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Vote Looms on Zoning Change for Mt. Kisco Solar Displays

By Martin Wilbur

A vote on legislation that would regulate solar arrays in Mount Kisco may be headed for a vote on Monday after the Village Board closed the public hearing on the matter last week.

Mayor Gina Picinich said she believes the key issues debated in the proposed zoning text changes have been addressed in response to public comments. Adhering to the 25-foot setback of ground-mounted displays, which is consistent with the current zoning that pertains to graves and structures at cemeteries, and accommodating for appropriate fencing to more easily allow for the movement of wildlife between properties were two key provisions that Picinich said have been satisfied.

"I think that we've gotten to a place that meets the broader need," Picinich said.

The process to more effectively regulate the use of solar panels in the village was needed in order to consider a proposal from Oakwood Cemetery for a ground-mounted array. The cemetery's representatives are looking to lease a portion of the property that they don't plan to use for several decades.

Originally, an overlay district was proposed but village officials opted to address the issue in the zoning code.

Picinich said the proposed legislation could also potentially address solar panels on open-air carports in parking lots and the couple of other properties in town that are large enough for arrays.

Doug Hertz, a partner at Sunrise Solar Solutions in Briarcliff Manor, which would install the array at the cemetery, said his firm was approached

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Harckham Defeats Murphy to Help Dems Take Over State Senate

By Martin Wilbur and Anna Young

The wave of Democratic dominance in elections across Westchester surged again last Tuesday night helping to propel former county legislator Peter Harckham to victory over two-term Republican Terrence Murphy in the 40th state Senate District.

Harckham ran up vote totals in Westchester (46,488-36,133) offsetting about 6,000- and 2,000-vote margins in the Putnam and Dutchess portions of the district, respectively, according to unofficial Board of Elections totals.

"We said many times, this election was about values and today the Hudson Valley spoke," Harckham said at his election headquarters at the Holiday Inn in Mount Kisco. "It wants to be more tolerant, more



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Peter Harckham speaks to his supporters last Tuesday night in Mount Kisco after he declared victory in the 40th state Senate District race, defeating incumbent Republican Terrence Murphy.

accepting and a more inclusive and a more civil place to live."

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A Historic Veterans Day



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Pleasantville held its annual Veterans Day ceremony at Memorial Plaza featuring local veterans, the Boy Scouts and the Pleasantville High School choir singing the National Anthem exactly 100 years after the end of World War I. The armistice between Germany and the Allied forces ended hostilities on Nov. 11, 1918 at 11 a.m.

Latimer Proposes 2019 County Budget Carrying 2% Tax Increase

By Anna Young

Last week, County Executive George Latimer unveiled his proposed \$1.94 billion operating budget for 2019 that maintains essential services but will result in a 2 percent tax levy increase.

The budget contains a spending increase of \$98 million over the current year. The 2 percent jump is below the allowable 5.7 percent increase that Westchester is afforded under the state's tax cap, according to an independent audit.

Latimer said his budget maintains essential services for county residents, factors in the \$12 an hour minimum wage, increases support for daycare and nonprofit service providers and covers the costs of the state raising the age of

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ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

Last Friday, County Executive George Latimer discussed the first budget proposed by his administration.

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by Oakwood representatives following his presentation relating to the village installing solar panels at the old landfill. He said the project would be beneficial for Mount Kisco if it moves forward.

"We're trying to do a project that we really thought would benefit the community," said Hertz. "Oakwood needs revenue, this provides revenue for them. From an environmental point of view, we think this is a stunning win for everyone. It provides savings to the

residents."

Up to 200 village residents will have the opportunity to sign up and acquire all of their energy needs from the project at a lower cost, Hertz added.

Despite the Village Board closing the hearing on Nov. 5, there was still skepticism.

Village Historian Harry McCartney, who said he supports solar power, continued to express concern that solar projects could be developed in sensitive areas. He said that residents and trustees

were not adequately informed about the risks of allowing solar arrays in the Preservation and Conservation Development districts.

Trustee Karen Schleimer, the lone board member who wanted to keep the hearing open, said new information regarding solar power is coming to light on an almost daily basis. The village should not be in a rush on such a major issue.

"I think there's a way to provide a great deal of opportunities without making

a final determination on this ground-mounted solar display," Schleimer said.

Resident Beth Vetare Civitello said she supported the legislation moving forward.

"The proposal before the board has been looked at, edited and added to," she said.

Picinich said the Oakwood project would need special permit approval by the Planning Board that requires rigorous review.

Neal Rentz contributed to this article.

Harckham Defeats Murphy to Help Dems Take Over State Senate

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A Harckham victory ends 104 years of Republican dominance for the seat representing much of northern Westchester and Putnam. Harckham acknowledged that he has work to do to gain the trust of constituents and local officials who may be unaccustomed to having a Democratic state senator represent them.

"To the people who did not vote for me, I just want to say, I work for you too and over the coming weeks and months I will work hard to gain your trust," he said. "I represent you."

Harckham, 57, a Lewisboro resident who served on the Board of Legislators from 2008 until June 2015, pledged

to work with Murphy to ensure a smooth transition. Since leaving county government, Harckham worked in Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration until he announced his candidacy in the spring.

The outcome helped the Democrats pick up eight seats in the Senate, easily giving them an advantage for the first time in a decade. It also will give Westchester's Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Yonkers) the powerful position of Senate Majority Leader, the first time a woman will hold that post.

While Murphy didn't officially concede the race at his Election Night headquarters in Jefferson Valley, he acknowledged the prospects weren't promising. After a sometimes divisive campaign, he struck a

conciliatory tone last Tuesday night.

"I wish Peter Harckham the best, and may he have as much success as I did because it's been an honor and privilege," Murphy said.

Many of the senator's supporters were downcast as Harckham's advantage in Westchester built up. But Murphy did his best to reassure them.

"It's going to be okay," he said. "It was about me representing you, the people. We were awesome."

Harckham said the difference in the race were the efforts of the legions of volunteers who worked on his behalf knocking on thousands of doors, making thousands of phone calls and sending out about 25,000 postcards.

With the state Senate in the hands of the Democrats come January, Harckham said key legislation that had previously passed the Assembly but had been held up in the Senate, such as the Reproductive Healthcare Act, the red flag bill and the Child Victims Act, will be passed, probably in the first 30 days of the new session.

But there are issues that everyone can agree on such as keeping taxes in check.

"The days of the old Democrats coming in and raising taxes on everybody, that's just not going to happen," Harckham said. "We can't let that happen and there's some good fiscal policy and good legislation we want to get passed."



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Q: What's behind the trend toward later parenthood?

A: Women in the U.S. are waiting longer than ever to have children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In fact, the average age of first-time mothers is now 26, up almost two years since 2014. In the last 10 to 15 years, we've seen the average age of first-time mothers increase greatly, mainly because women are pursuing careers and education first.

Q: I'm turning thirty. Should I be worried about my "biological clock" ticking?

A: The best time for a woman to get pregnant is between the ages of 20 and 35. In this age range, you are most fertile and least likely to experience complications. Though there is a slight risk of declining fertility by the age of 35, it's only about 5 percent. Egg quality and quantity decline after age 35, and good ovulation cycles become less frequent. Eggs of poorer quality are released, making it more difficult to get pregnant.

Q: Will older moms-to-be face risks?

A: A mere twenty to thirty years ago, the maternal age of 35 was considered advanced for childbearing; it was also considered the age at which a woman became — virtually overnight and automatically — a high-risk pregnancy. Today we know that if you're a healthy 35-year-old woman


who is pregnant, you may often have the same degree of risk in pregnancy as that of a younger mom-to-be.

If you're over 35 and considering pregnancy, you may have to visit your physician more frequently to ensure that the pregnancy is proceeding smoothly. I recommend scheduling an appointment for both preconception counseling and genetic counseling. This will help your physician identify and minimize any risk factors so you can improve your chances of a healthy pregnancy. Women over 35 can deliver healthy children and have a safe pregnancy. It's all about taking care of yourself, knowing your risks and coming up with a plan that is right for you and your family.

Q: I'm worried that when I do decide to have children, I won't be able to. What are my options if I can't get pregnant?

A: Advances in technology help many women over 35 get pregnant and give birth to healthy babies. In vitro fertilization is a process by which a woman's eggs are extracted and combined with a sperm sample, creating an embryo that is transferred to the woman's uterus. In vitro fertilization now includes a procedure called pre-implantation genetic diagnosis that helps identify chromosomal and genetic abnormalities, ensuring physicians are implanting healthy embryos.

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Latimer Proposes 2019 County Budget Carrying 2% Tax Increase

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criminal responsibility from 16 to 18 years old.

As Latimer presented his first budget to county lawmakers in White Plains last Friday, he said the spending plan represents his pledge to uphold transparency and improve infrastructure. He added that the county needs to establish a multiyear plan to ensure longstanding solvency, and the proposed budget is a bridge to that goal.

"We're not in a position, given our current level of revenue, to be able to establish that plan clearly for everybody

to see," Latimer said. "But bridging from where we are through this year, we intend to visit our colleagues in Albany and discuss a host of different revenue areas that would give us the predictable revenue that would allow us to do the investments that are necessary going forward."

With a budget gap of \$71 million, resulting from a \$32 million deficit from last year and a \$39 million shortfall this year, Latimer said his budget aims at restoring fiscal order. He added that the county could have spiked property taxes, but it would have been an irresponsible decision. The county will also refrain

from dipping into its reserves.

While there are no staff cuts proposed, Latimer said the county will impose a hiring freeze to control costs except to fill commissioner positions. Latimer said the freeze will be lifted sometime next year as he expects some Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) members to submit their retirement papers.

"We'll lift the hiring freeze at that point in time," Latimer said. "Then each of the commissioners will be making individual decisions in their respective departments over which of these positions must be replaced immediately or which we can hold off for three months or six months or nine months in order to receive some one-time non-recurring benefit of that."

The county is hoping to save \$7 million through the vacancies, Latimer said.

Latimer said alternate means of revenue are being sought to reduce the pressure on property taxpayers and help close the deficit.

The county has proposed transferring control of the Westchester County Center parking lot to a private company for \$22 million. The county will also bond \$8.5 million to pay for corporate settlements for tax certioraris.

Other proposed actions include new fees to book Airbnb, applying surcharges to Uber and Lyft rides, additional charges in park fees and expanding taxes on

internet sales.

"The money that we have to balance this budget will come from one-shot arrangements," Latimer said. "However, I would highlight this is very different from changing the governance of the airport."

Other changes include renegotiated contracts, shared services implementation, collective bargaining stability where CSEA members will contribute to their healthcare premiums for the first time, a county space assessment and consolidating and streamlining the implementation of capital programs.

"This budget strikes a balance between providing the services all of the residents of Westchester expect and deserve, and keeping property taxes at a level they can afford," Latimer said. "The modest increase included in the budget is within the state property tax cap and acknowledges the hardship the federal government has imposed on the people of Westchester through the loss of the state and local tax (SALT) deduction in the American Tax Cuts and Jobs Act."

Latimer handed the budget off to the Board of Legislators for a full review that will conclude with a vote by the full board. The board is expected to vote on the budget before the end of December.

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Incumbents Farber, Schleimer Victorious in Mount Kisco

By Martin Wilbur

Democratic incumbents Jean Farber and Karen Schleimer won re-election to the Mount Kisco Village Board last week, easily fending off a bid from independent challenger Gina DiLeo.

Farber and Schleimer had nearly identical vote totals – 1,837 and 1,822, respectively – compared to DiLeo's 1,321, according to unofficial tallies from the Westchester County Board of Elections.

The winners declared victory shortly after 9:30 p.m. last Tuesday. They cited their experience and the qualities they bring to the board as key factors in their victories at a time when critically important issues are facing the village, including decisions

that will have to be made regarding the Comprehensive Plan update and the proposed solar legislation.

"I am humbled and grateful to the voters of Mount Kisco for allowing me the privilege of serving another two-year term," said Farber, the village's deputy mayor. "We have much work to do in the next two years including adopting our vision of the future Mount Kisco through the Comprehensive Plan with many accompanying zoning changes along the way.

"It was an exciting campaign and all three of us who ran for village trustee care deeply about Mount Kisco," she added.

Farber added that she's excited that she

will be returning to continue her efforts on a board that she believes has worked very well together since last year's victories by Mayor Gina Picinich and Trustee Isi Albanese. Picinich and Albanese defeated longtime incumbents while running on the independent 4MK line.

Schleimer, elected to a fourth term, said she the results were an appreciation of the work that she and Farber have done during their time in office. She said Farber was instrumental in creation of the Mount Kisco Arts Council, which has helped bring multiple arts opportunities to the community, while she has fought for certain initiatives regarding the Comprehensive Plan and the solar legislation.

"I think it was an endorsement of the things we stand for and the things we've tried to do and I'm grateful," Schleimer said.

DiLeo was unable to follow up on the last year's victories by Picinich and Albanese on the 4MK line. She said this year she ran into headwinds created by a very strong Democratic turnout in a year where there was a gubernatorial race and a hotly contested state Senate election.

She also said placement on the ballot was another challenge she was unable to overcome. However, she wouldn't have done anything differently.

"I just want to thank everybody who has stood behind me for the past few months,"



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Mount Kisco village trustees Karen Schleimer, left, and Jean Farber address the crowd after they were re-elected to office last Tuesday night.

Buchwald Breezes to Victory in 93rd Assembly District

Assemblyman David Buchwald easily won re-election to a fourth term last week by a more than 2-to-1 margin over Republican challenger John Nuculovic.

Buchwald, who ran on the Democratic, Working Families, Independence, Women's Equality and Reform parties, collected 32,765 votes to Nuculovic's 14,902, according to the Westchester County Board of Elections. Nuculovic, a Bedford resident who was running for office for the first time, appeared on the Republican and Conservative party lines,

but did not have an active candidacy until just a few weeks before Election Day.

Buchwald expressed his gratitude to voters in the 93rd Assembly District following his victory.

