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Town, Sunshine Home Neighbors Meet Over Water Concerns

By Martin Wilbur

Homeowners neighboring the Sunshine Children's Home were told last week that ongoing well monitoring will determine if the expanded facility negatively impacts their water supplies and whether it would require mitigation.

The town's consulting hydrogeologist, William Canavan, president of HydroEnvironmental Solutions, Inc., and Director of Planning Sabrina Charney Hull held an informational forum last Wednesday evening with about 20 residents who live near the Spring Valley Road site in hopes of answering questions and easing concerns about the water issue.

Questions surrounding whether Sunshine's three on-site wells could support the expansion from 54 to 122 beds and from less than 19,000 square feet to 143,000 square feet has been one

of several key topics stemming from the three-year review of the controversial project and now the start of work at the 33-acre property.

The session was scheduled by the town after neighbors requested an update on the project's well monitoring program, which started last July, one of Sunshine's conditions for approval that would determine baseline water use. Last May, the town's Zoning Board of Appeals approved a special permit to allow the project to move forward.

Canavan said with his firm tracking Sunshine's usage and eight homeowners' wells being monitored within a 2,500-foot radius, it would be apparent if the facility is responsible for drawing down water in the area's residential wells.

"Doing what I've done as long as I have, I think if there's a drought
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Mount Pleasant Ponders Law to Prohibit Marijuana Sales, Possession

By Sean Browne

Mount Pleasant officials made it clear last week that they don't want marijuana anywhere in their town.

The Town Board is looking to adopt a law that would ban the possession, sale and use of marijuana. It follows Pleasantville's recently approved prohibition on its retail sale and associated products to counter a proposal from Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

Legalizing the sale of marijuana was included in the governor's proposed \$175 billion state budget in January. Cuomo has projected that it would eventually generate an additional \$300 million in revenue for the state.

Councilman Nicholas DiPaolo said Mount Pleasant needs to follow in Pleasantville's footsteps, although the

village's law pertains only to preventing the sale of marijuana and not possession or use.

"Since his [Gov. Cuomo] proposal a lot of towns in Westchester have actually jumped to the front of the line on this issue," DiPaolo said. "I know that our supervisor has spoken with many supervisors across Westchester, and everyone is fairly unanimous in their feeling about this."

Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi hasn't kept his sentiments secret. In an op-ed last week in The Examiner, he strongly opposed Cuomo's proposal.

"We are in the midst of an opioid epidemic, and now New York State, for the sake of financial benefit will promote the use of a known, mind-altering substance and gateway drug," Fulgenzi wrote. "The
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A Sea of Green



SEAN MORAN PHOTO

Residents of all ages turned out last Saturday on a sparkling afternoon to take in the 29th annual Mount Kisco St. Patrick's Day parade. More than 60 organizations, including Irish step dancers, bagpipe bands, military bands, marching bands and reenactors, along with antique cars and fire trucks were cheered on by crowds lining the parade route. Those included, from left, James Moran, 6, and Zach Horowitz and Thomas Moran, both 8, all of whom attend Mount Kisco Elementary School. For more photos from the parade, see page 17.

North Castle Democrats Endorse Schiliro for Another Term

By Martin Wilbur

The North Castle Democratic Committee made its selection for this year's town election official last Wednesday by endorsing three-term Supervisor Michael Schiliro and Councilman Jose Berra while adding a political newcomer to the ticket.

Schiliro, 54, who also served six years as councilman before being elected supervisor in 2013, said he enjoys serving the town and working with a board that leaves political differences at the door.

"I really enjoy being part of local government because it's the purest form of government," Schiliro said. "I have a strong sense that we're able to get things done that directly impacts people's lives."

Major land use proposals such as the mixed-use Eagle Ridge development on



North Castle Supervisor Michael Schiliro will be running for a fourth term this November.

a parcel formerly owned by IBM and the sensitive Mariani Gardens property along with the potential restructuring of
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Q: This sounds painful, is there anything I can do to lower my risk?

A: Absolutely. Warm up before exercising to get your blood circulating; drink plenty of water to hydrate your muscles and tendons; and be aware of the temperature outside – strenuous activities in cooler temperatures put you at a higher risk. Your tendons become less elastic, less malleable and more prone to injury.

Q: What are symptoms of a rupture?

A: If it's a rupture, you'll likely experience one or more of these symptoms: the feeling of having been kicked in the back of the leg or heel; a popping sound when

the injury occurs; possible severe pain, with swelling near the heel; an inability to bend the foot downward or push off the injured leg when walking; an inability to stand on the toes of the injured leg.

Q: What should I do if I have symptoms?

A: If you have any of these symptoms, elevate and ice the leg to minimize swelling. If you're unable to bear weight you should go to the Emergency Room. If you can bear weight, make an appointment with an orthopedic surgeon for a diagnosis. If it's a rupture, I generally recommend surgery. Non-surgical management is associated with a higher risk of re-rupture and decreased strength. The goal of surgical treatment is to pull the frayed tendons together at the right length for optimal long-term function. This results in faster, more efficient tendon healing.

Regardless of the type of treatment, an Achilles tendon rupture requires a year or more to recover with full function. Consistent physical therapy will help strengthen your calf muscles and your Achilles tendon so you're able to resume all the activities you were doing before the rupture, without pain. The reported risk of re-rupture after surgical repair is about five percent.

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Town, Sunshine Home Neighbors Meet Over Water Concerns

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you guys have plenty of water here," Canavan said. "But we're going to see it, we're going to monitor it and we're going to know what's going on."

He said there are several mitigation measures that could be imposed should it be determined that Sunshine's water use is causing shortages in the area's wells. Options include pumping less water, placing the affected neighbor or neighbors' off-site water pump deeper into their well, drilling the existing well deeper or drilling a new well.

The town is holding a significant bond that would be used to pay for work if it was proven that Sunshine's water use is causing a problem, Hull said.

The town could also revoke Sunshine's Certificate of Occupancy, she said.

Sunshine is calculating using 99 gallons a day per bed, which accounts for 12,078 of its 15,000-gallon-a-day budget.

"If they're pumping more than they should be pumping based on the data that (Canavan) is reviewing, and we're getting phone calls from people who are living in this area that they are having well problems, then we're going to put two and two together because that data that we have on site, combined with the



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

William Canavan, New Castle's consulting hydrogeologist, speaks at a special informational meeting last week trying to ease fears regarding the Sunshine Children's Home's impact on water use.

data that we're logging in neighboring wells, we'll have a good sense of who is being impacted," Hull said.

Canavan said during the first six months of monitoring, water levels in the eight wells showed typical patterns of use and recovery.

"Right now, I'm 100 percent confident based on the data I've seen on and off site that when they pump their wells with what they're using, they're not affecting anybody off site," Canavan said.

Furthermore, Sunshine representatives

have said the home will no longer irrigate its grounds with well water, Hull said. The facility has used as much as 10,000 gallons of water a day. Instead, a system will be installed that collects rainwater in underground tanks providing what is needed for irrigation.

Residents who spoke at last week's meeting remained highly skeptical. Glendale Road resident Cynthia Manocherian asked why Sunshine isn't required to perform a pump test that would mimic their daily water needs once expanded. During the winter the facility has been typically using 4,000 to 5,000 gallons a day but that is almost certain to rise in warm weather.

There is also suspicion because Sunshine provided the town the equivalent of just two years of historical data, rather than the required five years, she said.

"They refused to do a pump test before Sunshine Home was given approvals (which) makes no sense and that they refused to get the complete data together for the off-site wells as well as the on-site wells before giving construction permits. It's a backwards process," Manocherian said.

Manocherian's attorney, Adam Stolorow, who attended the meeting, said

the following day that there is concern that Sunshine plans to use collected rainwater not just for irrigation but for firefighting, raising concerns that they would not have enough water on hand to do both.

Combined with an episode over the 2017 Thanksgiving weekend where Sunshine engaged in unauthorized work on one of its wells, distrust has continued to grow.

"Can you understand the concern of the community that we're having problems getting them under control with the simplest of issues?" said Karen Wells, a Cortlandt resident who is part of a group called the Greater Teatown Defense Alliance fighting Sunshine and the Hudson Wellness Center, a proposed drug rehab facility just over the border into Cortlandt.

Resident David Valdez echoed a sentiment from neighbors who are having a hard time understanding how a facility like Sunshine that will expand so dramatically won't have an impact on their environment, including water.

"I just find the scale of what was approved – and it's already approved – to be breathtaking for a residential community," he said.

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Sunshine Children's Home Attorney Takes Off Gloves to Defend Client

This is the first part of a two-part article in the ongoing fight between the Sunshine Children's Home and surrounding neighbors. The second part will run next week.

By Martin Wilbur

In 2015, attorney Mark Weingarten began appearing before the New Castle Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board advocating for the Sunshine Children's Home and its owner Ari Friedman.

For three years, he steadfastly steered clear of offending neighbors around the home amid mounting criticism and opposition to the expansion of the Spring Valley Road facility that cares for medically fragile children. The expansion will allow the home to more than double the number of beds from 54 to 122 while increasing square footage from about 19,000 to 143,000 square feet.

Following the ZBA's approval of a special permit last May, Sunshine began site work this winter even as three lawsuits remain in various stages of litigation. But last week Weingarten strenuously defended accusations leveled against his client ranging from motivations of profit to his law firm holding influence over state Supreme Court justices.

"He's an incredible person. He has great faith in God, he believes in the children

and he believes in his cause," Weingarten said of Friedman who bought the facility about a decade ago and has two of his children as residents. "I know that he is terribly disappointed as to how this has transpired."

What has transpired has been a level of distrust that has metastasized and is unusual even for a large and controversial development project. Whether it's impact on water or questions over the anticipated blasting this spring and the potential effect on nearby silver mines, Weingarten maintained that Sunshine has been subjected to more stringent review than what is required by law.

He said the calls that there should have been a positive declaration from the ZBA are off base.

