior guard Hamlin, who earned game MVP honors for stuffing the stat sheet with 13 points, seven rebounds, five assists and five steals.

A free throw late in the quarter by Kelly O'Donnell gave Briarcliff a one-point lead it would never relinquish. A 17-footer by Kaitlyn Ryan soon followed and the



Briarcliff center Jordan Smith and Naya Rogers of St. Joseph await a rebound in the second half of last Tuesday's "Girls' Challenge" game at the County Center.



Briarcliff's Alana Lombardi sails to the basket in the second half of Tuesday's game vs. St. Joseph.

Bears took a 12-9 edge into the second period. But they were still only leading by two points after a short jumper by the Cougars' Farrah Pitt before a put-back basket by freshman center Jordan Smith started a 12-0 Bears' blitz that closed the half and opened a 28-14 cushion.

But the Bears, who struggled from the field all day and wound up making just 13 of their 47 shots, were outscored 8-1 to start the third quarter. A 3-point shot by Raven Pitt with 3:23 left in the period cut the Briarcliff lead to 29-22. The Bears' first bucket of the quarter, a 3-pointer by Ryan, didn't come until more than five minutes



Briarcliff sophomore Kaitlyn Ryan passes the ball in the second quarter vs. the St. Joseph Cougars.



Game MVP Kacey Hamlin shoots the ball in the lane during Briarcliff's 47-36 win in the Slam Dunk Tournament at the County Center.

had elapsed.

A 3-pointer by Hamlin with 2:27 left in the third quarter stretched the Briarcliff lead back up to 35-24 and St. Joseph, last year's CHSAA Class B champion for Brooklyn/Queens, never got any closer than nine points the rest of the way. Lombardi, a star sophomore who endured her second straight poor-shooting game, did make a couple of baskets early in the final period, enabling the Bears to build their largest lead of the contest, 43-27.

The Cougars, though, then went on a 7-0 run, closing to within nine points on Akellia Bowens' only basket of the day. But a layup by Smith on a pass from Lombardi over the top of the St. Joseph full-court press gave Briarcliff a 46-34 lead with 2:05 left on the clock and all but sealed the victory.

"We found a way to push ourselves through the win, but we need to play better," said coach Hamlin, whose team was competing in a near-empty and silent gym just days after its early-season showdown with rival Irvington drew a full house and created a playoff atmosphere.

"It was actually more difficult than I thought it should've been," added Hamlin about trying to increase the energy he was getting from his players in front of the sparse crowd at the County Center. "I was all excited about coming here. I thought we should've been. Day after Christmas, we've got all the excuses. But my thing is, what a great opportunity to get here and play. It's a really special place... Any time you get an opportunity to play here, you've got to grab it."

The Bears, now 7-1 this season, start the new calendar year with a home game against Westlake on Wednesday afternoon



The Bears' Julia Barbalato tries to shoot the ball as the first half comes to an end Tuesday afternoon at the Westchester County Center.

and the expectation that junior standout Maddie Plank, who has now missed the last half dozen games with a wrist injury, will soon be back on the court.

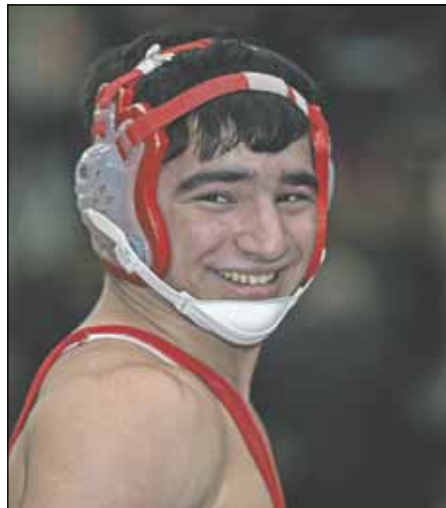
"She's close," said Hamlin. "I'm hoping, if not right after the break, then soon after the break she'll be ready to go. She just gives us a different element. It gives us somebody else you have to guard. Her overall play just gives us another weapon and helps us defensively, helps us on the boards. She does a lot of things."



Briarcliff coach Don Hamlin earned his 350th career victory as the Bears defeated St. Joseph at the Westchester County Center.



Devin Hunter pulls down a rebound during a Fox Lane home game.