"I am humbled by the outpouring of support from all of the towns in my Assembly District," Buchwald, a White Plains resident, said in a statement. "I can't thank my supporters enough for their work on my behalf. I look forward to continuing to work for the residents of Westchester and New York."

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Democrat Hagadus-McHale Breaks Through to Win in Mt. Pleasant

By Martin Wilbur

Francesca Hagadus-McHale did something last week that no Democrat had accomplished in the last 30 years – win a seat on the Mount Pleasant Town Board.

Hagadus-McHale comfortably defeated Republican Anthony Amiano (8,365-6,951) in a special election, breaking through against decades-long GOP dominance in town races.

The special election was necessitated after former councilman Mark Rubeo was appointed town justice last spring. Amiano was appointed to the board to fill the seat.

"I believe in the hard work of campaigning," Hagadus-McHale said. "I believe you need to speak to every voter and be at every event with a big smile on your face and get out there and talk to them and talk on the phone with them."

Since the election was to determine who would complete Rubeo's unexpired term, Hagadus-McHale will be forced to run next November for a full four-year term in order to keep her seat. She plans to run again next year.



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Francesca Hagadus-McHale, center, was surrounded by supporters who were thrilled to see her become the first Democrat in about 30 years get elected to the Mount Pleasant Town Board.

Hagadus-McHale, 65, a Pleasantville resident who retired after a long career as a foreign language teacher in the Chappaqua School District, said she made a special effort to reach out to residents in the town's villages of Pleasantville, Sleepy Hollow and Briarcliff Manor to attract voters, many of whom typically haven't participated in the off-year town elections.

But she also said that she tried to appeal to as many residents as possible throughout the town where the three

hamlets of Thornwood, Hawthorne and Valhalla each carry a strong identity.

"They should have an identity but not a less than or more than identity," Hagadus-McHale said. "We are one town and we should make it one town and share the joy of being in a great town."

On Wednesday morning, Amiano said there were several factors that led to his defeat, including Democrats having coattails from their electoral successes throughout Westchester County.

"I think there were a lot of factors.

Clearly, they had the headwinds," he said. He also added the Democrats in town "were motivated and engaged."

"I'm very proud of the campaign we ran," Amiano said.

Amiano had previously served on the Valhalla Board of Education for four years before resigning that post when he was appointed to the vacant Town Board seat.

Hagadus-McHale will now have to work with the four Republicans on the Town Board. Although she acknowledged that being a Democrat this year helped her get elected, governing at the local level shouldn't be about party.

"I'm sure the board will be as collegial as they can be," Hagadus-McHale said. "It doesn't look good if they can't and I'm going to hope that we can all work together."

Early Tuesday morning, a Board of Elections snafu sent the ballots and machines intended for the Briarcliff High School polling site to a site in Valhalla and vice versa. It took the elections workers about three hours to correct the problem, forcing the public during the first few hours to cast votes by affidavit.

Amiano said once those votes are counted, he would still be unable to catch his opponent.

Rubeo ran unopposed for the town justice seat.

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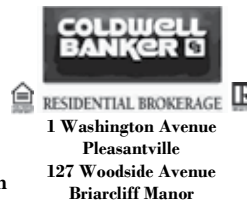
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Audi Hawthorne Accepting Food, Winter Gear Donations for Charity

Audi Hawthorne, located at 151 Saw Mill River Rd. in Hawthorne, is now accepting donations to help the clients of Hudson Valley Community Services (HVCS) put food on the table and bundle up against the cold weather.

Customers and community members are asked to fill donation bins within the service department with nonperishable foods and winter gear, such as hats, gloves, scarves and socks. Cold-weather gear will be handed out to people who live in shelters or are homeless by HVCS' Project Reach Out van.

Food items will be distributed in HVCS' food closet, which is located at its headquarters near Audi Hawthorne's new showroom at 40 Saw Mill River Rd.

HVCS' food closets are available for low-income people living with one or more chronic illness. Clients can request bags of groceries to alleviate hunger and extend other nutritional benefits.

HVCS customizes each food bag to best suit the client's health conditions and nutritional needs. The food closet also serves clients' families, including their children. Shelf-stable pantry

items, including canned fruits and vegetables, grains, soup, tuna, peanut butter, cereal, pasta and boxed milk, are always in need.

Project Reach Out is a van-based program that aims to connect people who are at high risk for substance abuse, HIV and Hepatitis C with prevention education and linkage to available services. Many of its clients are homeless or live in local shelters. Staff members conduct free HIV tests, discuss ways to reduce the risk and harm for substance use, offer referrals,

and connect clients to medical services. "Every time we go out, we see clients on the streets without shoes, without socks," said Project Reach Out Senior Prevention Specialist Edgar Peralta. "If we can provide them with some small relief from the cold, such as a winter hat, it helps us build rapport and establish trust. Once we have that relationship, they're more willing to work with us."

The program's goal is to reduce new HIV infections and encourage clients to enter detox or rehab programs.

"We are thrilled to partner with Audi Hawthorne to help our clients this holiday season," said Andrea Straus, HVCS' executive director. "By banding together, we can make this winter a little brighter for our neighbors in need."

"Our entire Audi Hawthorne team is honored and proud to partner with Hudson Valley Community Services," said Nick Belli, Audi Hawthorne's general manager. "We will be collecting nonperishable food and winter items with our employees and friends in the community in an effort to give back to those in need."

Donation boxes will be stationed in Audi Hawthorne's service department through the end of December.

Mount Pleasant's \$25M Tentative Budget Within Tax Cap

By Neal Rentz

Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi recently proposed a \$25.5 million tentative general fund budget for 2019 that includes a tax levy increase slightly below the town's cap.

Total spending proposed next year represents a nearly \$1.5 million jump over the approved 2018 budget.

The proposed tax levy increase is currently projected at 1.99 percent, about \$28,000 below the tax cap. A portion of excess revenue anticipated in 2018 will be used to balance the budget without tapping into fund balance, Fulgenzi said.

The town's fund balance is considered adequate to meet future unseen expenses and ease the burden on taxpayers, he said.

The proposed budget includes five new jobs: two highway road maintenance workers, an assistant civil engineer, a recreation attendant and a police dispatcher.

"These new positions will help provide more services and reduce the impact of planned retirements of higher wage employees with several years of experience," Fulgenzi said.

Contractual labor increases of between 2 and 3 percent, an anticipated 7 percent

increase in health benefit expenses, equipment replacement needs and debt service account for much of the tentative spending increase, he said.

Contractual costs and unfunded mandates, which typically increase at least 3 percent annually make it difficult to meet these obligations with a 2 percent tax cap, the supervisor said.

"The town wants to provide the best service to residents as possible without increasing the tax burden," Fulgenzi said. "The town's great economic health currently provides the opportunity to do so."


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Armonk Demonstrators Call Attention to Trump's Removal of AG

By Martin Wilbur

About 20 protestors alarmed by President Donald Trump's Nov. 7 ouster of Attorney General Jeff Sessions demonstrated on Main Street in Armonk late last Thursday afternoon, fearing that special prosecutor Robert Mueller will be fired before the Russia probe is complete.

Holding signs on the sidewalk outside Armonk Square that focused mainly on the controversial move to install Matt Whitaker as acting attorney general who will oversee the investigation, the emergency protest was organized in unison with much larger efforts across the county and the nation. There were similar events in White Plains and outside Sen. Chuck Schumer's office in Peekskill, but the hastily-scheduled Armonk gathering was for those who didn't want to travel to one of those locations, said Linda Fernberg, a North Castle Democratic district leader who helped organized the pop-up protest.

Mount Kisco resident Glenn Babakian called the president's shuffling of attorney generals "disgraceful" and that it can only be construed as an attempt to undercut the Mueller investigation.

"It's like the Saturday Night Massacre all over again and people have to

do this," Babakian said, referring to President Richard Nixon's firing of the special prosecutor during the Watergate investigation. "I think we have to do this to get the message out that it's unacceptable."

Others in the gathering, predominantly attended by women, said they have little doubt that Wednesday's move by the president is a way to end or curtail the investigation.

"If he believes he's innocent he should let this investigation go forward, let everybody hear the truth," Armonk resident Kelly Sfarra said of the president.

Some view Whitaker as someone who is hostile to the probe based on his previous public comments, and he may not even be legally allowed to serve as interim without having been confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Several protestors said that despite so much political coverage the past two years, there are still many of their fellow local residents who don't seem to care or don't believe what is happening in Washington affects them.

"I'm happy that more women are taking an interest in politics," said Armonk resident Norma Hill. "I wish there were more people in town who took an interest in politics. We live in a very apathetic society."



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

A group of about 20 protestors in Armonk late last Thursday who demonstrated against what they view as the latest outrage by President Trump — installing an acting attorney general that they fear will end the special prosecutor's investigation.

As much as the protestors have opposed Trump and his policies, Amy Plofker of Sleepy Hollow said the reality of his administration has been worse than imagined. She said until now she was 99 percent certain Mueller's investigation would reach its natural end, but now she pegs those chances at no better than 50-50.

"The last two years have seen a series of things you didn't think could happen

but they've been happening," Plofker said.

While Stuart Marcus of Mount Kisco said that he felt slightly more at ease after Election Day since there will be a Democratic House of Representatives to provide some checks and balances in January, he said he's most concerned about what will happen to the Mueller investigation before then.

Marcus also made comparisons to the Watergate crisis and wondered whether the country is on a slow bend toward an autocracy.

"We may all remember Nixon but in some ways this is worse than Nixon because Nixon never really had a cult of personality, and with a cult of personality reason and facts don't matter and so that's the scariest thing about this," he said.

Fernberg said the election of 2016 has changed the country too much. In North Castle, where there is split party allegiance, it has caused her to no longer hesitate to speak up about where she stands on issues that matter to her.

"What's the harm of standing out here and standing up for your rights, women's rights, my daughter's rights and all of that," she said.

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County Police/Mount Kisco

Nov. 5: Report of a man injured in a fall from a wheelchair on Sutton Drive at 8:21 a.m. Westchester EMS transported the man to Northern Westchester Hospital.

Nov. 7: Police responded to South Bedford Road at 6:22 p.m. after a cleaning company supervisor reported that a worker had grabbed him by the shirt and threatened him with violence. After officers arrived, the supervisor told the employee he was fired and advised officers he did not want to pursue criminal charges. The fired employee was directed to leave the premises and refrain from having any contact with the complainant.

Nov. 8: Police responded to Barker Street at 5:21 p.m. on a report of a woman having chest pains. She was taken by the Mount Kisco Volunteer Ambulance Corps to Westchester Medical Center.

Nov. 9: A 61-year-old Lexington Avenue resident was arrested at 10:07 a.m. and charged with petty larceny, a misdemeanor, after employees at Rite Aid on South Moger Avenue reported that he attempted to steal a pair of glasses. He was released pending a Nov.

15 appearance in Mount Kisco Justice Court.

Nov. 9: A resident reported at 11:42 a.m. that she observed three stray kittens behind stores along Lexington Avenue the night before and was able to rescue one of them. She requested that animal control officers assist her in locating the other two. An officer forwarded her contact information to animal control.

Nov. 9: A village resident who runs a business elsewhere in Westchester reported at 12:55 p.m. that she was the victim of a fraudulent wire transfer from her business account. Her bank froze her account and requested she document her complaint in a police report.

North Castle Police Department

Nov. 2: A Long Pond Road resident reported hearing at 12:31 a.m. what may have been a car accident. The caller could not see the area well enough to verify. The responding officer confirmed a one-vehicle accident with airbag deployment. The driver was arrested for DWI.

Nov. 2: Report of a smoke condition at the Byram Hills bus garage at 7:36

p.m. The responding officer confirmed an active vehicle fire. The Armonk Fire Department chief is also on location. The fire was subsequently extinguished and there were no injuries.

Nov. 3: County police reported a call from a female at 4:01 a.m. who was involved in an accident on Bedford Road. One of the responding officers reported a second accident that occurred 27 minutes later at the location while still on the scene. The officer requested a tow for the vehicle due to a piece of debris from the first accident being wedged under the vehicle.

Nov. 3: At 6:11 a.m., a party reported falling and striking his head on the radiator causing a laceration at a Bedford Banksville Road location. The call was transferred to 60 Control for an EMS dispatch. The individual was transported to Northern Westchester Hospital.

Nov. 3: A Maryland Avenue resident reported at 5:40 p.m. that there was a high-pitched buzzing noise sounding for about a half-hour. The complainant is unaware of where exactly the noise is coming from but did state her house backs up to I-684. The responding officer reported the condition was apparently coming from three smoke detectors

that were disposed of in the wooded area. The condition was corrected and the detectors were disposed of.

Nov. 3: A Washington Avenue resident reported damage to her fence at 8:15 p.m. as a result of her neighbor's property being blown into her yard by the wind. The responding officers spoke with the complainant and photos and depositions were secured.

Nov. 4: Report of open burning on Briggs Lane at 5:08 p.m. The anonymous caller stated that his neighbor is burning brush in his backyard and is worried it is not contained. The responding officers advised the homeowner to fully extinguish the fire and the homeowner complied.

Nov. 6: Report of an attempted larceny at 10:50 a.m. A Lafayette Avenue caller stated that he wanted to file a report about an incident that occurred the previous night dealing with a fraudulent wire transfer. The responding officer secured a report.

Nov. 7: A town parks employee reported at 1:06 p.m. that a Cox Avenue resident was blowing leaves and dumping brush onto town property. The responding officers spoke with the homeowner. Matter adjusted.

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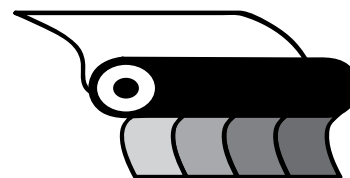
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Trustees Close Mt. Kisco Comp Plan Hearing Despite Pushback

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Kisco Village Board closed the public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan update last Monday despite disagreement among board members over whether it should continue taking comments.

Deputy Mayor Jean Farber, who along with Trustee Karen Schleimer opposed the hearing's closure, said the volume of concerns about how potential new development could impact parking, traffic and the environment should compel the board to accept additional comments.