"The bottom line is every study that could have possibly been conducted in an Environmental Impact Study has already been completed and submitted," Weingarten said. "That is why the courts have ruled it's been an appropriate procedure. It is silly for them to suggest, having been represented by very able counsel, and (for Sunshine) to have spent millions of dollars on consultants, that there are things here that weren't studied."

Water is perhaps the biggest issue. Weingarten said regardless of what the neighbors have argued, Sunshine is limited to 15,000 gallons of water use

a day, the current limit. It is also required to build a filtration plant to ensure the water is clean should they have to deepen their wells.

Despite doubling the number of beds in the facility, Weingarten said Sunshine will install a system that would use rainwater rather than well water for irrigation. That would free up as much as 10,000 gallons a day. At 99 gallons of water use per bed per day, that leaves the facility with leeway.

Weingarten said discussions a few years ago to bring municipal water from Ossining broke down after opponents pressured officials. A municipal water supply would have ended all debate about impacts on wells.

"To me, that's what exposes them," he said. "They're trying to raise issues to stop the expansion. They really don't care about the water."

However, Adam Stolorow, the attorney for Glendale Road resident Cynthia Manocherian, who is one of the litigants against Sunshine, flatly denied that claim. He said it sparked further development fears even though New Castle officials were exploring the possibility of bringing



Attorney Mark Weingarten, representing Sunshine Children's Home, before the New Castle ZBA at a 2016 meeting.

more water into the west end of town for fire protection.

But an intermunicipal agreement and creation of a water district that would involve Sunshine required it being included in the state Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process, Stolorow argued.

"Buying municipal water would be a big project and it's for Sunshine's expansion, so if you're going to do it, you have to look at the impacts along with the impacts of the project," Stolorow said. "And then it died."

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Mount Pleasant Ponders Law to Prohibit Marijuana Sales, Possession

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implications are outrageous.”

DiPaolo said he believes Cuomo has rushed the proposal.

“This is kind of being jammed down pretty quickly,” he said. “There has been no discussion of the educational component. If you are going to legalize the recreational use of something, how are we going to safeguard kids from it.”

It’s not just the board that is opposing the move toward allowing retail marijuana

sales. Mount Pleasant Police Chief Paul Oliva, who is president of the Westchester County Chiefs of Police Association, cited several concerns with the proposal.

Oliva said easy access for minors, an upswing in motor vehicle accidents and the potential for various health risks are issues that must be addressed.

However, Councilwoman Francesca Hagadus-McHale said she doesn’t believe that the town would be able to enforce the portion of the local legislation outlawing

possession and use if the state legalizes recreational marijuana.

“I think if possession becomes legal they can’t override that,” Hagadus-McHale said.

It is unclear what the final bill would include. The governor’s proposal would allow only counties and cities with a population of at least 100,000 to prohibit marijuana sales. There is another proposal in the state Senate that allows for municipalities to opt out.

“If the state wants to challenge that then we will have to face that at a later point,” DiPaolo said. “We do have the ability to look at zoning restrictions for the sale of this as well. I would imagine that the zoning restrictions would probably relate to proximity to school.”

The Town Board has scheduled a public hearing on Tuesday night at 8 p.m. to gather feedback from residents on its proposed law.

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some town departments are decisions that Schiliro said he would like to be part of.

There are also critical new hires to be made, including appointing a new town administrator and recreation superintendent.

The newest member to the town’s political scene is Saleem Hussain, 38, a North White Plains resident. He runs strategy functions for the Cognitive Applications Unit at IBM in Armonk, where he has worked for about 13 years.

Hussain, who serves on the board of the Friends of the North Castle Public Library and has volunteered at the Armonk Outdoor Art Show, said he cares deeply about the town and wants to contribute.

He and his wife have three young children with a fourth on the way.



Incumbent Jose Berra, left, and first-time candidate Saleem Hussain round out the Democrats’ ticket.

“We were welcomed from the beginning in the community and we care so much about the lives we have here, as one would expect we would, and over time I’m getting more and more involved and there’s a lot of really important things to do,” Hussain said.

He hopes to address issues that affect young families in town and also make sure that North White Plains has sufficient

representation.

“The representation of that hamlet is important and I want to make sure that is something I’ll always carry with me,” Hussain said.

During the course of the year, Hussain said he plans to interact more with residents to learn more about their priorities.

With the deadline for nominating petitions approaching early next month, it is unclear whether the Democrats will have competition in November. Republican Committee Chair Anita Cozza said last week that the GOP doesn’t have candidates yet for the election, other than endorsing Town Justice Elyse Lazansky and Town Clerk Alison Simon. The committee also is backing County Legislator Margaret Cunzio.

Cozza said the change in the election

law, which pushed up the petition-carrying period about three months, along with the sudden announcement last month that Councilman Stephen D’Angelo would not seek a third term, caught the committee by surprise.

Armonk developer Michael Fareri said his own candidacy or finding candidates that he would support is still a possibility but that he has been preoccupied with personal matters. Fareri, a Republican, said in January that he wanted to challenge the incumbents because they have failed to increase the tax base and property values have sunk.

“Hopefully, I will be able to consider running,” he said. “If not, I’m certainly looking for qualified, intelligent business people to be able to get into the positions to make fair, honest decisions.”

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New Castle Republicans Announce Slate for Town Election

By Martin Wilbur

Three first-time political candidates will be on the New Castle Republican ticket in this November's town elections, it was announced last Wednesday.

Leading the slate, which calls itself Team New Castle, is seven-year Chappaqua resident Jim Smith, who will run for supervisor. He will be accompanied by Streetscape Committee member and former Chappaqua-Millwood Chamber of Commerce Vice President Lauren Levin and town resident Sean Maraynes, whose family has lived in New Castle for generations.

They will be taking on Councilwoman Ivy Pool, the Democrats' supervisor candidate. Her running mates will be incumbent Councilman Jeremy Saland and Millwood Fire Commissioner Jason Lichtenthal.

Smith, 45, a consultant who helps companies address fiscal issues, said since he's lived in New Castle its financial position and quality of life have improved, but there are ongoing challenges for the town. He said striking the right balance between development that will help the tax base and ease property tax pressures and preserving the town's rural characteristics is essential.

"I've seen a lot of pressure mounting from all the decisions frankly made from all kinds of government and I think our



The three candidates on this year's New Castle Republican ticket — Jim Smith, left, who is running for supervisor, and Lauren Levin and Sean Maraynes, hopefuls for the council seats.



residents feel that pressure on their home values, concerns about quality of life, the reasons why they came town in the first place," Smith said.

"I think looking at development and encouraging a commercial tax base is sort of against our desire to protect the environment and as a rural town it's a puzzle and I think I'm well-suited to sort it out."

That pressure has been heightened with the approaching Con Edison natural gas moratorium, which will place

an additional hurdle on the town's plans to reshape downtown Chappaqua.

Smith, who is currently a registered Republican, had been a Democrat in his early days. During college and immediately afterwards he interned and then worked for former vice President Al Gore on the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign and also worked on the Inauguration Committee.

However, over the years Smith said he no longer feels at home with either major party. He said there's no place for

partisanship in local government.

"I'm so passionate about that because I see it getting (in the way) all the time," said Smith, who has served on the Planning Board in the Town of Fremont in Sullivan County where he is currently the chairman. Smith also owns a house in that community and said he would leave the Fremont board if he is elected supervisor.

Smith's political stripes mirrors the New Castle Republican Committee's

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No Injuries Reported in Pleasantville House Fire



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A fire tore through the top floor of a single-family house on Bedford Road Sunday evening damaging a portion of the upstairs but authorities reported that no one was hurt.

The Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call of a structure fire at 8:40 p.m., said Chief Stephane Zapletal. Pleasantville firefighters, assisted by the Chappaqua, Thornwood and Valhalla departments, were able to get the blaze under

control 10 to 15 minutes after arriving, Zapletal said. Pleasantville Volunteer Ambulance Corps also responded in case there were injuries.

He said the house was occupied at the time but everyone was able to leave safely. The house sustained fire and smoke damage.

Zapletal did not mention the cause of the fire but did say that it was accidental.

--Martin Wilbur

New Castle Republicans Announce Slate for Town Election

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goal of taking divisive party politics out of local issues. Warren Gottlieb, chairman of the New Castle Republican Committee, said the ticket embodies that sentiment.

"Consistent with the last three local election cycles, our committee is confident that town voters will again embrace our non-partisan, local-issues-first approach and support Jim, Lauren and Sean as they carry the torch of good government forward for the entire community," Gottlieb said. "We are truly excited the town has a ticket of this strength heading into the 2019 election cycle."

Levin, 36, a former buyer for Lord & Taylor, said she decided to run for Town Board after she has been closely involved in serving on the Streetscape Committee and helping the Chamber of Commerce to try to reinvigorate downtown. She created Wine Around Town, patterned after the successful Art Around Town, to attract residents and visitors to the hamlet.

"For me, I really enjoy serving the town," said Levin, a registered Republican who described herself as fiscally conservative and socially liberal. "The chamber of commerce, I

got that position because of my retail background with the merchants. I know everybody who owns the stores in Chappaqua because my kids and I go to their stores, have lunch there and it's fulfilling for me. To do something like this, to get to the next level, where now I have the opportunity to be a councilmember is really exciting."

Maraynes, 36, a former assistant district attorney in the Bronx who is now a civil litigator for a White Plains law firm, comes from a family that has called New Castle home for four generations. He said maintaining New Castle's broad rural character just a 45-minute commute from Manhattan while attracting appropriate development will be the key challenge moving forward.

"Most people agree that that's something they love about Chappaqua and New Castle and they don't want it to change," explained Maraynes, who said he is currently politically unaffiliated after having been a member of both major parties. "But at the same time, we need to develop certain areas and want certain things and we sort of have to have a vision of having a certain identity."