Fox Lane wrestler Matt Grippi reached the state final again and recently won his 200th career match.

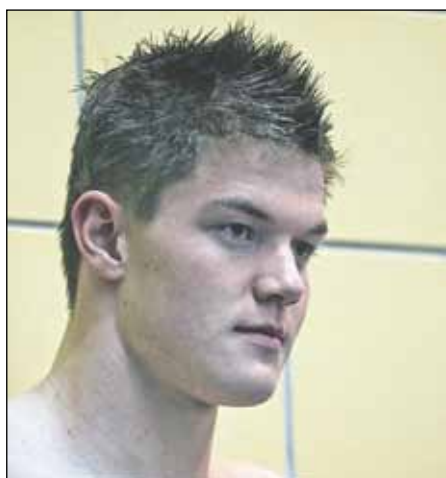


Pleasantville lacrosse players celebrate after capturing a third consecutive Class C sectional championship.



Pleasantville's Paige Long gets fouled under the basket in a game at Westlake.

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Horace Greeley swimming standout Tyler Hill helped the Quakers to another team title at the sectional championships.



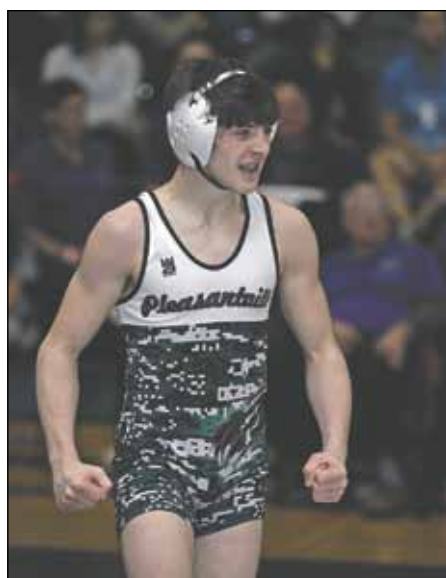
Michael Salandra tries to maintain his balance as he controls the puck in the Bobcats' playoff thriller vs. John Jay.



Horace Greeley's Evan Scott blasts a shot on goal from the right point during a game vs. Somers/North Salem at Brewster Ice Arena.



Fox Lane's Will Meyers boxes out under the boards and sets his sights on a rebound vs. host Greeley.



Pleasantville's Victor Perlleshi celebrates after winning the sectional title at 120 pounds.



Briarcliff coach Don Hamlin consoles star players Alana Lombardi (left) and Maddie Plank after the Bears were defeated in the sectional final by Irvington.



Mike Manley rises for a shot vs. Woodlands during the Class B semifinals at the Westchester County Center. He led the Panthers to the sectional title.



Briarcliff's Jack Ryan fires a pitch to the plate on his way to tossing a no-hitter vs. rival Pleasantville at Parkway Field.



Fox Lane's Olivia Dey is determined to get to the cage in a game vs. Wappingers at Roy C. Ketcham High School.



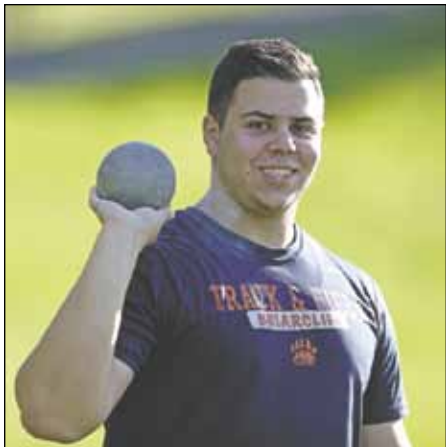
Byram Hills speedster Sam Mayers wins the 100 at the Class B sectional championships.



Greeley star Brandon Neeck pitches in relief during the Quakers' season-opening victory over Carmel.



Pleasantville's Declan McDermott gets set to fire a shot on goal for the Panthers in their state semifinal game vs. Cold Spring Harbor at Adelphi University.



Briarcliff's Jack Zimmerman had reason to smile after finishing first in both the shot put and discus at the state qualifying meet.