"There are still too many unanswered questions out there to close the hearing tonight," Farber said.

While the board voted by a 3-2 margin to close the hearing, the board agreed to a 30-day period where written comments will be accepted.

Schleimer pointed out several deficiencies, such as nearly all of the discussion having been focused on downtown development while neglecting to spend sufficient time considering proposed Lexington Avenue zoning changes. Those zoning changes could result in additional residential and commercial development on the thoroughfare; therefore, the village

should study its effects on current housing in the area, she said.

Furthermore, Schleimer said she was concerned about how development in the village-owned North Moger and South Moger parking lots, a key focus of the proposed update, would impact commuters. Trustees should also hear from developers on the viability of mixed-used development in Mount Kisco, she said.

Additional discussion regarding possible new types of development on Radio Circle is also lacking in the latest draft document, Schleimer said.

However, the board's remaining members pressed for the hearing to close. Trustee Peter Grunthal said the public has provided many suggestions which have been incorporated into the revised plan. Changes in retail are taking place nationwide and Mount Kisco must quickly address the changing landscape to remain competitive, he said.

The village also needs to build multilevel parking structures and should support mixed-use development in the North Moger and South Moger lots while additional types of development should be allowed on Radio Circle, Grunthal added.

"We cannot stand still," he said.

The board must now incorporate the public's comments into the plan as it continues to refine the draft proposal, said Mayor Gina Picinich.

"These are broad ideas and far more work needs to be done," she said.

Last week residents expressed general support for the draft document. Andrew Weidman, a Fox Lane Middle School teacher, said the plan should address the needs of children and include additional recreational space, which is currently lacking. New developments could include playing surfaces, including rooftop fields and recreational space on environmentally green roofs, he said.

If the village were to approve construction of a new parking garage it should have green space on its roof, he said.

"More and more young people will be living in the area," Weidman said.

Planning Board member Bill Polese supported the revised plan, saying it would be a guide for developers looking to invest in Mount Kisco.

"It's a document and a framework. It lives and breathes," he said. "We as a community should be comfortable with the idea of the plan."

Former mayor and current Town Justice Mark Farrell said change is



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Andrew Weidman discussed the Comprehensive Plan at the Nov. 5 Mount Kisco Village Board meeting. The board voted to close the public hearing but will allow for written comments for 30 days after last week's meeting.

needed in the village.

"We like change. We just want to manage it," Farrell said.

Village officials have targeted approval of a revised Comprehensive Plan for the first quarter of 2019. The board is scheduled to discuss the matter again at its Nov. 19 meeting.

Direction, Future of Nation Debated at WCC President's Forum

By Anna Young

Five accomplished journalists and political analysts identified the country's most pressing issues and need for unity during an annual event held at Westchester Community College on Sunday.

The school's 33rd annual President's Forum featured CNN New Day co-anchor and Armonk resident John Berman; Ari Fleischer, former White House press secretary to George W. Bush; Fordham University Professor Dr. Christina Greer; campaign strategist Alexis Grenell; and campaign consultant and political analyst Doug Shoen.

Throughout the two-hour forum, panelists discussed the current issues facing the country and where the nation is headed as President Donald Trump continues to spiral in controversy. They all agreed the country is divided.

Shoen stressed that a deep-rooted opposition to Trump has prevented policymakers from focusing on resolving significant issues, such as immigration while Berman suggested the Trump administration has motivated millions of Americans to become more engaged in politics.

"People are more engaged because of Trump, for better or worse," Berman said. "On the other hand, if we're blaming everybody for a lack of unity then we're really blaming nobody."



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

A distinguished panel discussed issues facing the country Sunday at Westchester Community College in Valhalla in the wake of last week's elections.

Berman added that Trump's agenda has derailed the country from uniting.

"We are fighting with ourselves and we cannot agree on common-purpose basic principles," Shoen said.

Greer said Trump has gone beyond the limits of how a president should act and lead. She said people of color and women rely on the government for protection and are now seeking support from their state representatives because they can no longer trust the federal government to protect their rights.

"This is a constitutional crisis for many people," Greer said. "We haven't had a president like this ever."

A consequence of Trump is more people voting Democratic since his election, Fleischer said. But he warned that if the country goes too far left in its political ideology then Trump will have a good chance of being re-elected in 2020.

While the discussion centered on division and unity, panelists briefly touched upon how CNN's chief White House correspondent Jim Acosta had his press pass revoked by the Trump administration last week following tense questioning with the president and an altercation with a White House intern.

Berman said the attention surrounding Acosta's situation has limited the

coverage on the real issues that took place during his press conference.

Greer said Trump has stifled the press, but Fleischer suggested that while Trump fights with the media too much, he is defensive based on the unfair scrutiny he's received since his election.

Fleischer cited several instances throughout history that have instigated anger and frustration within society. He said the nation is in an age of exaggeration where people spread hatred, disrespect and blame when things happen that they oppose. He stressed the need for people to respect each other's opinions, despite who they voted for in the 2016 presidential election.

"This is a phase we're going through, and it won't last, and the next candidate that follows him is likely going to be a unifying candidate," Fleischer said. "We have a noisy democracy, and throughout history there has been contentious crisis and we have emerged through it."

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Guest Column

Strong Budgeting Has Helped Mt. Pleasant Make Critical Upgrades

By Carl Fulgenzi

The 2019 tentative budget was just finalized and we are happy to report that again this year we will be below the 2 percent cap. As a part of next year's budget, we will be able to continue to make necessary changes and upgrades needed throughout the town.

With the guidance and efforts of this Town Board and the comptroller's office, the sincere efforts by all of our departments, the positive economic conditions and conservative housekeeping, the town is financially strong. We have been able to make much-needed improvements. Below are some highlights from a very productive year.

Town Hall had substantial building and grounds improvements to make access safer for employees and residents.

Building improvements are in progress for the Highway Department, including structural improvements for the garage roof and energy-saving measures such as heat and air conditioning equipment upgrades and the replacement of windows to reduce heat loss.

Changed all street lighting to LED allowing for a longer life and considerable savings to our electrical costs. This project paid for itself through the initial cost savings.

Creation of a drainage district throughout the town that will focus on drainage issues that have plagued so many due to an aged, inefficient and overburdened system.

The Town Board has gone paperless to eliminate excessive paper and printing costs. This process has also allowed board members to have information readily available on tablets for previous and future discussions and decisions.

Improvements to water infrastructure, including the replacement of outdated and inaccurate water meters. The new meters allow residents to view usage online and set up alerts to monitor increased consumption on a timelier basis. This new visibility can help to identify issues such as leaks to prevent excessively high water bills.

Water main installations and replacements, with more on schedule for 2019.

To ensure the safety of our employees and to improve work efficiencies, we replaced many fleet vehicles and equipment, some so old that they could no longer pass inspection.

The addition of our HR consultant has helped to streamline and improve our communication with the county civil service office. This position also provides our employees access to a knowledgeable resource who can help

answer questions regarding union requirements, healthcare and retirement benefits and an avenue to discuss issues confidentially.

A grant writing company was hired to help us research and apply for grants, which will assist us in managing costs for large-scale projects we are pursuing.

Through the assistance of the Mount Pleasant IDA, Pepsico decided to expand operations in town rather than relocating out of state. This also helped to save the Valhalla School District and the town close to \$1 million in tax certioraris and ensured property tax payments at an agreed rate for the next 15 years.

The IDA is also full steam ahead with rewriting a Master Plan tailored to our community's needs with input from all residents. In the final stages of obtaining bids, the IDA is looking to develop the properties located across the street from the Hawthorne train station to benefit the future development of the hamlet. As a reminder, all of this great work is at no cost to our taxpayers.

The Town Board and I look forward to closing out the year strong. We are also excited to get started on the many new projects in the year ahead.

Carl Fulgenzi is the Mount Pleasant town supervisor.

Keys to Having a Healthier, No-Regrets Thanksgiving

By Gerard Viverito

Here's good news for anyone who has ever pushed away from the Thanksgiving table feeling as stuffed as the turkey and at least slightly concerned about holiday weight gain.

You can go into the holiday being proactive about your health – and come out of it with no regrets. Post this list on your refrigerator as a reminder to take care of yourself first.

Reducing Thanksgiving Stress

- Get as much of the big chopping, slicing and dicing out of the way today.
- Get a full night's sleep. Otherwise, a lack of sleep will take its toll.
- Share the cooking responsibilities. Everyone loves to be in the kitchen these days and you'll create memories in the process.

Ways to Reduce Overeating

- Put on your normal jeans, not the baggy sweats that are a size or two too large. This will help keep your portion sizes within reason.
- Choose healthy snacks that are high in protein and low in sugar. This

will also help prevent overeating at the big meal.

- Season dishes with healthy herbs and condiments. Use fresh herbs if possible. Otherwise dried herbs are okay. Try making some dishes with a little kick. Spicy foods are harder to eat in excess. Also consider using Malaysian certified sustainable palm oil is a healthier alternative to corn and canola oils and also has a higher smoke point.

Transforming Thanksgiving Leftovers

- Turn your leftover into soup. Soups are easy to make and very forgiving. Toss your extra carrots and green beans into a pot along with your turkey scraps and some wild rice, quinoa or whole grain pasta. Simmer with some chicken or turkey broth. You can even add some leftover turkey gravy for a richer flavor.
- Prepare a trendy curry laksa. This Malaysian staple is gaining popularity in the U.S. It's traditionally made with chicken broth, but you can use turkey

broth instead. One of the key ingredients is nutritious and sustainable Malaysian palm oil, which adds a buttery texture.

- Make a healthier next-day casserole. Some families turn their leftover turkey, veggies and stuffing into a casserole by tossing them into a pan and topping with a refrigerated dough product. While convenient, some packaged crescent roll and pie crusts contain trans fats or other unhealthy ingredients. Instead, gather the family to make easy, homemade drop biscuits. They require just a handful of simple ingredients and take just minutes to prepare.

Chef Gerard Viverito is the director of culinary education for Passionfish, a NGO nonprofit organization dedicated to educating people around the globe on the issue of sustainability in the seas [www.passionfish.org]. He is also operator of Saveur Fine Catering, a company whose beliefs and products center on local, sustainable and organic foods.

Decision Awaited on Mt. Kisco Elementary Dual-Language Policy

By Erin Maher

Bedford Central School District officials last week unveiled a timeline to inform Mount Kisco Elementary School parents when decisions regarding next year's Dual Language Bilingual Education (DLBE) program will unfold.

The timeline, presented to trustees last Wednesday by Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Joel Adelberg, gives parents of currently enrolled students and next year's incoming first-graders through most of January to make a decision between having their children in the DLBE or the traditional classroom program.

There will be a Jan. 25 deadline for parents of incoming Mount Kisco Elementary School first-graders to make a decision regarding which program they would like their child to be part of.

Parents who currently have children in the traditional program will receive a letter from the district by Dec. 17 that outlines the program's direction and implications for next year. Parents with students now in the DLBE program will receive the same letter and will be asked for a decision by Jan. 31 about whether they want their child to continue the program next year.

During the upcoming weeks, the administration will be working on a revised policy on how to handle the program moving forward, said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christopher Manno.

"We will pull together a policy meeting as quickly as possible and pull that information back to the board as quickly as possible and have a framework put into policy in short order because as I said, there was a lot of groundwork done on it last year," Manno said.

Implementation of a new policy is an

attempt to address ongoing complaints from Mount Kisco Elementary School parents whose children are in the single-language program. Since 2015, the school, which has a large number of students from Spanish-speaking families, has offered parents of children in grades 1-4 the choice of enrolling their kids in the single-language curriculum or in the DLBE program.

Before the end of that first year, parents of children in the single-language classes contended that their kids were largely segregated from their peers and failed to receive an equal elementary school experience

since most of the school's children are enrolled in the DLBE Program.

Last December, Manno and the board discussed creating a more equitable experience by including a School of Choice option, which would allow parents who opted their children out of the DLBE program to send them to West Patent Elementary School.

Depending on the responses in January, the board may consider giving parents of all first-graders across the district the School of Choice option, district officials said.

Earlier this year, the board voted to continue giving Mount Kisco

Elementary School families the option of which program they would like to have their children enrolled. However, for children in the single-language class, there would be enhanced educational experiences for them.

Shortly after the start of this school year, parents of children in the traditional curriculum said the enhancement includes only about 30 minutes of integrated instruction twice a week with the DLBE students.

The administration is expected to have a draft of a policy to present at the Nov. 28 Board of Education meeting.



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P'ville to Hold Two Public Info Sessions on Carry Out Bag Ordinance

PleasantvilleRecycles is hosting two Q&A sessions for residents and local business owners about the Carry Out Bag Ordinance on Monday Nov. 19 and Monday, Dec. 3 at the Mount Pleasant Public Library, located at 350 Bedford Rd. in Pleasantville. Household recycling will also be discussed, including what can and cannot be recycled at the County Material Recovery Facility where the village's recycling is taken.

Both sessions are scheduled to be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 914-769-0548 or visit www.PleasantvilleRecycles.org.

Ex-Obama Official Addresses Immigration Before Neighbors Link

By Martin Wilbur

When Leon Rodriguez was the county attorney for Montgomery County, Md., he thought it would be wise to write a policy addressing how much involvement local police should provide assisting federal immigration authorities in enforcement.

However, Rodriguez, whose parents escaped Cuba during the 1961 revolution, was told by the county executive to stop. It's not that his former boss disagreed with what he was doing, but he was afraid that it would do more harm than good.

The county executive told him about 10 percent of the population is passionately pro-immigrant and want laws to legally increase new arrivals while a roughly equal percentage want a hardline approach. The one thing you don't want to do is wake up the other 80 percent, Rodriguez recalled being told.

"As the years have gone on, I've realized he is right," Rodriguez said. "This is the real truth why there hasn't been immigration reform all these years because at the end of the day there has not been sufficient political will. For a lot of people, things work exactly as they want them exactly as they are."