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**CitiMortgage, Inc.,
Plaintiff, -against-**

Shawnequa Alleyne, as Administrator and Heir to the Estate of Gloria D. Albert a/k/a Gloria Downs Albert a/k/a Gloria Albert a/k/a Gloria Elizabeth Downs Albert, Dominique Albert a/k/a Dominique T. Albert, as Heir to the Estate of Gloria D. Albert a/k/a Gloria Downs Albert a/k/a Gloria Albert a/k/a Gloria Elizabeth Downs Albert, Lamont Albert, as Heir to the Estate of Gloria D. Albert a/k/a Gloria Downs Albert a/k/a Gloria Albert a/k/a Gloria Elizabeth Downs Albert, Anton Albert, Jr., as Heir to the Estate of Gloria D. Albert a/k/a Gloria Downs Albert a/k/a Gloria Albert a/k/a Gloria Elizabeth Downs Albert, David Albert, as Heir to the Estate of Gloria D. Albert a/k/a Gloria Downs Albert a/k/a Gloria Albert a/k/a Gloria Elizabeth Downs Albert if living and if any be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and

their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, United States of America, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, New York State Tax Commission, Diane P. Servello, Freddy Albert,

Defendants.

Index No.: 59337/2018

Filed: 2/8/2019

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Bedford's \$139M Proposed School Budget Meets Tax Cap, Pays Debt

By Erin Maher

Bedford Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christopher Manno released a \$139 million preliminary budget for 2019-20 last week that is tax cap compliant while paying the escalating debt service from a 2012 capital projects referendum.

Under the currently proposed plan, there would be a 3.81 percent tax levy increase, the highest allowable number to adhere to the cap. Administrators have yet to calculate the tax rate increase for homeowners.

The first draft of next year's budget increases spending by \$3,520,987 or 2.42 percent over the current year.

Bedford was listed as the third most fiscally stressed school district in the state for the 2015-16 school year. School officials were forced to slash 52 positions to close a large deficit to help the district recover from its fiscal woes. Manno was appointed superintendent in June 2016 and in the subsequent years has made budget innovation and fiscal responsibility a major priority.

The board's budget planning the past few years has focused on improving the district's fiscal health. Last year's spending plan was the first year since 2015-16 that the district added positions with no staff cuts.

Manno and the Board of Education's fiscal prudence has proved successful. In

January, the district received a no fiscal distress designation.

"We're really at a phase and a period (of) time of rebuilding and growing after a fiscal crisis," Manno said. "We're in year four of that journey, so we've been able to grow in the past few years."

The 2019-20 budget will see no new hires. Instead, there will be a reduction of four elementary school-level positions because of declining enrollment along with the elimination of a part-time Civil Service Employees Association position.

The proposed budget has allotted \$8,907,549 to pay for debt service, a nearly 21 percent increase, including nearly doubling the payment on the principal

to more than \$2.3 million. That jump is mainly a result of the voter-approved 2012 capital bond referendum. Interest payment of all district debt will increase \$1.35 million next year to more than \$5.5 million.

In 2012, voters approved a \$31,828,238 proposition that financed projects across the district, including roof replacement at Bedford Hills Elementary School, Bedford Village Elementary School and Fox Lane High School. Money was also allocated from that bond for science labs at Fox Lane Middle School, boilers at West Patent Elementary School and work to make both of those schools ADA compliant.

The proposed budget also allocates \$153,000 for elementary school professional development focusing on literacy to improve the Readers Workshop program. Another \$200,000 is being set aside for a new computer lease for the district.

The board is scheduled to adopt a final budget on Apr. 17. The state mandated budget hearing will be held on May 8, with the annual statewide budget vote and school board election set for Tuesday, May 21.

For further information on the proposed budget, visit www.bcsdny.org.

League of Women Voters to Hold Health Care Forum March 16 in Katonah

The League of Women Voters of North East Westchester (LWVNEW) will hold its next public program on Saturday, Mar. 16, Health Care for All New Yorkers: The NY Health Act, at the Katonah Village Library at 2 p.m.

The forum will feature a screening of the film "Now is the Time: Health Care for Everybody." The screening will be followed by a panel of speakers,

including Dr. Elizabeth Rosenthal, a member of Physicians for a National Health Program and the League of Women Voters, and Peter Arno, a health economist.

The program is free and open to the public. The Katonah Village Library is located at 26 Bedford Rd. in Katonah. For more information, e-mail LWVNEW@gmail.com.

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Obituaries

Rita Fisher

Pleasantville resident Rita Vradjaly Fisher died peacefully Jan. 30 at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco, surrounded by loving members of her family.

She succumbed following a valiant five-month battle with cancer. She was 81.

Born in Sophia, Bulgaria, in 1938 to Jewish parents Meir and Victoria Vradjaly, Fisher and her family — along with the entire population of 50,000 Bulgarian Jews — survived the Holocaust.

Donna Buschini

Donna L. Buschini of Valhalla died suddenly on Mar. 6.

She was 63.

Buschini was born on Oct. 22, 1955, to the late Thomas and Estelle (nee Fitsemmons) French in Mount Kisco. She worked at Armonk Bowl as a bartender from 1977 to 1997 and later as a cafeteria worker for both the Columbus Avenue School and Kensico School in the Valhalla School District and most recently at Walgreens Pharmacy in Thornwood. She was active in the Suicide Prevention walks. Donna was an amazing woman who loved life and was always the life of the party.

She is survived by her devoted husband,

In 1949, she and her family emigrated to the newly-constituted State of Israel. Once settled in Tel Aviv, Fisher quickly learned Hebrew and English and developed her considerable financial and analytical skills while working at a local bank and attending school at night.

After graduating high school, she enlisted in the Israeli army, serving two two-year terms and rising to the rank of second lieutenant. She honed skills as her unit's senior personnel officer, resolving many interpersonal conflicts and mediating disciplinary measures.

Frank Buschini, of Valhalla; by her loving daughters, Jacqui (Chris) Lampo, of Valhalla and Robyn (Joe Algieri) Buschini of Thornwood; one brother, Thomas (Lisa) French, of Waverly, Neb.; one sister, Dale French, of Pound Ridge; one cherished grandson, CJ Lampo; and three nieces, Kimberly Brendel and Cheyenne and Ashley French. She was predeceased by her beloved daughter, Jamie Lynn Buschini, in 1982 and a sister, Diane French Leonard.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Mar. 10 where funeral services were held on Mar. 11. Interment followed at Middle Patent Cemetery in Banksville. In lieu of flowers, donations to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, 361 NY-164, Patterson, N.Y. 12563 would be appreciated.

Following her service, Fisher moved to New York City in 1961 to pursue a college education, working days for the Israeli Office of Economic Development and attending Hunter College at night. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1968.

She met John, her husband-to-be, over Labor Day weekend in 1964; they married Apr. 1, 1967, shortly before the outbreak of the Six-Day War in the Middle East. Immediately after the war ended, the couple traveled to Israel so Rita could reconnect with family and friends and introduce John to everyone. Their marriage initiated a close bond with her family that deepened, lovingly, through their entire 52-year marriage.

Rita gave birth to daughter Rhya (1970) and son David (1975) and formed a deep bond of love and lasting friendship with both for the rest of her life.

She brought intellectual depth, keen analytical perception and a sense of adventure to her marriage. And she always put concern for others before her personal wants.

Most importantly, she and John treated all aspects of their life together as a great exploration and adventure. They traveled extensively, back and forth to Israel and to Greece, Turkey, Italy, France, England, the Yucatan, Puerto Rico, Canada and China.

The couple co-founded two companies:

InterMedia Communications, providing strategic planning and marketing services to the educational publishing industry, and The Learning Partnership, best known as the publishers of the magazine-based Straight Talk Prevention Program for young adolescents. These resources helped school health teachers and public health educators nationwide in their efforts to reduce risky teen behaviors related to HIV/AIDS/STD prevention, substance abuse, unintended teen pregnancy and self-esteem.

Fisher wore many hats: chief financial officer and production manager for both companies and editor-in-chief of Straight Talk magazine.

She was an avid reader and a lifelong lover of art, music, modern dance and theater. She was the family's cultural affairs organizer. Fisher was also an avid tennis player right through last summer, when she began to experience shortness of breath, the first sign of her advancing cancer. Ever the fighter, she tried to play her way through it and finally agreed to seek medical attention.

She is survived by her husband, John; daughter Rhya (Ed) of Stamford, Conn.; son David (Anna Maclay) of Conway, Mass.; and brother Albert (Judith) of Kyiat Chaim, Israel.

Her warmth, intellectual depth, ready smile and sense of humor will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

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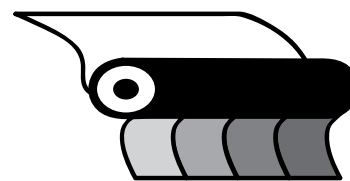
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Speakers Split on Marijuana Legalization at Harckham Forum

By Neal Rentz

Debate on the controversial issue of legalizing marijuana for sale and recreational use has surged in recent weeks and there was no shortage of opinions during a forum hosted by state Sen. Peter Harckham (D-Lewisboro) last Friday night in Mahopac.

Harckham, chairman of the Senate Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, was joined by Assemblyman Kevin Byrne (R-Mahopac) as opinions were nearly evenly split regarding legalization from about 50 people who spoke at the event.

Roger Green, executive director of the Hudson Valley chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), defending his position, saying there has been no increase in drug use among youths in the states that have legalized recreational use of marijuana.

Legalizing marijuana would also help regulate what is contained in the substance, Green said. Meanwhile, synthetic marijuana has posed dangers to users and could be barred if marijuana was regulated, he said.

Opponent Stephanie Marquesano, founder and president of the Harris Project, said she lost her 19-year-old son Harris as a result of co-occurring disorders in 2013. Co-occurring disorders is the



Roger Green, executive director of the Hudson Valley chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, spoke in favor of state legislation to legalize the recreational use of marijuana during a forum hosted by state Sen. Peter Harckham last week in Mahopac. Stephanie Marquesano, founder and president of the Harris Project, spoke out against legalizing marijuana.

combination of one or more mental health challenges and substance abuse and/or addiction, according to her organization.

Marquesano said the human brain develops until a person is 25 years old and the use of marijuana potentially poses a danger to a developing brain.

"This is a single request – slow down," she said.