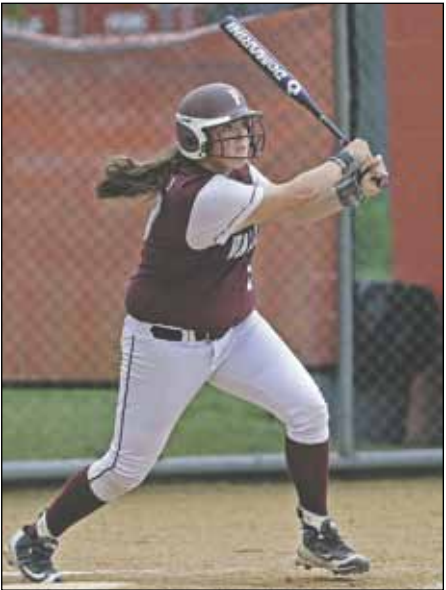
Westlake's Rob DiNota (center) is greeted by teammates Tyler Eglau and Dylan Donnery after the Wildcat lacrosse team advanced to the state championship game.



Greeley's James Wei and Dylan Glickman captured the state doubles championship at the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows.



Valhalla's Vaughn Rutledge clears a hurdle during the Westchester County Championships.



Valhalla's Giana Bencivengo blasts a home run in the sectional championship game against Rye Neck.



Valhalla's Sabina Laurino and Briarcliff's Sophia Gelard run stride for stride in the 100 at the league championships.



Golf standout Ally Steffen of Byram Hills hits a tee shot during the sectional championships at the Whippoorwill Club.

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Sophie Berkowitz of Greeley moves the ball across the field during the Class A sectional final vs. Mamaroneck at Pace University.



Pleasantville running back Charlie McPhee helped lead the Panthers to the state's Class B football championship.



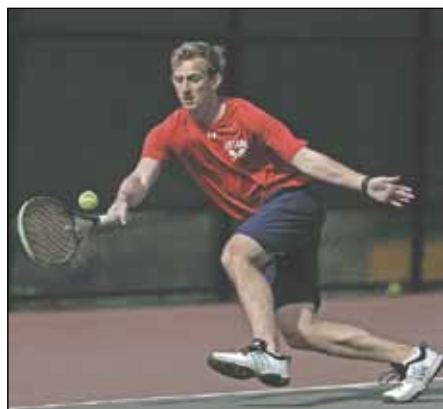
Pleasantville tennis star Olivia Ashton belts a forehand return during the sectionals at Harrison High School. She qualified for the state tournament.



Westlake's Nicole Dragonetti bumps the ball during the Wildcats' volleyball win over Briarcliff in the sectional final at Pace.



Pleasantville goalie Jan Becerra thwarts Briarcliff's Alex Benson on a scoring chance during the Mt. Pleasant Cup, won by the Panthers.



Fox Lane's Phipps Lawrence reaches to hit a forehand return during one of his home singles matches.



Byram Hills' Matt Nichols heads toward third base during a Bobcat home game.



Valhalla star Michael Ferrara leaves a path of destruction as he carries the football in the Vikings' upset of Pleasantville midway through the regular season.



Spencer Weinhoff of Byram Hills celebrates after scoring the winning goal in overtime as the Bobcats defeated Nyack for the Class A sectional championship.



Pleasantville quarterback Jack Howe runs with the football at Parkway Field. He capped off his junior season by earning MVP honors in the state final at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse.



Horace Greeley quarterback Ryan Flanagan throws a pass on the run under the lights against host Fox Lane.



Joe Nolan of the Ice Cats awaits a faceoff during Friday's game at Brewster Ice Arena.



Mt. Pleasant's Ian McKenzie gathers the puck along the right wing in the Ice Cats' road loss to John Jay on Friday.

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HOCKEY
Ice Cats
vs. John Jay



The Ice Cats' Max Pushkin controls the puck late in the first period vs. host John Jay.



Mt. Pleasant junior Brian Sheehan sends a shot on goal despite the tight defense of John Jay's Gunner Carlson in Friday afternoon's game.



Ice Cats forward Vincent Spaziente skates past John Jay's John McKeon in the second period of Friday's game at the Brewster Ice Arena.



Ice Cats' goalie Spencer Rockmore tries to stop a shot from John Jay's Jack Browne in the opening period of Friday's game at the Brewster Ice Arena.



Ice Cats head coach Josh Isenberg watches his team battle against John Jay.

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