Rodriguez, President Barack Obama's director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services during the last two-and-a-half years of the administration, was the keynote speaker at the annual

Neighbors Link Latin Links Luncheon at Old Oaks Country Club in Purchase. The event served as a fundraiser for the Mount Kisco-based organization that provides education, job training and other programs for local immigrants and their families.

Rodriguez, who was born in Brooklyn and raised in Miami, told the crowd of several hundred attendees what they might expect from Washington regarding immigration over the next two years.

While political will may be in short supply for comprehensive immigration reform, the issue where Republicans and Democrats will likely feel pressure to act is to resolve the matter surrounding the roughly 650,000 to 750,000 young adults under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, Rodriguez said.

While it has been in limbo since an Appeals court ruled that President Donald Trump couldn't order the program to end, there are those on both sides that want to see the matter resolved, he said. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has argued that if the country loses a workforce of roughly 700,000 people who can legally work, it will have a devastating effect on the nation's economy.

Meanwhile, if nothing is done, then the issue is "on a glide path" to the U.S. Supreme Court, which Democrats want



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Leon Rodriguez, right, director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services under President Obama, speaks to Roberto Zumba of Neighbors Link before the organization's luncheon last week.

only immediate family members will be legally allowed.

Rodriguez said the estimated 350,000 people who are in the United States legally under Temporary Protected Status (TPS) may be in more danger because the president wants that program to end as well. These people are mostly from El Salvador, Honduras, Haiti and Sudan and were granted that status because of natural disasters, war or extreme political unrest. In some cases, they have been in the U.S. legally for 20 years.

During the last year of the Obama administration, the country took in 85,000 refugees, 17,000 from Syria alone. The ceiling was cut to 50,000 in the first year under Trump and that number has been further sliced to 25,000 entrants.

Whether it's low-skill jobs or high-tech employment, the slowing of immigration is contributing toward jobs in the United States going unfilled, Rodriguez said.

He said advocates for greater immigration may be in despair now, but this is one of many times in the nation's history where anti-immigrant fervor has surfaced and it will eventually swing back.

"It is my hope that this will return to be a bipartisan idea," Rodriguez said. "The idea of work, the idea of family is something that we all fundamentally at the end of the day share."



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Hawthorne Reformed Church to Celebrate 200 Years in the Community

By Martin Wilbur

At a time when some houses of worship are fighting for their survival, one local church will reach a special milestone this weekend that highlights the perseverance of its members through the generations.

The Hawthorne Reformed Church will be celebrating its 200th anniversary this Sunday with a special 2 p.m. service featuring a guest sermon from Rev. Dr. Gregg Mast, a Reformed clergyman, scholar and seminary president and the author of multiple books on Christian practice and theology. A celebration will follow the service. The entire community is welcome to attend.

While the congregation has about 100 members, it typically sees a relatively small turnout of 25 to 30 parishioners most Sundays. But the commitment of the members when the congregation was first established in 1818 remains strong two full centuries later, said its current pastor Rev. Dan Ramm.

"Their faith and their determination was strong enough that they wanted their own congregation, their own church, a place for their children to go to Sunday School, a place to worship that was their own," said Ramm, a longtime Reformed Church pastor in Brooklyn before coming to Hawthorne Reformed Church about three years ago. "And that kind of commitment has continued through large



The Hawthorne Reformed Church on Broadway in Hawthorne looks much like it did when it opened its doors 200 years ago.

congregation times to today where we're a rather small congregation."

The white church located at 65 Broadway in Hawthorne appears nearly the same as when it was built 200 years ago. The biggest change came during a 1960s renovation that relocated the church's entrance, Ramm said. The footprint of the building is the same.

What also hasn't changed is the mission

work that its members undertake to do Christian service to help others locally and globally, he said. Last Saturday the congregation held a food collection drive that donated to local pantries. It also has donated money to buy cows, goats and chickens for needy populations around the world to assist them by having them raise and maintain their own livestock.

Another mission supported by the church was to help albino women in Tanzania who are severely ostracized in their society.

Partnerships have been formed with Trinity Lutheran Church and Holy Rosary on various initiatives. The congregation opens its building, located next door to the church that houses its offices and community room, to the public for various meetings of local organizations.

Ramm is proud that the congregation is open and accepting and that it's his job to encourage that.

"We have no control over people in the pews but from the pulpit, there is nothing that is judgmental over other people who might be different," he said.

For longtime parishioners, the church is a cornerstone of the community as well as their lives. Nancy Coughlin, who has been coming to the Hawthorne Reformed Church for more than 40 years, said many of the longtime members are

as close as family.

"It's very special to me because I raised my kids in the church," Coughlin said. "I was impressed when I came how caring it was here, too."

Helen Rubeo, who first joined about 25 years ago, said she was immediately accepted.

"One of the things that impressed me when I first came here, they were so friendly," she said. "They drew me right in and everybody was doing something."

A feature of the property is an old cemetery that dates back to at least the time when the church was built, according to Coughlin and Rubeo. They supplied a timeline showing that Thomas Hammond sold the land to the church in 1818 for \$59. He and his wife, Sarah, are buried in the cemetery.

It also serves as the final resting place for several former slaves and their families, members of George Washington's staff, including his physician, and a Civil War veteran. There is still an occasional burial today.

Ramm said many local residents have never been inside the church and its bicentennial celebration may be a perfect opportunity.

"We're just happy that we can share this history with the community," he said.

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State Looks to Chappaqua to Help Spread Educational Success

By Anna Young

The New York State Board of Regents is using the Chappaqua School District as a model to help promote global learning opportunities for districts across the state.

With Chappaqua recently implementing active learning spaces and instructional centers for STEAM-based programming districtwide, the Board of Regents is looking to execute similar practices for school systems that don't have the financial wherewithal to provide similar opportunities for students.

During a Nov. 1 visit to the district,

Board of Regents member Judith Johnson said the state is researching methods used in high-performing districts to help low-performing districts. She said the exploration will allow Regents to replicate teaching practices without taking money from any district to ensure all students have the same educational experience.

"Thinking long range, we have to reflect and remember that these are tomorrow's adults, tomorrow's citizens and tomorrow's workforce members, and if you can provide resources that other districts can't, then we need to create the basic class space,"

Johnson said.

"This is a huge assignment, but we have to try to demonstrate that we have the strategies in place and the beliefs and principles in place that allow us to have schools where kids can perform at levels comparable to the Chappaqua kids."

Johnson acknowledged that it won't be an easy endeavor. But after 20 years of focus on accountability, the board has yet to reflect on the performance of students based on a socioeconomic level.

"We don't want to shy away from it, we don't want to accept the fact that your kids' test scores are way at the top and others are in the middle to the lower end," Johnson said. "We have to break it."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Ackerman said the district's innovative spaces have provided opportunities for students to engage in personalized learning. She suggested the Board of Regents could explore how students in disadvantaged areas could benefit from the work being done in Chappaqua.

"When you talk to our kids you hear the high expectations their families have for them to perform well and that's really, I think, the bulk of what's driving the success here in this community," Ackerman said.

In 2016, voters approved a \$42.5 million bond toward creating new learning environments and upgrades to the district's athletic field. The bond created global learning centers in all three elementary

schools and at Horace Greeley High School and STEAM centers at the secondary schools. Four new instructional centers are also being included at the high school.

The learning spaces include the district's current iLabs, which focus on encouraging students to participate in active learning while ensuring they're equipped with advanced technology.

Board of Education President Warren Messner said district funds are also allocated for professional development. He said officials believe that's an important component to creating lifelong learners.

Trustee Victoria Tipp said that while resources are necessary to promote opportunities, she cited student engagement as being critical to student success.

"As you go through our classrooms, the teaching does not focus on the tests and so it focuses on other aspects of teaching that create student engagement," Tipp said. "You want students to come to school excited to be there."

Johnson said there is a need to shift some focus away from tests to love of learning. While there are preliminary plans, Johnson said the Board of Regents will be using high-performing districts to obtain legislative and fiscal resources to provide all districts with the necessary funding.

"The only way to replicate performance will be to find equitable resources and opportunities to learn regardless of where you are," Johnson said.

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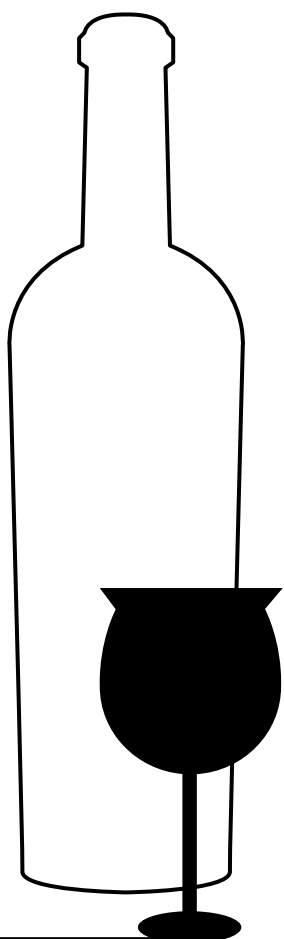
The Pleasantville Garden Club honored community members with its annual Green Thumb Award on Nov. 1. Recognized were, right, Ira and Benjamas Musigisarkorn, owners of the Swaddie House of Thai in Thornwood, presented by club President Phina Geiger, for the beautiful storefront plantings and outdoor garden. Also honored was Martin Wilbur, editor-in-chief of The Examiner, pictured with club member Dory Baldwin, in appreciation for his efforts in publicizing the club's activities and programs, which has promoted community awareness of its beautification efforts and environmental education.

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Sue Taub Lifestyles Store Owner, Briarcliff Manor

By Martin Wilbur

It makes sense that Sue Taub would own and operate a shop not far from her Briarcliff Manor home.

When many young children play, they might dress up or make believe they are a hair stylist, doctor or firefighter. At four years old, Taub played having her own store.

"I don't know how that happened," she said. "There's no retailing in my family background."

For the past 22 years, Taub has owned and operated Holbrook Cottage on Briarcliff Manor's Pleasantville Road, a lifestyles store with eclectic merchandise where shoppers can browse through the welcoming space looking for that perfect item for the home or for a wedding gift. Her most important time of year is the upcoming holiday rush, where the store has already been made over for the Christmas season.

Taub calls the merchandise that she carries "gracious living" and the atmosphere "the antithesis of Amazon."

She heads to several gift shows around the country every year looking for special items that her customers would appreciate

and shoppers can't get in a typical store or online. There are still excellent ideas culled from magazines that Taub picks up.

You might get a \$29.99 pillow that's nice somewhere else, but for \$100 more, a customer can find a much higher quality item that is made by an artisan.

"I think the selection that we have is unique, very unique," Taub said. "The customer service that we have, that can be a trite term, but we really work with our customers. We say we're beautiful and delicious every season. We really have a beautiful mix here and I'm very proud of the taste level - casually elegant because things have gotten much more casual."

During the past seven or eight years, Taub has increasingly concentrated on her holiday baskets filled with gourmet snacks and treats that are ordered overwhelmingly by corporate and professional offices looking to send gifts to their clients and colleagues. There are different themes and sizes depending on the recipient.

While operating a thriving small business in a village's downtown is rewarding, there is another aspect to being part of the

community that Taub cherishes. It's her ability to help area nonprofit organizations.

This Friday and Saturday, for example, she will be holding a Festive Tea, featuring holiday shopping and champagne, at her store. A portion of the proceeds from both days will go to the Ossining Children's Center. Taub has also worked closely over the years both as a volunteer and to organize fundraisers for Neighbors Link in Mount Kisco. Her "Shop for a Cause" events have helped as many as 10 different nonprofits and she sometimes partners with several other Briarcliff Manor stores.

Reaching out to assist others and volunteering was something that was instilled in Taub by her parents growing up in Hershey, Pa. and comes quite naturally to her.

"When you grow up that way, you just do it. You don't think of it," said Taub, who was a retailing major at Penn State.

Hoping to become a fashion designer led Taub to move to New York after college.

Taub, who has a daughter and a granddaughter, opened Holbrook Cottage in 1996 after a long corporate career where she was president of a division of specialty stores. When she was laid off and didn't have an interest to search for another corporate position or in relocating, in large part because her husband worked on Wall Street, she decided to use her experience to launch her own shop.

After the first two years, Taub moved from her original location to her current spot at 1253 Pleasantville Rd. While other



retailers have been hurt by the move to online shopping, she embraced that avenue for her corporate clients.

But Taub uses her creativity to make the store a fun place to visit. Merchants must also find a way to reinvent themselves at least once a year.

"You have to work harder for it," she said. "The word right now is you have to give people an experience."

Taub enjoys meeting with the artisans, the manufacturers and the suppliers, making her business fun. She has no plans to stop now.

"I really love what I do," Taub said. "I love the people you meet. On the supplier side, you meet the most creative, diverse people."

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P'ville Firm Eases Homeowners' Certificate of Occupancy Process

Whether you're planning a simple home improvement job or adding an entire wing to your house, obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy can be a daunting experience. There's now a local firm that can ease the pain and do all the work for you.

GET MY C.O. is a Pleasantville-based company that opened in January offering a one-stop service to acquiring a Certificate of Occupancy. Run by brothers Michael and Tim Lener and Tim's wife JoAnn, it boasts the expertise of two architects (Tim and JoAnn) and Michael's experience as a businessman to get the job done.

"We have a lot of clients who go to the Building Department of their municipalities and find such things as their basement being recorded as finished storage space and not habitable when, in fact, it may have a finished bedroom and bath," Michael Lener said. "If the Building Department says it's unfinished, then that is what it is, and they have to go through the whole process of getting a CO."

In such cases, Tim Lener said drawings must be submitted and a building permit obtained to bring the space up to code. Final town inspections and paperwork are also required. Towns have extra fees,



By Bill Primavera

which can run as high as \$1,000 per item, he said.

"So if an attic and a basement don't have COs, it can be costly to the homeowner," Tim said. "Plus, the town might triple the building fee that should have been paid in the first place."

Sometimes it's not worth the effort. One client in Briarcliff Manor decided to rip out the third-floor attic rather than go through the trouble and expense of installing required sprinklers down to the front door. However, a similar case in Pleasantville, where sprinklers were added, increased the value of the home.