Another legalization opponent was former Carmel supervisor Frank Del Campo. Gov. Andrew Cuomo has cited estimates of the state receiving an additional \$300 million in tax revenue if recreational marijuana use was legalized, but Del Campo said the governor has



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failed to factor in the added healthcare costs for those who may abuse.

Del Campo, a longtime educator, said youths who use marijuana will move on to "more and more dangerous drugs."

However, if New York State fails to legalize marijuana, people would still have access, said Lewisboro Supervisor Peter Parson. Residents could opt to buy it in surrounding states such as Rhode Island and Massachusetts and potentially New Jersey, which is also considering legalization, Parsons said.

Pleasantville resident John Mueller, who chairs the drug prevention coalition Pleasantville STRONG, said his village

passed legislation to ban the sale of marijuana in his village about two weeks ago. He said large corporations would get into the marijuana business if the substance is legalized.

"It's not going to be mom and pop shops," he said.

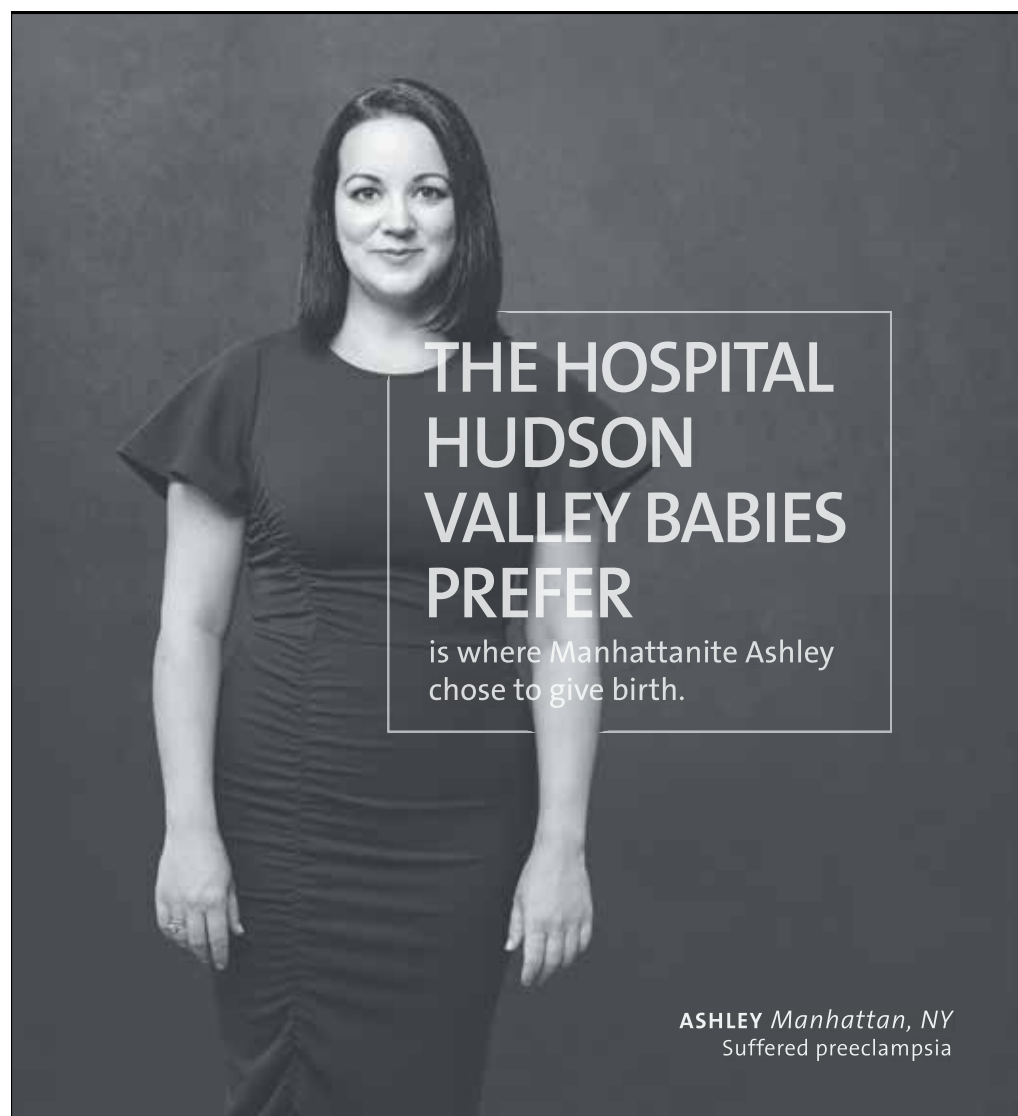
Mount Pleasant Police Chief Paul Oliva said his colleagues across Westchester County recently opposed legalization based on public safety concerns. He said marijuana is far more dangerous than in past generations.

"It's a lot more potent than it used to be," Oliva said.

Harckham acknowledged that the issue is complex and there has been wide-ranging feedback.

"Towns are concerned about increased costs of law enforcement if the measure is enacted, while schools and some parents are worried about the impact on adolescents and teenagers, whose brains are still developing," Harckham said. "A good number of smaller town electeds would like to have an opt-out provision so that their town can make the decision on what's best for their community."

Residents of the 40th state Senate District can direct comments on the issue to Harckham's office at harckham@nysenate.gov.




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Mar. 4: A resident reported at 10:33 a.m. that someone attempted to access her bank account online and withdraw \$30,000. The transaction was denied and the woman was advised by her bank to report the incident to police. An investigation is continuing.

Mar. 4: A resident arrived at the Green Street precinct at 10:53 a.m. to report that another tenant in her building was leaving the front door unlocked, causing her concern. She was advised that this was not a police matter and that she would need to resolve the issue through the landlord.

Mar. 5: Report of a domestic dispute on Woodland Street at 3:50 p.m. A woman at the residence told officers she had become frightened and called police but that the dispute was verbal in nature only.

Mar. 6: County police and the Mount Kisco Fire Department responded to an auto dealership on Kisco Avenue at 11:49 a.m. because of a gas odor. The fire department determined that a malfunction in the HVAC had caused the problem.

Mar. 6: A Parkview Place resident reported at 1:20 p.m. that someone entered his vehicle overnight when

it was parked and unlocked in his driveway. A winter jacket valued at \$200, \$25 in cash and \$10 in quarters were taken.

Mar. 7: A Valley View Terrace resident reported at 8:51 a.m. that someone went through his car in the overnight hours and took about \$5 in quarters. The vehicle had been left unlocked.

Mar. 8: Police responded to Sough Moger Avenue at 12:20 p.m. on a report that a man was yelling, walking backyards and behaving erratically. Officers located a man wearing headphones who was listening to music and he reported he had been singing and dancing along with the music. The man reported that he was not in any distress and had not meant to cause any concern.

Mar. 8: A woman reported at 4:03 p.m. that someone shoved her as she walked on North Bedford Road causing her to lose her phone. She was unable to provide any description and said the incident had occurred two hours earlier.

North Castle Police Department

Mar. 1: A caller reported at 12:05 p.m. that a co-worker was having a possible panic attack and requests an ambulance. The dispatching officer contacted 60

Control. The responding officer stated that the party is being transported to Northern Westchester Hospital.

Mar. 1: The county Department of Emergency Services reported at 6:27 p.m. that a female possibly took too much prescribed medication. The caller is in a black Toyota in the parking lot on Main Street. The responding officer reported that the party was transported to Northern Westchester Hospital with ALS aboard.

Mar. 2: Report of a dispute on Cox Avenue at 7:53 p.m. The complainant stated that a party was ejected by the referee and is refusing to leave the building. Officers responded and spoke with the complainant. Party involved left prior to the officers' arrival. Matter adjusted.

Mar. 5: A subject was arrested at 5:20 p.m. and charged with criminal possession of a controlled substances as he attempted to enter North Castle Town Court at Town Hall.

Mar. 6: Report of a suspicious person on Pheasant Drive at 10:53 a.m. A caller reported that a suspicious man is in his driveway and is not supposed to be there. The man is in a white work truck

and is described as a white male with a beard. The responding officer reported that the party was asked to leave the property.

Mar. 6: The Byram Hills bus garage reported at 3:34 p.m. that a tree limb was down on Bayberry Road, which caused one of the buses to become temporarily disabled. The garage reported that their own service crew was assisting the bus but wanted to advise police in the event the Highway Department was needed to remove the tree limb. The responding officers reported that the roadway was cleared.

Pleasantville Police Department

Mar. 3: A 24-year-old Ossining man was arrested on Clinton Street at 5:31 p.m. and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license.

Mar. 7: A Maple Hill Road resident reported at 5:46 p.m. that the property's mailbox was damaged sometime in the past 24 hours.

Mar. 8: Report of a burglary on Broadway at 3:15 p.m. No further information was available because an investigation is continuing.

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Five New Positions in Chap School Budget; Tax Levy Hike Under 1%

By Sean Browne

Chappaqua School District administrators last week proposed a \$126 million 2019-20 budget that adds the equivalent of five full-time positions but carries a modest projected tax levy increase of less than 1 percent.

Debt service will increase more than \$1.8 million to nearly \$8.3 million while salaries are expected to rise by nearly \$2 million to almost \$65.5 million.

Despite the 2.84 spending hike, the tax levy increase stands at .84 percent. The amount raised by taxes is estimated to go up by just over \$900,000 next year. Since 2012, the district has seen an average year-to-year spending hike of 1.76 percent.

"We know that 50 to 60 percent of the school districts they will go directly to the top of the tax cap," said Assistant Superintendent for Business John Chow. "That is not our tradition, we go with what we need and that is the amount we ask the taxpayers to pay."

Trustee Victoria Tipp said that while the tax cap will be the lowest that the district has had, she questioned whether officials run the danger of "leaving a lot of money on the table."

The administration has proposed that \$109,915,563 be raised by taxes, more than \$2.5 million below the allowable

limit.

Tipp said she understands the importance of fiscal responsibility but it is important for students to receive the best possible programming, which shouldn't be compromised.

Chow reassured Tipp and the other trustees that the district is offering the best programming for its students.

Administrators proposed adding the equivalent of five full-time positions.