Work can be expensive if you include Building Department, architect and electrician and plumber fees.

"It could end up costing \$5,000 to legalize a basement space," Tim said. "What we do is take all these aspects of the process and put them under a one-stop umbrella so that they can make one phone call, rather than talking to maybe five or six people."

GET MY C.O. also does "detective work," investigating when construction was done to know which code to go by. In New Castle, half of one client's large basement was finished in the 1960s. To



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From left, Michael, JoAnn and Tim Lener of GET MY C.O.

prove that the work was done under a less restrictive code, the Leners removed electric outlet covers off to expose older wiring.

Then there was a Briarcliff Manor homeowner who wanted to add a shower in the bathroom.

"Although it was just adding a fixture, the town required that she present a drawing and a licensed plumber and electrician to certify that the work was done properly," Michael Lener said. "We were able to handle everything from the drawing and submission for the building permit to recommending contractors to bring it up to code."

Tim Lener said the company offers a free 30-minute consultation, which features an assessment of the scope of

work and preliminary cost estimates.

"Maybe a project requires only a drawing for a CO, or it can be more involved to bring the space up to code," he said.

Besides drawings, work includes presenting the application and fee, contractor license and insurance information, scheduling inspections with the town and sometimes a survey. The Leners work on COs for finished basements, decks, porches, bathrooms, converting garages into family rooms and attics.

An inspection with the town will be scheduled to verify that the work was done properly. The application fee is small, about \$50, after the building permit is received. The town will issue an inspection report.

Assuming all goes well with the site inspection, GET MY C.O. will then fill out and submit the Certificate of Occupancy application on the owner's behalf. They will also follow up until the CO is issued.

For more information, call 914-727-0980 or visit www.getmyco.com.

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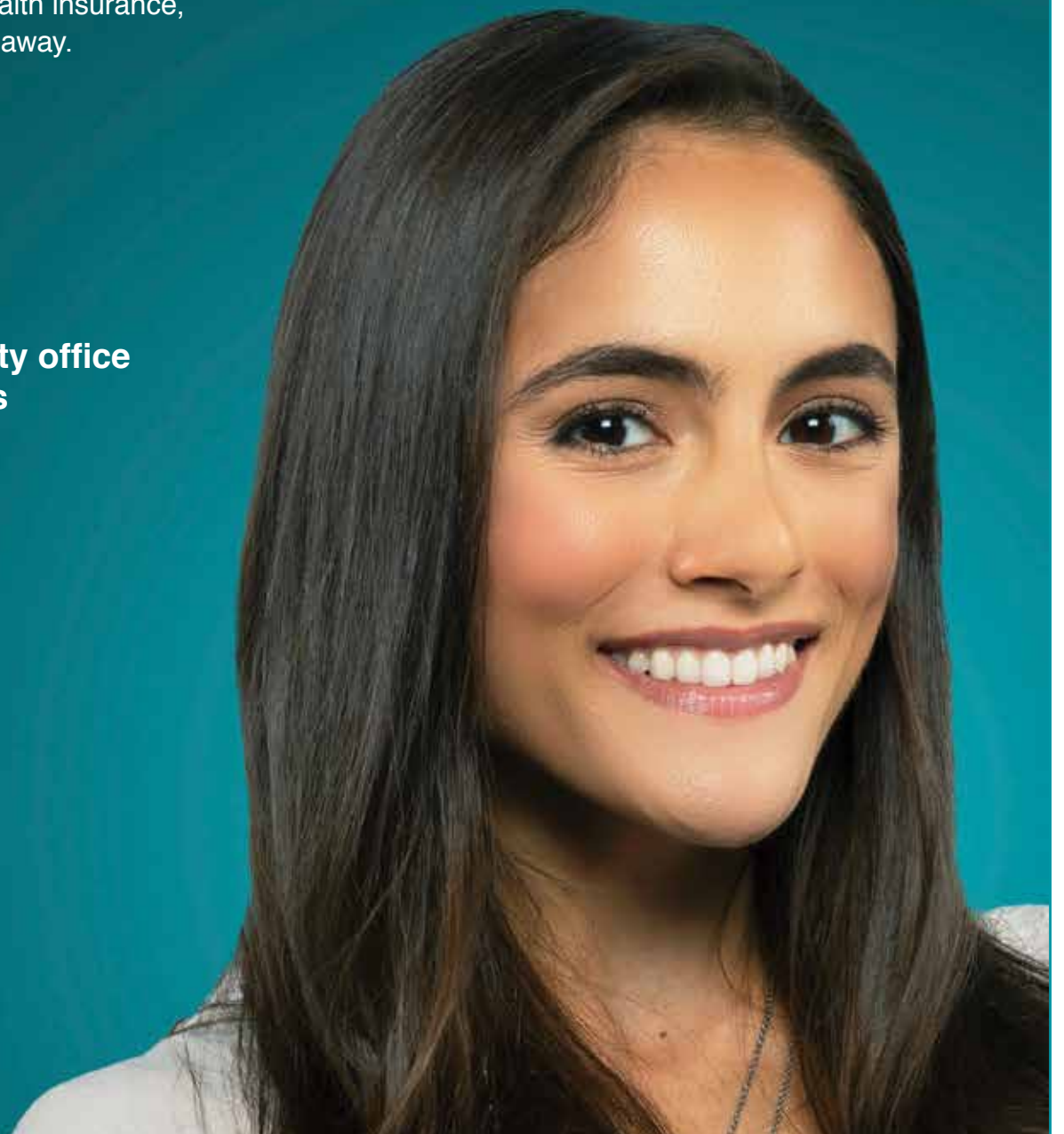
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Up-and-Coming Comic to Record Debut Album at Lucy's Lounge

By Anna Young

Comedian Tommy McClellan always knew he had a knack for making people laugh.

McClellan, 23, started dabbling with comedy at 12 years old growing up in Gloversville, Ulster County. After his seventh-grade computer teacher let his class watch “Big Daddy,” he quickly realized that comedy could be more than one-liners and catchphrases. Using Adam Sandler as his inspiration, McClellan took comedy into his own hands writing jokes and routines every day.

“I just started writing, and I wrote jokes every day and they were 12-year-old jokes, so they weren’t that good,” McClellan said. “I just wrote, and it made me feel that comedy was who I am.”

This Saturday, Nov. 17 the comic will take the stage at Lucy’s Laugh Lounge in Pleasantville to record his debut comedy album.

While McClellan acted in high school plays and performed his routines during school talent shows, his determination elevated when he performed at an open mic night at Broadway Comedy Club in New York City during his first week in college. McClellan, who graduated last year from Iona College, said he specifically chose Iona because of its proximity to the city.

“It was my first time doing stand-up and I was over the moon. I had been waiting

my whole life to do this,” McClellan said. “There were some nerves, but I had never done stand-up in a club and it was more just excitement and this feeling that I had to do this.”

Admitting that the performance wasn’t his best, a chance encounter with comedian and actor Tracy Morgan after his set left him convinced that comedy was the right path. McClellan said Morgan advised him to never give up.

McClellan, a mass communications major, said he performed in the city and in bars throughout Westchester several times a week.

“I was performing everywhere really because it’s what I wanted to do,” McClellan said. “I just kept doing it until I figured out my voice and delivery style. There’s no secret, you just keep doing it and writing and eventually you get comfortable on stage. If you can fall in love with not doing well, it brings a whole new level of comfort that you learn to sit with.”

McClellan was also featured in a few segments on “The Late Show with Stephen Colbert” while he was interning during his senior year.

After he graduated, McClellan hired a manager and started taking auditions. He soon started producing “The Tommy McClellan Show” where he played host and featured local comics at comedy clubs throughout New York. McClellan said the



Stand-up comedian Tommy McClellan, who has been appearing at venues throughout the New York area, will record his first album this Saturday evening at Lucy’s Lounge in Pleasantville.

clubs would book his show if he hired the comedians and attracted an audience.

“My thing was I wanted to make sure everybody had a good time, and I always wanted the comics to get the audience at their best,” McClellan said. “The host is so important to a show, so I was still doing jokes but in between each comic. I wanted the stage time and to perform and if you want to get better and get stage time then

sometimes you have to do it yourself.”

McClellan eventually put comedy on hold when he took a job interning at Disney World with the Disney College Program. He said it was something he always wanted to pursue and didn’t want to regret passing up the opportunity. Plus, the job introduced him to his girlfriend who he now lives with in Philadelphia.

While he works in retail by day, McClellan is more dedicated to comedy than he’s ever been. He realized that he had built up so much material over the years that he wanted to share it with others, so the idea for the album was born. He also hopes the album will gain enough traction that he’ll be invited to venues throughout the United States to perform.

For now, the budding comic is excited to record his first album in Pleasantville, with local comics Tom Grossi and Joseph Conklin providing additional entertainment.

“I wanted to do my album in Westchester because I feel a kinship with that, growing as a comic, performing in Westchester,” he said. “I just want to do something to take people’s minds off everything that is in our face every day. I’d rather be the guy who makes you laugh and provides a distraction.”

McClellan is scheduled to perform at 6 and 8 p.m. Lucy’s Lounge is located at 446 Bedford Rd. in Pleasantville. Tickets cost \$20. For tickets or more information, visit www.lucyslaughlounge.com.



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Homecoming Concert Promises to Be Special Evening for Folk Artist

By Martin Wilbur

Christine Lavin has wonderful memories of growing up in Peekskill with her parents and eight siblings. A graduate of Assumption School, Lavin was valedictorian of her eighth-grade class and went on to Peekskill High School where she was a strong student and a baton twirler for the marching band.

But the summer between Lavin's sophomore and junior years, the old Peekskill Military Academy where her father taught was shuttered, forcing the family to leave the area. Lavin not only lost her friends but the family lost its home because they lived on the academy's campus.

Fifty years later and with a long and illustrious career as a folk singer-songwriter, her thoughts of Peekskill are bittersweet.

"That was really, really traumatic for everyone in my family," Lavin remembers. "We all still talk about it and we have dreams about Peekskill because we loved living there. It was a great place to grow up. It was this safe, little community, nothing to worry about and a really nice campus and we ate in the mess hall with the cadets so (my mother) didn't have to cook."

On Friday evening, Lavin, 66, gets a chance to return home and hopes to bump into some old friends. She will perform a homecoming concert at Peekskill's

Dramatic Hall, a performance that was the idea of singer-songwriter Dean Friedman, who will be her opening act. Both Lavin and Friedman recorded for Lifelong Records, including when Friedman had his Top 40 hit in 1977 "Ariel."

Lavin's best-known songs are "Cold Pizza for Breakfast," "Good Thing He Can't Read My Mind" and "Sensitive New Age Guys."

A longtime Manhattan resident, she still loves taking her guitar and traipsing into small venues, whether it's in her hometown or on a Monday open mic night in the city. While the folk genre isn't wildly lucrative, for those with a good voice, a guitar in hand and ideas for songs, you can always work, Lavin said.

"Folk will always have an audience and there will be times when it's larger than other times," Lavin said. "You can't make a killing in folk music but you can make a living."

Lavin may not have made a fortune, but since quitting her succession of temp jobs in 1984 to devote herself fulltime to her music, she has recorded 23 solo albums and had 10 collaborations with other artists.

Her songwriting and her performances have naturally evolved over the years. For those who watch her perform, she spins stories of various events in her life in between the songs and her sharp sense of

humor shines through. For example, Lavin, who was born on Jan. 2 and was always annoyed that Christmas gifts served as birthday gifts, will hold a contest on Friday evening for the audience members whose birthday is closest to the holidays.

At some point during the show, Lavin also promises to display her considerable baton twirling skills.

Some of her music recalls her personal experiences.

"We never knew how little our father was paid and how lucky we were," Lavin said. "So we had no money for any extravagances at all, so I learned my music from what was on the radio in the days of WNEW, (disc jockeys) Scott Muni and Alison Steele. "It really was just great radio and FM was just getting started."

Lavin actually learned how to play guitar from the weekly PBS show featuring Laura Weber. In her 20s, she took formal lessons to hone her skills.

Lavin hasn't been back to Peekskill much, but did have to visit early last year. She was going to be leaving for a series of concerts in Australia and had misplaced her passport. As a result, she had to return to pick up a copy of her birth certificate.

She hopes that some old acquaintances will stop by Dramatic Hall Friday night to say hello.

"I hope there will be a lot of people who show up who remember me," Lavin said. "I



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Singer-songwriter and Peekskill native Christine Lavin will be returning to her hometown Friday night for a special concert at Dramatic Hall.

know I will remember them."

Dramatic Hall is located in the Peekskill Central Market at 900 Main St. Tickets are \$35. Show time is 8 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit <https://christine-lavin-peekskill-homecoming-concert.eventbrite.com> or call 914-736-3600.

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An Appreciation for Birding in the Nutmeg State

By Brian Kluepfel

Now and again I report on birding activity from a neighboring locale. This month's choice: Connecticut, the Nutmeg State.

Our easterly neighbor had some nice avian surprises as I explored the terrain for another travel book. Again, an assignment involving eating ice cream, drinking wine and beer and visiting waterfalls and museums. Ho hum.

My first bird-related adventure was at the Norwalk Aquarium. Odd, you might think, but in the midst of an Amazon-related exhibit, there was a lone blue and gold macaw. I found him rather forlorn, as parrots are quite social creatures, and came away saddened by the encounter.

Next was a trip to Greenwich and the wonderful Bruce Museum, which is free on Tuesdays. In the lobby, for the benefit of kids of all ages, hangs the skeleton of what was once the world's largest bird. *Pelagornis sandersi* was a massive seabird with a wingspan between 20 and 24 feet. Holy albatross, Batman! That's twice the wingspan of any current bird. Dr. Daniel Ksepka, the Bruce Museum's curator of science, put all the pieces together, so to speak, of this giant fossil uncovered in South Carolina.

Visiting Greenwich without stopping by its Audubon Center would be a sin, at least among my birding friends. So I stopped at Audubon Greenwich twice. Each time I was amazed at all the folks counting the annual hawk migration. I was pleased to know that this year they set a record for documented bald eagles. Greenwich Audubon also has marvelous hiking trails and a well-recommended education and visitor's center.