Additions for next year include a full-time director of science research faculty position at the high school; a roaming security guard; a .5 security supervisor; two district-wide English as a New Language teachers; a full-time secretary for the athletic director's office; and a custodian that will be shared between the high school and Seven Bridges Middle School.

Two full-time middle school teacher

positions will be cut from next year's budget.

Chappaqua is expecting a state aid increase of 10.39 percent to \$9,787,259.

The district is scheduled to adopt a final budget on Apr. 17 and hold a mandated public hearing on May 8. The public will vote on the budget on Tuesday, May 21, the same day as the Board of Education election.

Byram Hills Proposes \$94.5M School Budget for 2019-20

By Aaron Notis

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jen Lamia last week presented the Byram Hills School District's proposed \$94,534,535 budget for 2019-20, a 2.37 spending increase that addresses changes in the district's shifting enrollment.

Student enrollment in the Byram Hills School District has steadily decreased during the past decade and that trend is expected to continue. In 2013-14, there were 2,583 students; studies project that by 2023-24, there will be 2,232 pupils.

As a result, the district has not replaced nine teachers who retired at the end of the 2017-18 school year.

Lamia said the current year's budget-to-budget spending hike was 1.9 percent.

"Last year was lower than the average of the past five years and this year as well," she said. "Our focus has been on enrollment, fiscal trends, expenditures, revenue and our capital improvement plan."

For next year, the district has proposed to hire a licensed clinical social worker, add one kindergarten section at Coman Hill Elementary School and add staff and initiatives to enhance security on the schools' campuses across the district.

School officials also propose to cut a school psychologist and eliminate one section of fourth grade at Wampus Brook Elementary School next year. District projections call for next year's enrollment to increase by 21 students at the K-2

Coman Hill Elementary School while it is projected to fall by 21 children at Wampus Brook.

The next budget meeting is scheduled for Mar. 19, where the Board of Education and administrators plan to review programming for special needs students, music and art programs, curriculum development and computer-assisted learning.

An estimate on revenues, including state aid, and an updated projected tax levy and tax rate will be presented at the Mar. 26 meeting. In January, the district projected an allowable maximum tax levy increase of more than \$1.4 million, about 1.82 percent.

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Letters to the Editor

Suburbanites Shouldn't Subsidize NYC With Congestion Pricing Fees

Mr. Muccin explained all the reasons why congestion pricing is necessary ("Second Opinion on How to Fix NYC Congestion Pricing Plan," Mar. 5-11). I haven't seen anything that reflects the reasons why the average suburban household should be against it.

There are reasons why those who live here don't feel it's their responsibility to subsidize the cost of providing transportation to people who live within the New York City boundaries and who can use the mass transportation system to get where they need to go.

The people who drive their cars to their place of employment within the five boroughs do so because they choose not to ride the subways and buses which run frequently and are convenient to their homes. Those of us who live in the suburbs and who are employed in New York City use the commuter trains which leave their home town and carry them into Grand Central Station or Penn Station. In order to

get to the train station, they probably have to drive to the station parking lot and pay parking fees. Oh, and by the way, the driver has to buy the car, maintain and repair it and insure it.

Those people are traveling into New York City to earn money. Their place of employment is within the boundaries of the city. So it's the cost of earning their living and it's factored into the expense of the job.

But there's another group of suburbanites who drive into New York City because they're contributing to the wealth of the city. There are museums, theaters, sporting events which attract us and make us willing to invest in the cost of those opportunities. A theater ticket, a meal (lunch or dinner) and parking can be a pretty big investment for the average household. The trains don't run more than once an hour except during rush hours. A game at Madison Square Garden can go into overtime and missing a train by a few minutes can result in a very late evening.

The people who drive into the city to attend these activities are already contributing financially to what makes New York City special. And nobody is expected to subsidize the cost of traveling to do that. But I see no reason why we should be expected to do that for New York City residents. I do understand that there are those who are financially unable to pay those costs and who need to use public transportation. I see no reason why those who benefit from the convenience provided by these services shouldn't be the ones who subsidize those less fortunate. In the suburbs, there's a lot of sharing rides and volunteer services for those unable to afford cabs.

Let the people who actually use the system pay for it. Asking those who live outside the system to pay for it is a form of taxation without representation. And we fought a war in 1776 to oppose that.

Patricia Rosafort
Mount Kisco

Congestion Pricing Revenue Should Be Shared Throughout Metro Area

Here is one way to obtain support from suburban commuters, taxpayers and their state Assembly and state Senate representatives for congestion pricing tolls. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) receives \$1.4 billion in annual assistance from various Federal Transit Administration formula funding grant programs. For decades, the MTA has distributed these dollars from Washington via a formula to operating agencies. They have been split between New York City Transit (70 to 75 percent) Long Island Rail Road

(12.5 to 15 percent) and Metro-North (12.5 to 15 percent).

If this formula for federal assistance has been accepted as fair, why not apply the same toward distribution of any future congestion toll revenues as well? Consideration should also be given to set aside 1 percent to be shared by Nassau Inter County Express, Suffolk County Transit, Westchester Bee Line, Dutchess County Loop and Putnam County bus systems. Distribution of this assistance to bus operators could follow the New York State Transportation Operating

Assistance formula.

Larry Penner
Great Neck, N.Y.

The letter writer is a transportation historian, advocate and writer who worked 31 years for the Federal Transit Administration Region 2 New York Office.

This included the development, review, approval and oversight for grants supporting billions in capital projects and programs on behalf of the MTA, New York City Transit, LIRR, Metro-North and other New York transit agencies.

A Pleasantville Civic Space Would Dramatically Improve Downtown

After reading the article about the Pleasantville civic space and Manville Road projects in the Mar. 5 Examiner ("Pleasantville Closes Hearing on Civic Space, Manville Road Projects"), I was left a bit confused. You see, I too spoke at that meeting, for as long or longer than the two people noted in your article. The only difference was I was in favor of the new green space downtown.

Positive opinions might not be as sexy but they are very important. I found out about the omission from someone who was outraged at your coverage. I believe we are all human and make mistakes, so here is your chance to make it right, here are some bits and pieces of what I said.

I suggest anyone interested in this topic to watch the two years of public meetings discussing the space on PCTV. My opinion is just an opinion, facts about costs and parking are all on the village website and PCTV. Thank you for this opportunity to be "heard" in print.

I spent most of my weekend on social

(media) with Tom, who opposes this new green civic space. There are also residents who would love a new village green, but who fear getting involved in the negativity of social media debates. That is why I am at this meeting, to express some positive thoughts.

Imagine Memorial Day and Veterans Day celebrations where the veterans are not standing in a parking lot in 90-degree heat. Imagine giving vets a proper celebration where they could be honored next to their memorial, then relax under trees. Imagine walking downtown on a summer's night for ice cream and actually being able to eat it outside, sitting on grass. Imagine getting a cup of coffee and a new book and then sitting on a bench to read and relax. Imagine a place where people connect with people, people of all ages. Not a remote sports field for kids, this green is an intergenerational space, in the center of town.

We need to stop dividing ourselves into young and old, sports and arts people,

commuters and stay-at-homers, new residents and old-time Pleasantvillians. We need to stop. This country is a mess because of division. We are better than that. A common community space is not going to kill downtown, it is going to motivate people to come downtown more. A place to walk to and stay a while, to spend money. There could be concerts, outdoor art exhibits, celebrations for sports teams, reading groups and book clubs, exercise events, storytelling...it could be incredible. Open your minds to the possibilities. We have an amazing opportunity for a place we can respect our veterans, a place for intergenerational experiences, a place for family time and being outside with neighbors, a place we need. We need to be kinder, to be less divided, we need a place where we come together. We need to come together.

Kat Nemec
Pleasantville

Mount Kisco to Change Free Parking Day From Thursday to Saturday

By Sean Browne

The Mount Kisco Village Board is expected to shift free parking from Thursday to Saturday after a village task force concluded it would be more advantageous for shoppers and merchants.

Last week, the Village Board listened to recommendations developed by the group, comprised of a cross-section of residents, the business community and village personnel, to improve parking downtown.

Assistant Village Manager and Deputy Clerk Kenneth Famulare's presentation of the task force's report last Monday followed a meeting with the board last June where ideas to improve parking were discussed.

"Having free parking on Saturday rather than on Thursday was identified as best for the village," Famulare said. "People will need to be given time to see the free parking change from Thursday to Saturday."

Village officials plan to alert the public of the change by distribution of a flyer. Free parking will continue on Sundays.

Parking permits will also be available to be bought online by visiting the village's website at www.mountkisco.org. Recently, the village allowed for quarterly resident permit purchases for those who may not need a permit for the entire year.

Another change, placing maps in village kiosks, is designed to help drivers navigate the different parking areas within the village, Famulare said.

"If someone looks at the map and they are in one part of the village but they need to be in another part they can look at the

maps to see if there is a municipal lot there," he said.

Famulare said there would be no changes regarding parking technology, including for the app Mpay2park that allows drivers to pay for parking on their phone.

The next job for the task force will be to expand their scope beyond the heart of the downtown, Famulare said.

Mayor Gina Picinich said the focus of the group was to "improve user experience."

Playland Job Fair Returns to County Center This Saturday

If you're looking to line up a spring/summer job, head to the Playland Job Fair this Saturday, Mar. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. On-the-spot interviews will be conducted for the first 300 candidates to arrive. Salaries start at \$12 an hour.

Positions to be filled include cashiers, ride operators, lifeguards, park management, EMTs, mechanics, custodial staff, IT technicians, human resources interns and marketing interns. Playland's seasonal employment runs from April through September.

Although no prior experience is required for most positions, prospective employees should have a positive attitude, enthusiasm, good communication skills and the ability to work a flexible schedule.

Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Some positions require applicants to be a minimum of 18. Applicants under 18 who plan to complete their application prior to the job fair must have the form signed by a parent or guardian to be considered for an interview. Those under 18 who wish to complete their application onsite at the job fair must bring a parent or guardian to the event to sign the form in order for an interview to take place.

Eligible applicants who may wish to enroll for direct deposit must bring a voided blank check or a bank-issued direct deposit setup form that includes routing number and account number printed on the document.

To apply during the job fair, bring a completed application, a valid photo identification, Social Security card plus contact information for three references. Applications can be obtained by calling 914-813-7010 or at PlaylandPark.org, where an application can be downloaded or submitted online.

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What an Afternoon for a St. Patrick's Day Parade



Saturday turned bright and sunny, perfect conditions for Mount Kisco's 29th annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Marching bands and bagpipers joined dozens of community organizations and groups along with first responders throughout the area to take part in the tradition. From Moore Avenue near Northern Westchester Hospital, the marchers proceeded down Main Street to South Moger Avenue to the delight of residents and visitors lining the route, many of them dressed in green for the occasion. Peter and Paul Hughes were this year's parade grand marshals.



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTOS



My Lifelong Attempt to Ban Foam Rubber From My Life

Perhaps you've never thought much about foam rubber as a stuffing for furnishings but I for one have never cared for it. In fact, I've always had a kind of aversion to it.

My last experience with foam rubber was a few years ago when the wingback chair in my office literally fell apart. I ordered a replacement from Macy's from a newspaper ad. I didn't think about the materials used when I ordered it, but it seemed to have an appealing shape, considering that it was a lounge in disguise. When it arrived, however, I was disappointed to find that its arms, seat and back were upholstered in foam rubber.

Well, I thought, it is not as though I bought the throne from King Tut's tomb. It was relatively inexpensive and I'd just live with it until I found a replacement with better materials before banishing this rubbery edition to a guest room or donating to Goodwill.

In the meantime, every time I sat to watch television, I never felt quite settled in place, but rather suspended by those little air pockets tucked within the foam. This was not a new issue with me.



By Bill Primavera

I still remember the joy and excitement when my mother came home one day with several tremendous paper bags filled with new pillows for the whole family.

"And they're foam rubber!" she exclaimed, as though modern science had finally reached our home.

I was only seven years old and had little to say about what things surrounded me in our home. But one thing was certain: when I lay my head on foam rubber, I couldn't sleep. I simply tossed the pillow aside and lay flat on the mattress.

Mother insisted that I try to get used to it, but after a week of tossing my new pillow aside, feisty fellow that I was, she finally relented and bought me a feather down pillow. My older brother and sister knew from that point that I was the "different" sibling in the family, and I rather liked the distinction.

The only time I delighted in the use of foam rubber is when I ordered it as the mat beneath the wall-to-wall carpeting in the central hallway of my former home, the result of a somewhat arbitrary decision. The red carpeting already had

a deep rich pile and, combined with the mat, visitors literally sank into it as they walked across it, all but losing their balance in the process, especially women in heels.

I couldn't swear to it because I'm not the testing lab of Consumer Reports, but I suspect that its use extended the life of that carpeting by many years.

Where did this foamy substance come from, I wondered, and how long had it been around? I learned that the pioneering work was done in Germany by Otto Bayer in 1937. I'm sure that many people who enjoy bouncing around on it are grateful for his work.

As for me, I'm an old-fashioned guy who likes sofa pillows filled with goose feathers and goose down that have to be plumped up again after I sit on them. I remember the time when an exceptionally large fellow came to our home and sat on our camelback loveseat and all but squashed its all-down pillow to a flat pancake. When he rose to leave the room, unconsciously I went to the chair to fluff up the pillow again.

While down pillows are the highest quality filling that can be purchased, they are also the most expensive. They must have down proof ticking under the upholstery fabric to prevent feathers from

poking through and, still, sometimes they do. Also, there is the constant re-fluffing required. However, down used with other materials, such as polyester fiber, is a good option.

To be fair, there are foams labeled high resilient that are more comfortable and reduce that droopy, saggy feel that can come over time. It even comes with an "indentation force deflection" number ranging from 6 to 45 that will tell you in advance the softness or firmness of the upholstered piece.

The foam stuffing in that wingback chair, unfortunately, must have been on the lower end of the scale. When I replaced the chair, I bought one with a pillow that needed to be plumped up after each seating, one that, when I plopped down on it, stayed plopped. To me, this represents those little things in life that don't cost much but make you feel that you're living in luxury.

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The Weekly Feature from Entergy

Calling All Foodies, Adult Beverage Lovers to HV Fermented This Weekend

By Martin Wilbur

For more than a decade, the Pleasantville Rotary Club's major fundraiser, the Westchester Wine Experience, was a big hit with area residents.

But as tastes change over time, the Rotary Club shifted some of the focus from wine to craft beer and spirits. Some of the event's longtime patrons were taken by surprise by the rebranded Hudson Valley Fermented.

Now in its third year, Hudson Valley Fermented, which will be held again this Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at Pace University's Kessel Student Center, has seemingly gained the traction that Rotary Club member and Event Chair Henry Leyva was hopeful it would.

"It was a big risk to change from an event that had been successful for so many years and turn it into something so different," Leyva said. "So the first year was a challenge just because we sort of had to invent the wheel. That was my first year in Rotary so I was just learning everything about Rotary, in addition to this event."

What hasn't changed is the annual fundraiser's mission. Each year, Pleasantville Rotary selects a few charities or nonprofit organizations, including a couple of local efforts, as beneficiaries to share the proceeds.

This year, the Pleasantville Fund for Learning and the Break the Hold Foundation, a suicide prevention organization started by Pleasantville residents Jolina and Brian Halloran, are the local recipients. The Team Fox for Parkinson's Research has been named as the third organization to receive funds.

Leyva said last year about \$30,000 was raised, nearly doubling the total of Hudson Valley Fermented's initial effort. As of last week, organizers were on the brink of surpassing last year's total, he said.

Leyva said the success of the event is because they bring together more than 20 purveyors of high-class wines, craft beer and spirits produced throughout the Hudson Valley and New York State that can be sampled. This year a better balance between the three types of beverages



Pleasantville Rotary Club member and Hudson Valley Fermented Event Chair Henry Leyva, front and center, with members of the staff at Mission Taqueri, a Mexican restaurant in Pleasantville. Mission Taqueri will be one of about a dozen restaurants and food establishments at the event.

Add in about a dozen local restaurants and food establishments also providing samples, coupled with live entertainment and a silent auction, it's easy to understand why the public has quickly embraced the new concept.

"It's taking the best of what the Hudson Valley has to offer," Leyva said. "It's a golden time for spirits and brewing in our area. There are so many unbelievably gifted distillers. The product they are putting out is world class."

Patrons should also be aware that the price of a ticket allows all-you-can-consume food and drink samples, although the public, as always, should drink responsibly, Leyva said. There is no need to pay anything additional – unless

a visitor cares to buy a case of a beverage that they sampled, he said.

Thierry Pradines, owner of Best Wine Purveyors, is the co-promoter of the event and will coordinate the order and deliveries of any products that are purchased, Leyva said.

There will also be three bands this year providing the entertainment and the silent auction will allow bidders to have a chance to obtain tickets to lower-level seats for Yankees games and concerts at the Capitol Theatre in Port Chester, which is partnering with the Rotary this year. There will also be tickets to a concert of the band Chicago.

Leyva said it's an enjoyable afternoon for everyone involved.

"I wanted it to be so much fun that you forget you are at a fundraiser," he said.

Tickets are \$75 each and can be bought online at www.hvfermented.com or at the door on Saturday. There are still a limited number of VIP tickets for \$95, which can also be purchased online. VIP ticket holders are admitted an hour before the general admission ticketholders at noon.

There will be a free shuttle bus from the Pace bus stop near the Pleasantville train station to the event on campus for anyone arriving by rail or village residents who don't want to drive.

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Reading With Tobie and Karen. A program for school-age children. Tobie and Karen are with The Good Dog Foundation. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 p.m. Free. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

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.

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Current Affairs Book Club. "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee" by Dee Brown will be discussed. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

History and Biography Book Club. "The Fall of the Ottomans: The Great War in the Middle East" by Eugene Rogan will be discussed. Drop-ins are welcome. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 7 p.m. Free. Held the second Tuesday of each month through May. Info: 914-669-5161 or www.keelerlibrary.org.

Women Reading Women Book Club. "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah will be discussed. New members welcome. Copies of the book available at the circulation desk. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Kathy at 914-769-9018.

Legendary Tuesday Night Jam. This jam has fostered many great musicians over the years. Some have gone on to tour, win Grammy Awards and achieve celebrity status. You never know who you'll hear. Come on down, play or listen, dance, drink and enjoy. All levels of musical talent are welcome. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. No cover charge. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-747-4740.

Wednesday, Mar. 13

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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. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Adult Art Program: Acrylics Plus. The group works in acrylics but also dabbles in other mediums. Facilitated by Nina Bertolino. Participants need to bring supplies from a list she provides. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Meets the second and fourth Wednesdays through April. Info: 914-669-5161 or www.keelerlibrary.org.

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

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Mind Games. A fun way for seniors to stimulate various cognitive functions memory, problem-solving and focus. If you are having trouble remembering things or feel that you are easily confused, come join the fun. Phelps Hospital boardroom, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail vitality@northwell.edu.

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

Science Lab. Become junior scientists and learn about different science topics through stories, crafts and experiments. There's a new topic every week. For children four to six years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.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. 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 students in grades 5 and up. Mount

Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Free. Also Mar. 27. Registration requested. Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

"Water, Sanitation and Gender: Issues for the 21st Century." A presentation on the impact of water resources on cultural and economic development. The peaker is Marcia M. Brewster, Senior Consultant, Nautilus International Development Consultant, formerly with the U.N. Presented by the Westchester branch of the American Association of University Women. Westchester Community College's Classroom Building, Room 100, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. (Use Parking Lot 4 or 5.) 6 p.m. Free.