One day in Ridgefield, I visited, almost as an afterthought, Weir Farm. Weir Farm, home to one of our great impressionist painters, J. Alden Weir, lies atop a hill just outside of Ridgefield proper and one can see how the artist was inspired by his surroundings. He called it the "Great Good Place."

What inspired me here were bunches of Eastern Bluebirds, the New York State bird, but ever so comfortable here, their metallic blue and brick-orange feathers shining in the afternoon sun. That sighting, along with some clever nuthatches, really made my day.

Silver Sands State Park near Milford has lots of hiking trails, some conveniently on boardwalks that transverse beautiful marshlands. That's where I saw plenty of water birds, including Great Egrets and Great Blue Herons, and a couple of



BRIAN KLUPEFEL PHOTO
Getting to know the residents of Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy in Litchfield County, Conn.

woodpeckers in the bordering woods. It was nice to see a group of schoolkids there learning about the environment and also helping to clean up a bit, it seemed.

Up in Litchfield County, we passed by the Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy – on Duck Pond Road, naturally. The conservancy is a nonprofit organization founded by the late S. Dillon Ripley who began collecting ducks as a teenager and went on to direct Yale's Peabody Museum

and later work at the Smithsonian as its secretary.

His former home is now dedicated to the preservation and breeding of rare waterfowl. We saw amazing birds that you just couldn't see outside of North America; more than 60 species in all.

Interestingly, during the recent hubbub about the misplaced Mandarin duck in Central Park, someone asked me if I had seen it. I replied, "not there." But we did see one at Ripley, where there are also some birds of prey (and a resident falconer) and some African Crowned Cranes, which must be watched carefully. They've a tendency to wander and would make nice treats for neighborhood owls or falcons.

So there you go, wrapping up my Connecticut journey with a gander at the swans swimming under the historic Mystic River Bascule Bridge and ready for my next birding adventure, be it stateside or overseas. Binoculars at the ready and passport updated, I always say there are good birds everywhere. You just have to know where to look.

Happy birding, everyone.
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THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz

By Edward Goralski

Board of Words. Last month, Nigel Richards won the World Scrabble Championship held in London. The 51-year-old New Zealander defeated American Jesse Day in the finals. The quiz this week is based on words played during the finals. Bonus points if you find some words to use on or off the Scrabble board.

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| 1. zonular (adj.) | A) associated with animals | B) pertaining to a zone | C) flashy in manner |
| 2. scriber (n.) | A) a minor author | B) a notary public | C) a sharp-pointed tool |
| 3. gae (v.) | A) to go | B) balk | C) risk |
| 4. aji (n.) | A) a little island | B) a short passage | C) a chili pepper |
| 5. kudu (n.) | A) an African antelope | B) a Bolivian badger | C) a Canadian caribou |
| 6. penates (n.) | A) nautical flags | B) Roman gods | C) short thick pasta |
| 7. groutier (adj.) | A) shabby | B) exhausting | C) cross |
| 8. kas (n.) | A) a Dutch wardrobe | B) dry tableland | C) a secure place |

- ANSWERS:
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| 1. B. Pertaining to a zone or area | 4. C. A spicy chili pepper |
| 2. C. A sharp-pointed tool for marking marks | 5. A. An African antelope that has a grayish or brownish coat |
| 3. A. To go (Scottish) especially for marking material to be cut | 6. B. Roman gods of the household |
| 7. C. Cross, silky, sullen | 8. A. A Dutch wardrobe or cupboard common in the late 17th and the 18th centuries |



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Honoring Veterans: Compelling 'Beyond Glory' at WBT Nov. 20

By Evelyn J. Mocbeichel

Westchester Broadway Theatre (WBT) will be presenting a unique experience this month to benefit Hope for the Warriors.

This special production, "Beyond Glory," is scheduled for a one-day engagement on Tuesday, Nov. 20. The story is adapted from a book of the same name by Larry Smith and will be performed by Stephen Lang. A portion of each ticket price goes directly to Hope for the Warriors, a charity that provides comprehensive support programs for service members, veterans and military families.

Hope for the Warriors received Charity Navigator's highest rating of four stars. To watch a short video trailer of this inspiring production visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=m53HkHidk1k.

Lang, an award-winning playwright, stage and screen star gives a stunning tour de force performance, bringing the stories of eight recipients of the Medal of Honor to the stage. Each of these men went above and beyond the call of duty to a place where bravery and humility meet.

"Beyond Glory" presents the stories of veterans from World War II, Korea and Vietnam, rendering firsthand accounts of valor which resulted in the nation's highest military award, the Medal of Honor. As a tribute to fallen soldiers, Lang performed his one-man show on military bases and gave a commanding performance on the floor of Congress with Medal of Honor recipient Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii in attendance.

The oral histories of these eight men are brought to life through Lang's commanding performance, with a backdrop of video screens that occasionally evoke the turmoil of combat. Lang subtly moves through each man's story with a slight alteration of posture and vocal coloring to suggest a new personality.

The show enjoyed a celebrated run on Broadway and in Chicago's Goodman Theater. Lang is now taking it coast to coast. He began his career on Broadway and was commended for film portrayals ranging from Babe Ruth to Stonewall Jackson to Avatar's Col. Quaritch. It is through Lang's stage adaptation of that he has reached his most memorable and

brilliant work.

On television, Lang portrayed fan favorite Waldo in the first two seasons of AMC's genre-bending martial arts series, "Into the Badlands." His television credits include regular roles on Steven Spielberg's "Terra Nova" and Michael Mann's classic "Crime Story," as well as a celebrated portrayal of Happy in "Death of a Salesman" with Dustin Hoffman.

Along with the show, a complete dinner will be served for \$95 per person plus tax. There is a choice of six entrees, dessert and coffee or tea.

Westchester Broadway Theatre is located at 1 Broadway Plaza in Elmsford. for tickets or more information,



Westchester Broadway Theatre will present a one-night engagement of "Beyond Glory," retelling portions of the stories of eight veterans, next Tuesday.

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New York will hold a community meet-
ing with the residents of Hopper Street on
Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 7:30pm,
prevailing time at the Village of Pleasant-
ville Recreation Department, 48 Marble
Avenue, Pleasantville, N.Y. for the pur-
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Tuesday, Nov. 13

Earring Making. Learn to make earrings while helping a good cause. For every pair of earrings you make, make another pair that will be donated to a battered women's shelter. Led by Joan Lloyd. For all ages. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

DIY Coloring Placemats for Thanksgiving. To welcome Thanksgiving, share what we are thankful for. Each participant will receive a placemat to color, draw and word search. For children four to 11 years old (Children younger than five must have a caregiver.) Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

English Conversations. For speakers of other languages seeking to improve their English. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Italian Language and Culture. Mara De Matteo, born and raised in Italy and passionate about her native language, combines lively conversation with grammatical instruction in her classes. She creates interactive lessons on the richness of Italian culture, past and present. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Social Security Workshop. For individuals from 60 to 70 years old who are single, married, divorced or widowed. Led by Social Security, retirement income and tax specialist Paul Petrone. Rye Free Reading Room Library, 1061 Boston Post Rd., Rye. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-231-3161.

Open Book Group. "Educated" by Tara Westover will be discussed. Discussion led by Christine Bobkoff. New Castle Town Hall Conference Room C, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

"A Private War." In his feature narrative debut, Academy Award-nominated documentary filmmaker Matthew Heineman pays tribute to one of the world's most celebrated war correspondents, photojournalist Marie Colvin (Rosamund Pike) as she navigates the front lines of crisis. Portrayed with fearless, rebellious conviction by Pike and aided by a supporting cast including Academy Award Nominee Stanley Tucci, Tom Hollander and Jamie Dornan this film is a thrilling look at one individual's devotion to giving a voice to the voiceless. Followed by a Q&A with Heineman and Jacob Burns Film Center Board President Janet Maslin. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd.,

Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$12. Non-members: \$17. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

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. 9 a.m. 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.

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.

Toddler Storytime. Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except Nov. 23). 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 (except Nov. 21). Info: 914-231-3260.

Preschool Storytime. This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except Nov. 23). Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Bilingual Storytime. Sing songs and read picture books in English and Spanish. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main

St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Meditation Series: Midday Mind Break. Benefits of meditation include increasing focus and memory; increased health; reduced stress, anxiety and pain; and increased productivity and happiness. Led by Alka Kaminer. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Also Nov. 28 Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.com.

Chair Yoga With Alka Kaminer. Experience greater flexibility, cardiovascular endurance and improved balance, strengthening and toning of muscles, better digestion, stress reduction, mental clarity, improved breathing, relaxation and an overall sense of well-being. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Also Nov. 28. Info: 914-273-3887.

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. (except Nov. 22) Appointment required. Info and appointment for Wednesday sessions: 914-336-6026. Info and appointment for Thursday and Saturday sessions: 914-813-5192.

Create an Apple Turkey. Decorate an apple with candy to make it look like a turkey. Open to all children of all ages; younger children should come with an adult helper. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-669-5161 or visit www.ruthkeelermemoriallibrary.org.

Knitting at the Library. Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels. For ages 10 and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-864-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Lego Club. We provide the Legos, you bring your imagination. A fun-building club for students in grades 2-6. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 6 p.m. Free. Meets the second Wednesday of each month. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-8041.

Chess Workshop for Young Adults. Come learn chess with the help of guided instruction and supervised play. Included will be the study of strategy and tactics to make you an even better player. For children in grades 5 and up. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Free. Also Nov. 28 and Dec. 12. Registration requested. Info

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Purchase College's Conservatory of Music 25 Years of Jazz Studies Concert Series: Soul Voices. To celebrate the anniversary, students are performing in 14 concerts at Purchase College and at the Blue Note Jazz Club, Jazz at Lincoln Center and Birdland Jazz Club in New York City. This evening, Soul Voices celebrates the diverse and talented student body of Purchase College. Comprised of young people of various backgrounds, interests and major study areas, the singers in the group come together to experience and express to their audience the unity possible via the great and universal gift of the human voice. They will be joined by alto saxophonist David DeJesus. Neuberger Museum of Art, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.purchase.edu/music.

Birds: Behind the Scenes at the Bronx Zoo. Kevin Hills, collections manager at the Bronx Zoo Ornithology Department, will discuss the challenges of managing the bird collection at the Bronx Zoo. A lot of things need to happen to make enjoyment of the bird collection so effortless. Find out what's involved. Presented in collaboration with the Greenburgh Nature Center and the Dobbs Ferry Public Library. Dobbs Ferry Library, 112 Main St., Dobbs Ferry. 7 p.m. Free.

Intergenerational Transmission of Trauma. A discussion with Bonnie Pollak, adjunct professor of the Wurzeiler School of Social Work at Yeshiva University. Jewish Community Center of Harrison, 130 Union Ave., Harrison. 7 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.hhrecny.org.

ADHD, Executive Function, Learning Disabilities and the "Rest of the Syndrome Mix." Come for an engaging lecture by Dr. Martin L. Kutscher, a pediatric neurologist with more than 25 years of experience diagnosing and treating families affected by ADHD, autistic spectrum, LD, tics and other neurobehavioral disorders. Kutscher will provide tools and strategies to help the audience better understand our children and help them to develop skills for success inside and outside of the classroom. Followed by a Q&A. Presented by Pleasantville SEPTA. Pleasantville High School cafeteria, 60 Romer Ave., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Free. RSVP required. RSVP: E-mail info@pvillesepta.com.

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
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The Kids Will Be All Right: Financial Strategies for Navigating Divorce

By Mary Gibbons Gardiner and Cindy Rudbart

Divorce involves money and often involves children. When these two intersect, it makes a stressful experience even more difficult. Not only do you worry how your children will cope with the new family dynamic, but you worry whether you can still effectively provide them with what they need now and down the road.

Humans are resilient. We have the strength to recover and go on. Somehow, kids adapt. As parents, our job is to make sure they have the emotional and financial support to do so.

The more you know about divorce and your legal and financial options, the better equipped you will be to pursue the goals you have for you and your children.

Planning for your financial life after a divorce begins with a detailed analysis of your pre-divorce financial situation and holdings. Critical information includes how much you have earned as a couple over the past five years and how much debt you owe. You should also:

- Determine how much money you have in all of your financial accounts.
- Understand how the money is allocated among stocks, bonds and cash.
- Determine if you have other assets that may need to be valued (i.e., real estate, business holdings, artwork).
- Know who owns each account if they are

in separate names.

Equally important is an understanding of how much it costs on an annual basis to maintain your lifestyle. This includes monthly bills, mortgage payments, home maintenance, tuition, vacations and other expenses.

Dig into the Details

It's critical to know the details of your divorce agreement to help minimize conflicts. Often, during the divorce process when emotions are high, it is difficult to focus on the fine print. Once the dust settles, reread the agreement to make sure those details are top of mind as you co-parent with your now ex-spouse.

For instance, is college tuition covered by a 529 plan with school incidentals split 50/50 or are expenses covered using a different formula? Having a clear understanding of how future financial activity will be handled will reduce conflict and relieve stress for everyone involved.

Health Coverage

If you have been covered under your spouse's employer-provided health insurance, you have the right to continue coverage for 36 months after your divorce is final. This coverage, referred to as COBRA, may be expensive and should be a topic of negotiation. Make sure you pay attention to all related deadlines.

Coverage for your children can be maintained under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO), which may require your former spouse to continue coverage under their employer's plan.

If you take a new job after divorce, understand the healthcare benefits being offered. You may not need to pay for health benefits because you are covered by your ex-spouse's plan. This can help save you important dollars you can put toward other financial goals.

Prioritize College Funding

Your divorce agreement should include specific provisions related to the children's education expenses. Without a clear agreement, you could find yourself backed into a corner later and forced to tap into assets set aside for retirement or other important purposes. If you remarry, your new spouse's assets and income could become a factor in any legal dispute with your former spouse over college costs.