"Straws." Director Linda Booker interviews scientists, activists and restaurant owners about the effects of plastics on the environment in a screening of this documentary. Leave the program with new ideas about what you can do to make a difference. In partnership with the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Art Series: What's on at the Guggenheim. Spring is in the air at the Guggenheim with exhibits focusing on Brancusi, Quaytman, Klint, Giacometti and Osvaldo Licini. Peruse the various paintings and sculptures on exhibit in New York as well as at the various Guggenheim locations in Venice and Bilbao. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Roasters. Three-time Roast Battle winner Dave Sheehan returns as host. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. No cover charge. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs.com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

An Evening of Improv With the Armonk Players. Have you wanted to be on stage but don't have the time for a full schedule of rehearsals? Not interested in memorizing lines? You can take the stage and play along – no experience, no scripts, just an adventurous spirit and a willingness to have a good time. A form of live theater in which the plot, characters and dialogue of a game, scene or story are made up in the moment. Improvisers will take a suggestion from the audience to get started. Improv is spontaneous, entertaining and fun. Followed by a reception with refreshments Whipoorwill Hall, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 8 p.m. Free. (Donations are happily accepted.) Info: Visit www.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day: How Much Do You Really Know About Him?

Holy Season is here, and what better way to commemorate the blessed saint than a game of trivia centered upon the man we commemorate on Mar. 17. Ten questions follow. Jot down your answers, then see how well-versed you are in Ireland's patron saint.

1. The day itself: birthday or the day he died?
2. Where was he born and what was his nationality?
3. In what year did he first arrive in Ireland?
4. Where is the second largest St. Patrick's Day parade held?
5. Was he the first Christian missionary to visit Ireland?
6. Did he really drive the snakes away?
7. Upon what mountain did he fast for 40 days and nights?
8. Where is he buried?
9. What famous prayer is attributed to him?
10. Aside from St. Patrick, who is the second most famous Irish saint?

While you're mulling whether or not you've made a good show of your knowledge of "things

Patrick," take a moment to learn how to wish neighbors, friends and relatives a Happy St. Patrick's Day in said saint's adopted language, Irish Gaelic. If greeting

one person, say "Lá fhéile Pádraig sona duit!" Tough to roll off the tongue? Try it as it's pronounced: "Law aye-la Par-ick sun-a dit."

To a group of people, say: "Lá fhéile Pádraig sona dhaoibh!" Just change the last word from "duit" (dit) to "dhaoibh" (YEE-uv). Practice a few times. There, you've got it!

And now the answers.

1. March 17 is the day St. Patrick died.
2. He was born about 416, on the west coast of Britain, then part of the Roman Empire, and a Roman citizen. This does not connote that he was Italian, as several of my circle insist.
3. He ended up in Ireland at 16 years old, kidnapped by a marauding band of Irish and pressed into slavery as a shepherd for the next six years, during which he developed a great love for his captors, learning their language, customs and quirks. He made a vow he would come back some day and bring them the Christian faith.
4. Dublin comes in second, followed by Sydney, Australia and then Chicago. All vie to topple New York City, undeniably the ruler in this annual contest.
5. St. Patrick, while the most successful missionary to visit Ireland's shores,

was not the first. That honor goes to a man named Palladius, who preceded St. Patrick by a few years, but didn't quite have the touch that Patrick had. To my knowledge, no parade steps off in his honor. Anywhere.

6. Now, are there really no snakes in Ireland? Well, there aren't, unless you count pet snakes brought in by the odd fellow or gal looking for notoriety. An island for the last 8,500 years, the climate was too cold beforehand, in the aftermath of the glaciers, to sustain reptiles. St. Patrick just claimed credit, smart man that he was, for a fluke of nature.
7. The mountain of Croagh Patrick is where St. Patrick fasted for 40 days and nights in the year 441. Located in County Mayo and nicknamed "The Reek," it is also a mountain sacred to the pre-Christian faith that flourished equally well in this island.
8. St. Patrick died about the year 493. He is buried, legend has it, in County Down, on the grounds of Downpatrick Cathedral.
9. While St. Patrick contributed much



By Brian McGowan

to the literature of the church, the most famous prayer attributed to him is "St. Patrick's Breastplate," which is actually a hymn. It begins "I arise today through a mighty strength..." For the full text of it, a visit to my blog is in order.

10. If you answered St. Columba, or St. Bridget, either answer makes you a scholar. Arguably the more

famous of the two is Columba (521-597) who founded the monastery of Iona off the coast of Scotland, which became a center of learning renowned throughout the western world. We'll have more on him in a future article.

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Chappaqua Skaters Lead Synchronized Skating Team to New Heights

The Skyliners synchronized skating team featuring three skaters from Chappaqua capped its 2018-19 season with history-making results and five medals.

Three Skyliners qualifying lines – Junior, Novice and Juvenile – won National Championship Gold medals at the 2019 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships held from Feb. 28 through Mar. 2. The Intermediate line won bronze and the Senior line won silver.

"It's been an amazing season for Skyliners," said Josh Babb, Skyliners head coach and director of synchronized skating. "As our team grows, so do our accomplishments. Our skaters work extremely hard and their efforts have really paid off this year."

Two of the Chappaqua skaters, Rhianna Gold and Emmy Sloan, both Horace Greeley High School freshmen, earned gold and became national champions in their respective divisions. A third skater from Chappaqua, Lauren Sallay, who attends John F. Kennedy Catholic High School, captured a bronze medal.

Nationals brought together the best teams in the nation at the USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, Mich. for the three-day competition. The Skyliners skaters proved their technical and artistic prowess across every division. The Senior line thrilled the standing-room-only crowd with its top-scoring short program



Rhianna Gold of Chappaqua, part of the Skyliners synchronized skating team, helped the squad win National Championship Gold medals at the recent U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships. Two of her teammates, Emmy Sloan and Lauren Sallay, are also from Chappaqua.

set to "What a Wonderful World" and a dramatic free skate to "Turandot," which sealed a silver medal at 218.14 total points.

Junior took home their third consecutive National Championship title with 202.48 total points – a season high – for their elegant short program "Who Wants to Live Forever" and dazzling "Carmen" free skate.

Skyliners Novice captured its third consecutive national championship title with the standout "The Greatest Showman" program, scoring a season's best 76.13 points. Intermediate locked in the bronze medal with their "Go-Getter" program, earning a 66.17, while Juvenile captured a national title with an entertaining "Circus" program, scoring a

season-high 61.94 points.

The Skyliners Junior and Senior lines – each Team USA designees – were selected to represent the U.S. at the upcoming World Championship events. Junior competes in Neuchatel, Switzerland Mar. 15 and 16 and Senior competes in Helsinki, Finland Apr. 12-14.

'High School Musical' in Middle School



This may have been a Fox Lane Middle School performance but the you would have thought they were in high school. Last weekend, Fox Lane Middle School students gave the community two rousing performances of "High School Musical," a story based on the popular television film trilogy and later the television series. The first performance was on Saturday evening followed by a Sunday matinee.

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Thursday, Mar. 14

The Breakfast Club. Designed especially for seniors, it includes a presentation on a healthy lifestyle topic, a light exercise program to improve strength and balance and breakfast. A great opportunity for older adults to socialize with their peers. Phelps Hospital Cafeteria, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 8:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail vitality@northwell.edu.

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. 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. Info: 914-273-3887.

Lifeline 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 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 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. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Osteoporosis Program. For people concerned about bone loss and fractures. Physicians, therapists and dietitians meet to discuss risk factors, causes, proper body mechanics and medication options. Phelps Hospital Boardroom (C Level), 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. (Closest parking

is near the auditorium entrance.) 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937 or e-mail vitality@northwell.edu.

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. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco library.org.

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

Pre-K Storytime With Craft. Stories, songs and a take-home craft. For children three to five years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastle library.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. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco library.org.

Home Sellers Seminar. Get your home ready for the spring real estate market. Topics to be discussed include Certificate of Occupancies and Codes, by Robert Hughes, Pleasantville building inspector; Pricing Your Home, by Donna McKenna-Edlund, licensed associate real estate broker; Staging Your Home, by Wendy Rawson, professional home stager; and Closing Procedures, by Robbin Sweeney, real estate/elder law attorney. Sponsored by McKenna-Edlund and Hans Weber of Coldwell Banker.: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 197 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 6 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Donna at 914-403-4237.

Parenting Teenagers: An Empowerment Workshop for Parents. Life coach and retired teacher Annick Duignan will help parents gain an understanding of their role during these years; create strategies for handling the transition period from child to adult with a teenager; and discover ways to stay connected with a child and have fun together. Light refreshments will be served. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-273-3887.

No Property in Man: Slavery and Antislavery at the Nation's Founding. Rather than presenting the Constitution as a cynical political bargain enshrining slavery in the new nation, Sean Wilentz argues that it actually restricted slavery's legitimacy and kept alive the eventual possibility of antislavery politics at the national level. Wilentz is the George

Henry Davis 1886 Professor of American History at Princeton, author, editor and winner of multiple prizes and awards. Part of the John Jay Homestead Scholars Lecture Series. John Jay Homestead Historic State Historic Site, 400 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. Registration and light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Program at 7 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$25. Reservations recommended. Info and reservations: 914-232-8119, visit www.johnjayhomestead.org or e-mail friends@johnjayhomestead.org.

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"The Guilty." This gripping film is set entirely inside the emergency dispatch room of a Copenhagen police station, where officer Asger Holm answers a call from a kidnap victim – and is abruptly cut off. Through a brilliant use of soundscape and screen images, director Gustav Möller takes the viewer inside Holm's heightened senses as he searches for the victim without being able to leave his desk. Preceded by an introduction by programmer Kathy Bonomi. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:35 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Lewis Black: The Joke's on US Tour. This Grammy Award-winning standup comedian is one of the most prolific and popular performers today, executing a brilliant trifecta as a comedian, actor and author. Receiving critical acclaim, he performs more than 200 nights a year throughout Europe, Canada, the United States and New Zealand. Black's live performances provide a cathartic release of anger and disillusionment for his audience. He is a passionate performer who is a more pissed-off optimist than a mean-spirited curmudgeon. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$58, \$68, \$88 and \$98. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Foster Kids Unite Fundraiser. The second annual Foster Kids Unite fundraiser. Hosted by Tanya Cooper with headliner Neko White and featuring Allan Fuks, Johnny Fugaro and Joseph Conklin. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. \$20. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs.com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

Friday, Mar. 15

"The Space Race Lowdown." Past Briarcliff Manor-Scarborough Historical Society President and longtime Briarcliff

Manor resident Tom Vincent will deliver a presentation about his personal interactions with NASA. The lecture coincides with Vincent's exhibit of photos and memorabilia acquired over the last 60 years. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10:30 a.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Apr. 10 during library hours.