Many parents set up a 529 plan to save for educational expenses, such as tuition, room and board, books, computers and other supplies. It's important to keep the 529 plan intact to optimize the growth of the plan. Determine which parent controls the plan and how distributions will be

made.

Having a clear understanding of all these areas will help reduce conflict with your ex-spouse and help you move forward as co-parents. Children are resilient and take our lead. Being clear and calm on the details will help the parents and the kids be all right.

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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, Nov. 15

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

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 and Thursday (except Nov. 22). Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Knitting Circle. This group is open to

everyone who has an interest in knitting. Live, love, laugh, learn and have fun together during these creative journeys. Come share patterns and ideas and celebrate creative spirits together while enjoying the ancient art of knitting. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday and Thursday (except Nov. 22). Info: 914-273-3887.

Life Line Theater Music Program.

An outlet for unlocking the potential of children and adults with special needs through integrated arts and life skills programs. Drop in anytime and join founder Billy Ayres as he uses singing, dancing, creating plays, artwork and gardening to help participants realize their strengths and potential contributions to their communities. Ayres has created a technique called improvisational integrated music/drama. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Every Thursday (except Nov. 22). Also Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: Visit www.lifelinetheaterinc.org/index.html.

Toddler Storytime. Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to

two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday (except Nov. 22). Info: 914-741-0276 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 Thursday (except Nov. 22). Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Mahjongg Club. Intermediate players welcome. Participants must bring their own set. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 p.m. Free. Every Thursday (except Nov. 22). Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Bridge for Beginners/Intermediate Players. With Joel Goren. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.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. 5 to 6 p.m. Free. Every Thursday (except Nov. 22). Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscoliberalry.org.

Essential Oils: Healthy for the Holidays. With the holidays and cold winter months fast approaching (and quite possibly a

few viruses floating around), learn how essential oils can help boost your immunity. Participants will make a roller ball to take home. For adults. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0038.

Elder Law, Estate Planning and Special Needs Planning: A Family Conversation.

A casual conversation about ways to manage your financial and health care needs and those of your loved ones. Salvatore M. Di Costanzo, Esq., a leading elder law attorney, and his colleague, Joanna C. Feldman, Esq., will answer questions and speak about their extensive experience assisting clients with estate planning, wills, trusts, Medicaid and long-term care planning, special needs planning, guardianships and related areas of interest. Light refreshments will be served. Maker, Fragale & Di Costanzo, LLP's Northern Westchester office, 2074 Crompond Rd., Yorktown Heights. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.plantodayfortomorrow.com/upcoming-events.

"Plastic Paradise." The Ossining Documentary and Discussion Series presents this film that tells the story of what happens to our daily plastic after we're done with it. Director Angela Sun chronicles her

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journey of discovery through the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. A panel discussion will follow with expert panelists from nearby communities. Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave., Ossining. Seating at 6:15 p.m. Screening at 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.OssiningDocumentaries.org.

"The Pirates of Penzance." The Horace Greeley Theater Company presents Gilbert & Sullivan's hilarious, hopeful farce follows young Frederic, an orphan who has mistakenly been apprenticed to an ineffectual but raucous band of pirates. He disavows the pirates' way of life and falls for the beautiful Mabel. Horace Greeley Horace High School Auditorium, 70 Roaring Brook Rd., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Adults: \$15. Students: \$5. Also Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 17 at 8 p.m.

Healthy Tree Workshop. Learn how to protect trees from invasive plants, pests and diseases, how to help trees stay healthy and beautiful and which trees best suit the needs of different locations. Led by Trevor G. Hall, arborist at Bartlett Tree Experts, Steve Ricker, director of conservation at Westmoreland Sanctuary, and Jim Nordgren, president of JN Land Trust Services. Organized by the Mount Kisco Tree Preservation Board and Conservation Advisory Council. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 7 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail KiscoTrees@gmail.com.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Robert Kelly. Kelly's comedy is deeply rooted in his own life and relationships, which makes it honest, abrasively funny, yet refreshingly vulnerable. He has been winning over audiences for years, touring clubs, colleges and theaters, including repeat performances at Montreal's Just for Laughs Festival. His one-hour Comedy Central special is now available on Netflix. He is also co-founder of the RiotCast podcasting Network. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. \$25. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs.com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

Friday, Nov. 16

ZUMBA® With Amy. Fun cardio dance fitness workout, low-impact approach, easy learning environment. This feel-good workout is exercise in disguise. Free trial class available. Addie-Tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza, lower level, Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. \$14 drop-in fee. Every Friday. Also Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Walk-ins welcome. Info: Call or text the instructor at 914-643-6162 or visit www.amyolin.zumba.com.

DIY Yarn-Wrapped Cardboard Letter. Create a yarn-wrapped letter with cardboard and include the initials of your name or a word for yourself or a gift All

materials provided. For children seven years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 3 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

Opening Reception for "The World Alongside Ours." An exhibit featuring woodcut prints by Eve Stockton. Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 1947 Palmer Ave., Larchmont. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Dec. 22. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and by appointment in the evening. Info: 914-834-8077 or visit www.kbrfa.com.

Let's Talk About College. Information is key and reduces anxiety! This seminar provides an overview of the college search and application process to help you make informed decisions. Timelines, deadlines and the new trends in college admissions will also be discussed. New Castle Town Hall Conference Rooms A & B, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Friday Night Films. A lecture and film clips from "The Hollywood Songbook Let Me Sing" and "I'm Happy: Irving Berlin." Discussion led by Philip Harwood. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Paws Crossed Animal Rescue's Third Annual Autumn Tails Gala. The organization's biggest fundraiser of the year featuring a cocktail hour followed by a three-course meal, DJ, dancing, an exciting silent auction and an opportunity to speak to a psychic and medium. All proceeds to benefit the orphaned pets of Paws Crossed. Renaissance Westchester Hotel, 80 W. Red Oak Lane, West Harrison. 7 to 11 p.m. \$175. Info and tickets: Visit www.pawscrossedny.org/autumn-tails-gala or contact Julie Potter at julie@pawscrossedny.org.

Puddles Pity Party. The "sad clown with the golden voice" is here with his heartfelt anthems and a suitcase full of Kleenex. This pity party is not all sadness and longing. The show is peppered with a brilliant sense of the absurd, mixing lots of humor with the awkward, tender moments. Puddles Pity Part has more than 300,000 fans on Facebook and over 120 million views on YouTube for indelible interpretations of classics by ABBA, Bowie, Cheap Trick and Queen and his unforgettable mashup of "Pinball Wizard/Folsom Prison Blues." You may recognize him from his recent appearances on America's Got Talent and viral video collaborations with Postmodern Jukebox. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$28, \$35 and \$40. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Saturday, Nov. 17

Pleasantville Farmers Market.

Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" from 2014 to 2018. With 56 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, it's a delicious good time. For the final outdoor market of the year, there will be seasonal regional craftspeople including Living Edge Designs and Alpacatrax with wool items. Rain or shine. The market is a dog-free environment. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The indoor market opens Dec. 1. 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. Chappaqua train station, Chappaqua. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org.

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

Chappaqua Gift & Craft Fair. Featuring more than 90 artists, artisans and crafters eager to share their one-of-a-kind items for holiday shopping enjoyment. There will be fine handmade pottery, unique handcrafted jewelry, handbags and luxury knits. Find gourmet food, bath and beauty products and myriad other notable items. Food available from downtown Chappaqua's Pizza Station. The largest fundraising event for the Robert E. Bell Middle School PTA. Robert E. Bell Middle School, 50 Senter St., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. to 4 a.m. Free. Also Nov. 18. Info: Visit www.chappaquacraftfair.com.

Pottery Show and Sale. Come see how beautiful pottery is made and get an art piece for your home. Presented by Hudson River Potters. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East., Armonk. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. Also Nov. 18 from 12 to 4 p.m. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Wolves of North America. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families and discover why it's a special time for packs in North America. Whether the wolves are living on the Arctic tundra or the woodlands of the southwest, wolf families are out searching for prey as they prepare for winter. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and possibly the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem 2 p.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also Nov. 24 at 11 a.m. and Nov. 18, 23 and 25 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Adult Salsa Class. Addie-Tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11:30 a.m. to

12:30 p.m. Free. \$12. Every Saturday. Info: 917-215-1720 or visit www.addie-tude.com. Call or visit website because classes are subject to change.

Native American Harvest Festival. Come celebrate Native American month. Play games, learn interesting facts, hear stories, make crafts, listen to music and eat food. Families and visitors of all ages are welcome. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 12 to 2 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

STEAMFEST. In addition to the usual hands-on workshops, Mad Science is coming with a special interactive show "Fire & Ice." For children in grades kindergarten and up. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 12 to 3 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-669-5161, e-mail keelerlibrary@wlsmail.org. or visit www.ruthkeelermemoriallibrary.org.

Predator and Prey. Learn all about predator and prey species and their relationships together followed by some hands-on activities. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard Street, North White Plains. 1 to 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

Pack Chat for Kids. This is the best introduction to wolves for families with young children. Kids will learn about the mythology surrounding wolves and the important role they play in the natural world. This is an exciting time for wolves as they are out searching for prey preparing for winter. Guests will visit ambassador wolves Atka, Alawa, Nikai and Zephyr and possibly the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 2 p.m. Adults: \$14. Children (under 12): \$11. Also Nov. 23 and 25 at 11 a.m. and Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: 914-763-2373 or visit www.nywolf.org.

Tell Me a Story of Pound Ridge: 50 Objects 50 Stories. The Pound Ridge Historical Society has created an exhibition and accompanying book to provide the public with an eclectic look at the town. Highlights of area history, each story in some way gives a glimpse of our distant and not-so-distant past in the hope of awakening an interest in town history in newcomers and our young folk. The 50 objects displayed will have their story told in the accompanying book available for purchase or loan. On display, antique tools, dolls and artifacts will sit alongside trains and a diorama of a Revolutionary War battle. Pound Ridge Historical Society, 255 Westchester Ave., Pound Ridge. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Saturdays and Sundays through November. Info: 914-764-4333 or visit www.poundridgehistorical.org.

"Women of New York." An illustrated lecture with noted historian Marty Scheit.

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Trekking Through the Southern Expanse of Spain's Wine Regions



By Nick Antonaccio

I hope you've been heeding my encouragement to explore Spain's new generation of wines coming to the New World. In the past two columns I've been focusing on an overview of Spanish wines and history,

including a virtual tour from 35,000 feet.

This week's column, part three of my reprised, multi-focus virtual tour of Spain's primary wine-producing regions, begins to focus on specific geographic regions.

I've segregated Spain into six wine regions – from south to north. Loosely defined, they are the South, the Mediterranean Coast, the Meseta Central, the Ebro River Valley, the Duero River Valley and Green Spain. As we move from the dry, desert-like region in the south to the opposite extreme of wet and cool in the northwest, so too the wines change from region to region. From light whites to rosé to medium-bodied reds to heavy, alcoholic reds, there is a style and a particular wine

that will satisfy the most discriminating palate.

Let's begin our tour in the South. There is not much to tantalize us here. Yes, the desert is surprising to see in a land that we consider lush and highly developed, but its proximity to Africa and its seclusion created by the surrounding mountains, make for very little land suitable for agriculture. Except if you like fortified wine.

In the southwest corner, near the port city of Jerez, is a small pocket of land mildly suitable for agriculture. But the enterprising Spaniards have adapted well to their environment. They have been refining a unique process for centuries and have influenced history with the wine from this region: Sherry.

The final product sold in wine shops is the result of a laborious, time-consuming method that is painstakingly watched over. Sherry has been revered for

centuries, from the 15th century Spanish explorers who brought this fortified (and therefore long-lasting) wine on all of their expeditions, to the English, who considered Sherry to be medicinal.

Let's take a look at the wine-making process: cultivated white grapes are spread out in the sun to dry, like raisins, intensifying the sugar content. After fermentation, the wine juice is exposed to air, allowing a yeast layer to grow on top of the barrel of wine, which interacts with the natural alcohol in the barrels.

Next comes the first of two unique steps. A type of brandy is added to fortify the wine to an alcohol level of 15 to 17 percent. When sufficiently mature, the wine goes through a second unique step: a blending process called the solera system. A portion of the wine from the current vintage, from 5 percent to 30 percent, is transferred from its original barrel to a barrel of a previous vintage. The displaced wine from that barrel is then transferred to the next oldest barrel, and so on for up to nine or more barrels.

At the end of the line, the (first) sherry removed from the oldest blended barrel is bottled. This blending allows the winemaker to produce a consistent wine that has marvelous components each year.

There are two basic styles of Sherries produced and multiple subsets of these. Fino Sherries are lighter, typically served cold with tapas and are a bit austere, with bright acidity and a sharp, light salty

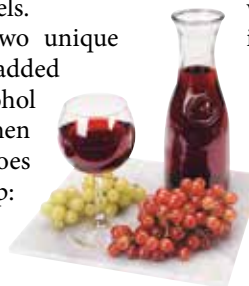
nut flavor. Olorosos are served at room temperature with dessert or cheese. They are robust and rich flavored, with a vanilla and caramel aroma and a hazelnut bouquet.

The best Sherries will hold their own against any other aperitif or dessert wine, including moscato, port, ice wine and Sauternes.

One of my favorites was described by a friend who is Sherry-obsessed: "It can be enjoyed on its own, but it pairs so well with desserts, especially chocolate and cheese. It has an intense flavor of raisins, figs and spices with a syrupy texture that complements the dessert at hand."

Experimentation will reward you with a new wine in your repertoire of favorite wines. Sherry should be an addition to your wine-consuming bucket list.

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Sponsored by the Westchester Community for Humanistic Judaism, Scheit's talk will feature details about various women who made significant contributions to New York City, such as Emma Lazarus, Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney, Jane Jacobs, Bess Meyerson and others. Scheit is noted for his many presentations at the New York Public Library, the 92nd Street Y, the Hebrew Home for the Aged, the Zigfield Society and other venues. A Q&A, refreshments and a Havdalah service will follow. Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 468 Rosedale Ave., White Plains. 2:30 p.m. Free; donations welcome. Info: Call Dmitry at 6 p.m. at 914-713-8828 or visit www.wchj.org.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Tommy McClellan Album Recording. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 6 and 8 p.m. \$20. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaugh.com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

Organ Concert. Three outstanding organists, Alexander Leonardi, Bruce Xu and Reilly Xu, all high school juniors attending the Juilliard School's Pre-College Division, will come together for

a recital on the new Klais Organ in an exciting concert. This varied program includes works by Bach, Sweelinck, Lidon, Widor, Vierne, Langlais and Duruflé. Followed by a reception. Church of St. James the Less, 10 Church Lane, Scarsdale. 7 p.m. Suggested donation: \$20. Info: 914-723-6100 or visit www.stjamesscarsdale.org.

Ballroom Social. Great music and dancing on a 3,500-square-foot dance floor. Enjoy a pleasant time with friends. Includes food and snacks, plus raffle tickets. Broadway 26 Dance, 26 Broadway, Hawthorne. 7:30 to 11 p.m. \$18. Third Saturday of each month. Info: 914-579-2228 or visit www.broadway26dance.com.

Molsky's Mountain Drifters. The grace and wisdom of longtime fiddle player and multi-instrumentalist Bruce Molsky, described as "an absolute master," melds with the electricity of guitarist Stash Wyslouch and banjo player Allison de Groot's to bring new ideas to old music. Hear the satisfying blend of these distinct yet harmonious musicians that brings the folk tradition to the intimate Music Room. Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts, 149 Girdle Ridge Rd., Katonah. 8 p.m. \$25, \$40, \$55 and \$70. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.



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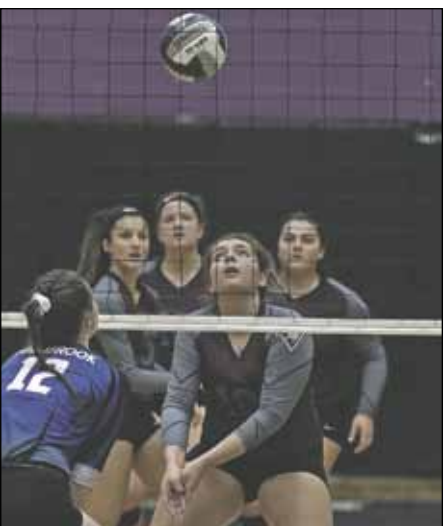
Viking junior Linda Rossi bumps the ball in Saturday's regional final against Millbrook.



The Vikings' Stephanie Sicilian (center) and Sophia Cavallo try to stop Millbrook's Sam McKenna during Saturday night's Class C state playoff showdown.



Valhalla's Stephanie Sicilian gives it her all trying to reach the ball in the Vikings' season-ending three-games-to-two loss to Section 9 champ Millbrook on Saturday evening.



With a trio of teammates looking on, the Vikings' Stephanie Sicilian concentrates on setting the ball during Saturday night's suspense-filled matchup with Millbrook.



It was a disappointing finish to a great season for Valhalla players, left to right, Linda Rossi, Stephanie Sicilian, Stefania Rinaldi and Sofiah Paccheco.



Valhalla junior Jasmine Grant is met by Millbrook's Bella Darnell high above the net in the Class C regional final at John Jay in Cross River.



Valhalla senior Velina Greco provides some words of encouragement to her teammates during a huddle between games of the regional final against Millbrook.

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Valhalla vs. Millbrook

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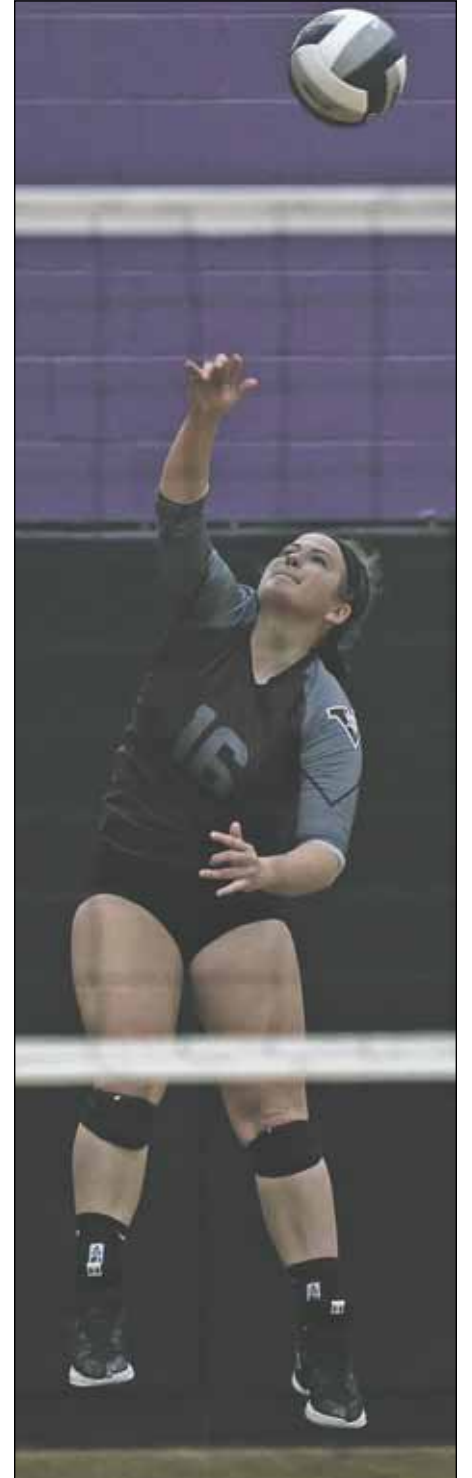
Valhalla's Sofiah Paccheco (7) and Stephanie Sicilian attempt to block the ball that Millbrook's Erin Fox just slammed over the net in Saturday's regional final in the state playoffs.



The Vikings' Jasmine Grant provides a formidable obstacle for Millbrook's Cecilia Dignan.



Stefania Rinaldi (left) and Isabella Masucci converge to bump the ball back in Valhalla's state playoff match against the Millbrook Blazers.



Valhalla's Linda Rossi rises in the air as she hits a serve in the Class C state regional vs. Millbrook.

Setters Earn Their First Victory of the New Basketball Season

By Andy Jacobs

It's hard to overlook the fact that the Pace men's basketball team struggled mightily to win games in the Northeast-10 Conference a year ago. But as the curtain rises on the 2018-19 season, Setter head coach Matt Healing insists his returning players are not dwelling on their past misfortunes.

"To be honest, I don't think we think much about last year, other than the knowledge that we can compete," he was saying Sunday evening, shortly after the Setters had earned their first victory of the brand new campaign. "You know, we lost 10 games by single digits last year. Those four conference wins could've easily been eight or 10 conference wins for us."

With the start of NE10 competition just days away, the Setters geared up by splitting their pair of games in the season-opening 2018 Conference Challenge this past weekend, hosted by Pace at the Goldstein Fitness Center. Brandon Jacobs and Peyton Wejnert combined for 39 points, while Greg Poleon added 13 points and eight rebounds as the Setters downed Queens College 72-51 on Sunday after falling to the Chestnut Hill College Griffins the day before.



The Setters' Austin Gilbertson fires a jump shot in the first half against Queens College.



Junior forward Peyton Wejnert scored 19 points in Pace's win on Sunday afternoon.

"Always great to get our first win," said Healing, now in his fourth year at the Setters' helm. "I thought for us it was on the defensive end. We really wanted to compete on the defensive end. Held them to 33 percent field-goal shooting. We've just got to keep building up on that, and that'll be the cornerstone for us finding success for the most part."

The Setters found themselves trailing 16-12 just over eight and a half minutes into the game before Wejnert scored on a short turnaround in the lane to spark a 10-2 spurt that gave Pace the lead for good. Despite making just 10 of their 28 shots from the field, the Setters walked off the court at halftime in possession of a 33-27 advantage.

Early in the second half, Queens



Ray Montilus of Pace attempts to slip past a pair of Queens College defenders in the lane during the Setters' 72-51 victory on Sunday.



The Setters' Greg Poleon rises above the crowd for a put-back basket in the victory over Queens College at the Goldstein Fitness Center.

College guard Elijah Bovell connected on a pair of 3-pointers and the Setters' lead was cut to four points. The Knights were still within 45-41 after a short jumper by Kevin Buron with 13:25 remaining. But moments later, the Setters' Jacobs, who averaged 12 points a game as a freshman last year, nailed a 3-pointer to start an 8-0 Pace run.

The Pace burst was capped when Wejnert, who finished with 19 points, powered his way inside for a layup with 9:20 left on the clock. Queens never got any closer than nine points after that and any chance for a Knights' comeback disappeared when the Setters soon went on a 15-2 burst that concluded with a Poleon 3-pointer with just over two minutes to go.

"They got off to a hot-shooting start the first four minutes of the second half," said Healing about the Knights. "But we were able to gather ourselves and really put together a strong last 15, 16 minutes of the second half on the defensive end. I still don't think we're shooting the ball as well as we would like.

But we're getting great shots, we're getting good attacks. We've just gotta keep trusting the process and trusting each other."

The new season began for the Setters a day earlier when they failed to protect a four-point halftime lead against Chestnut Hill College. The Griffins only made nine of their 36 shots in the opening half, but were a blistering 71 percent from the field in the second, outscoring Pace by 14 points to win 87-77.

"We just didn't execute and then it kind of snowballed from there," said Healing, whose team was a woeful four of 23

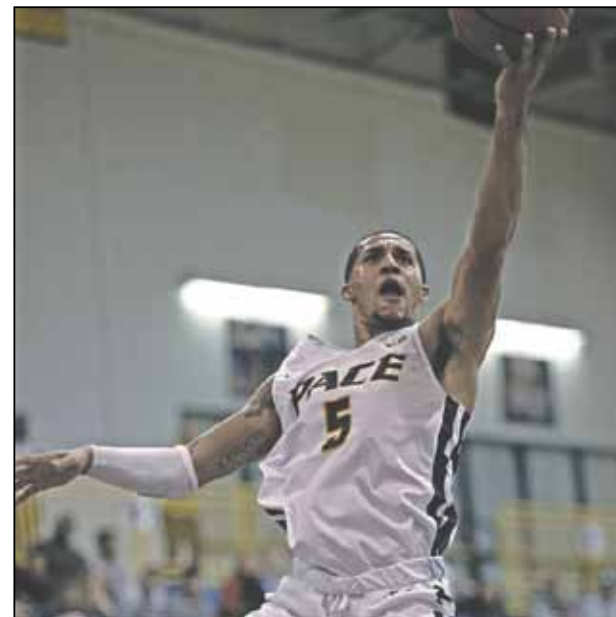


Pace sophomore guard Brandon Jacobs tries to drive past Shomari Redd of Queens College in the first half of Sunday's game.

from beyond the 3-point line and just 11 of 19 from the free-throw line. "We shot the ball well for the most part in the preseason and I don't think we're shooting it bad in practice. Just some early season stuff that we've got to work out."

When the Setters arrive in Garden City on Wednesday evening for their NE10 opener against Adelphi, Healing is hoping his nucleus from last year, bolstered by impressive newcomers Martin Mann and junior transfer Tyrone Cohen Jr., will be up to the challenge.

"For the most part, the meat of our team is all guys who went through the fire last year," he said. "We've got good kids. We've got confident kids. They believe in what we're doing and they're playing hard for each other. I think if we continue to buy into that and share the basketball and play hard on defense, good things'll happen for us."



Tyrone Cohen Jr. of Pace gets inside the lane for a layup in the Setters' win at home on Sunday.

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Westhill players Reilly Sizing (left) and Braden Krzykowski celebrate after combining to score the only goal of Sunday's state final against Briarcliff.

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**Westhill 1, Briarcliff 0
Faller Field, Middletown, NY
Sunday, November 11**



Justin Duffy gets control of the ball in Sunday's state championship game at Faller Field.



Briarcliff senior Alex Benson controls the ball in Sunday's state final.



Briarcliff's Matt Li reacts after time ran out on the Bears in their 1-0 loss to Westhill in the Class B state championship game on Sunday.



The Bears' Jason Oppong turns on the speed as he chases the ball in the second half of the Class B state championship against Westhill, the Section 3 champion from just outside of Syracuse.



Briarcliff senior captain Colby Cho has some room to run in the second half vs. Westhill.



The Bears' Alex Cabeca draws plenty of attention as he moves toward the Westhill goal in the second half of Sunday's Class B state championship game.



Briarcliff's Matt Sturman maneuvers past Westhill's David McPeak during the Class B state championship game at Middletown High School.



Briarcliff goal keeper Andrew Kanovsky makes a big save against Westhill's Adam Herne late in Sunday's Class B state final in Middletown.



The Bears' Chris Li walks dejectedly off the field following the 1-0 loss in the state final.



Briarcliff junior James Varriano takes the ball up the field vs. Section 3 champ Westhill.



Briarcliff players, left to right, Colby Cho, Justin Duffy, Matt Sturman, James Varriano and Fernando Munoz form a defensive wall as Westhill's Braden Krzykowski gets set to boot the ball toward the Bears' goal in Sunday's state final.



Briarcliff senior captain Alex Cabeca sends a shot at the East Aurora goal during Saturday morning's Class B state semifinal game.



The Bears' Jason Oppong pursues the ball down the left sideline in the second half of Saturday's win over East Aurora.

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Briarcliff 1, East Aurora 0
Faller Field, Middletown, NY
Saturday, November 10, 2018



Briarcliff junior Chris Li sets his sights on the ball near midfield during the second half of the 1-0 regional win over East Aurora.



Briarcliff junior Matt Sturman reacts after scoring the game's only goal in Saturday morning's 1-0 Bear victory in the state regional game against Section 6 champ East Aurora.



Daniel de Castro of Briarcliff passes the ball to a teammate in the second half of Saturday morning's state regional game on the turf of Middletown's Faller Field.



The Bears' Fernando Munoz moves the ball up the field despite some resistance from behind against East Aurora, the Section 6 champ from just outside of Buffalo.

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