All Bach All the Time. Hoff-Barthelson Music School's Great Composers Lecture Series continues with the composer whose music represents the pinnacle of intellect and beauty – both individually and combined. Even his purely instrumental compositions, intended "simply" for study or "for the pleasurable diversion of music lovers" reside on an artistic Mount Olympus. Prepare to scale the musical heights of the heart and mind with Michael Boriskin. Hoff-Barthelson Music School, 25 School Lane, Scarsdale. 11 a.m. \$25. Hoff-Barthelson students: Free. Space limited; reservations strongly encouraged. Info and reservations: 914-723-1169 or e-mail hb@hbms.org.

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Bells & Motley Olden Music Dance and Storytelling. Come for "The Boy Who Went to Visit the North Wind" tale, a special adaptation for St. Patrick's Day. Presented by the Bells & Motley Olden Music, Dance and Storytelling performance group. Open to all ages and families. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkisco library.org.

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Friday Night Film Series: "Icarus." This intriguing documentary looks at doping in professional sports from the U.S. to Russia. The film calls into question any sense of fair play in contemporary sport the world over. The stakes are raised even higher as various Russian athletes and scientists offer information on the vast scope of Russia's decades-old doping program. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastle library.org.

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Singing for Spring: Welcoming the Warblers With the Season's Change

By Brian Kluepfel

This year I truly welcome the turning of the calendar page to March and the approaching equinox.

It was a difficult winter, wasn't it? February, the shortest month, seemed endless, with bone-chilling snowstorms, raging winds, single-digit temperatures and generally uncomfortable conditions.

But green comes in all forms in March, first in the feast of St. Patrick, and then with the equinox just three days later. (This year we even get an early spring start.) Soon the trees and plants will turn the landscape from barren brown to various and verdant shades of green. And the migratory birds will return, like the warblers.

Warblers are a real visual and auditory treat for those of us who've waited out the winter, only spying occasional brightness in a fly-by cardinal or goldfinch. The warblers are the fashionistas of the North American avian clan, displaying vivid yellows, oranges and reds. They sing their hearts out, looking for a mate or just protecting their nests.

In consulting the "Field Guide to Warblers" by Donald and Lillian Stokes,

I discovered that North America is home to 51 species of warbler. This wonderful guide, which is a handout at Saw Mill River Audubon's Warbler ID workshop, breaks down the birds by color and lists other handy clues in finding and identifying them, as well as a map of their typical migration patterns. (These are changing as the world warms up a bit.)

So if you don't know your black-throated blue from your cerulean warbler, or your yellow-breasted chat from your tropical parula, now's the time to study up so that when they come flitting through your yard, you can jot them down on your list – or into your e-bird data if you're using Cornell Lab's handy app.

The Stokes list some warbler hotspots, and we're lucky to have a couple very close at hand: Cape May, N.J. is a well-known birding haven, as is New York's Central Park. (Saw Mill River Audubon has a trip there on May 17.) Cape May even hosts a big birding festival in May, which I'm considering checking out.

Some other spots not listed by the

Stokes include Doodletown, just across the river in Rockland County (check out www.sawmillriveraudubon.org for our annual trip there, this year on May 18) and Clarence Fahnestock State Park, just up the Taconic in Putnam County. I quote from the New York State Park website:

"Fahnestock BCA represents one of the largest areas of contiguous forest in the lower Hudson Valley, and thus provides significant stopover and breeding habitat for a diverse group of forest-dependent bird species.

Characteristic bird species found during migratory and breeding periods include Broad-

winged Hawk, Acadian Flycatcher, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Veery, Hermit Thrush, Yellow-throated Vireo, Worm-eating Warbler, and Scarlet Tanager."

So it's not just warblers, folks!

Further fuel for spring birding can be found in the humorous yet excellent 2012 documentary "The Central Park Effect," as well as the book "Songbird Journeys" by Miyoko Chu. "The Big Year" with Steve Martin, Jack Black

and Owen Wilson provides light-hearted inspiration as well.

For those of you who fed the birds throughout the winter and also bought seed from Saw Mill River Audubon to support our ongoing existence, the birds appreciate it and we do, too.

Now it's time to spring ahead and enjoy all that the warm weather has to offer and a reminder of the winter we're leaving behind. We soon saunter into spring with a program on exploring Antarctica. On Mar. 21, our intrepid board members Phil and Ellen Heidelberg will be talking about their recent trip there, having crossed turbulent tides to see, among other cool things, eight different kinds of penguins. It's at the Croton Free Library at 7 p.m. and there will probably be free cookies.

Get out and bird. Wonderment awaits just outside your doorstep.

Brian Kluepfel is a Saw Mill River Audubon board member and author of various guidebooks for *Lonely Planet* and *Fodors* as well as articles for "Birdwatching" and "Guitar Player" magazines. He blogs at www.brianbirdwatching.wordpress.com.

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County Celebrates Women, Highlights Struggles in New Event

By Jade Perez

Westchester County kicked off International Women's Day with its first #Women of Westchester (WOW) Conversations event last Friday at Purchase College Performing Arts Center.

#WOWConversations, which attracted more than 300 people including many professional women, was created to bring women across Westchester together from all walks of life through communication, community and commitment.

The event began with remarks from several elected officials and ended with a panel discussion highlighting some of the obstacles today's women continue to face.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer acknowledged the achievements of women and noted how far they've come.

"I think of every woman who was ever told that she could be a teacher, nurse or even a secretary, but that she could not be a doctor, lawyer or scientist," Latimer said. "I think of every little girl who asked why they didn't have sports teams for girls in school, when the boys have all the sports teams that they could want and they could play and have competition."

However, Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul said that there is still a long road ahead to ensure equality. Despite the gains made through the #MeToo movement, according to Hochul, women still endure sexual harassment in the workplace and see their salaries lag.

Equal Pay Day is Apr. 2, which symbolizes how far each year women must work in order to make what men earned during the previous year. Hochul called the pay disparity "an injustice."

Although Attorney General Letitia James noted there are continuous forces that seek to keep women down, she implored those in the crowd to remain engaged.

"So I don't know about a glass ceiling...I want to remove all ceilings," James said. "And I want all women and all young girls to fly and to reach the sky and to know that within them stands the power and the DNA to be anything that they want to be. All they have to do is dream it and achieve it."

The ensuing panel discussion featured Dr. Mahjabeen Hassan, chairwoman of the American Muslim Women's Association; former state senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson; Kris Ruby, founder of Ruby Media Group; Laura Newman,



JADE PEREZ PHOTO

The panel discussion during last Friday's #Women of Westchester Conversations, an inaugural program that the county held to commemorate International Women's Day. From left, the panel's moderator Lisa Reyes, Jin Whang, Kris Ruby, Laura Newman, Ruth Hassell-Thompson and Mahjabeen Hassan.

senior director of institutional giving at Manhattanville College; and Jin Whang, a creative director and marketing and advertising specialist. Lisa Reyes of News 12 Westchester was the moderator.

They had a candid conversation on how women find it difficult to navigate the work-life balance and are sometimes forced to choose and how they each addressed that challenge. While Ruby said that work is a majority of a woman's life, she said it shouldn't feel like a separate entity if one enjoys what she's

doing.

"I'm not necessarily sure that I believe in the notion of work-life balance because if you're doing something that you love, then it should come together as one rather than this idea of separation, which I think doesn't necessarily exist," Ruby said.

Newman countered that it's unhealthy for women not to have a good balance, especially mothers. She said she made decisions in her career that allowed her more family time.

"I may have sacrificed some of my earning potential, but I got to spend more time with my child," Newman said. "And someday when I'm on my deathbed I want to remember my time with my child, not that I earned a couple hundred dollars more."

Hasaan added that it's difficult for mothers to handle life and work, which is why she chose to never have children.

Others topics that were raised during the panel discussion included the need for support from other women and the dark side of social media.

Last Friday's event concluded with a live rendition of Beyonce's, "Run the World (Girls)" leaving attendees with a sense of inspiration and hope.

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TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY WORK SESSION MARCH 13, 2019 6 PM Pledge of Allegiance Public Hearing Acceptance of NRI Maps and Comments

1.Leprechaun resolution 2.**Appoint** Anthony Cotone and Gregory Kroohs as temporary Groundskeeper/Recreation Assistants. 3.**Award** open-top container bid. 4.**Request** by Peter Belefant to attend the NY Planning Federation Conference on April 28, 2019. 5.**Request** by Tom Carano to attend the NY Planning Federation Conference on April 28t, 2019. 6.**Authorize** Supervisor to sign Badey & Watson contract agreement. 7.**Discussion** LP Pump Station **Audit of monthly bills**

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Notice is hereby given that the Town of Putnam Valley will receive requests for proposals and publicly open sealed bids for the contract: **2019 GRASS CUTTING** at the Town Clerk's Office located at the Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York 10579 at the following date and time: **Date: April 1, 2019 Time: 2:00 PM** The contract Specifications will be available at the Town Clerk's Office at the Town Hall. Contractors must carry statutory Disability and Worker's Compensation Insurance and Liability Insurance of not less than \$300,000 naming the Town of Putnam Valley as additionally insured. Insurance policies are to be filed with the Town Clerk. Contractors must carry a performance bond if their Bid is \$25,000. or more. Contractors are to provide all supplies and equipment. Bids must be submitted in the form attached within a sealed envelope showing the Bidder's

name and clearly marked with the project name "2019 Grass Cutting Bid." Each Bidder must furnish with the Bid a properly executed non-collusion affidavit. The Town of Putnam Valley reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities therein, or to award the Contract to any Bidder if deemed in the best interest of the Town to do so.

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Leading Ladies of the Renaissance. Discover the lives and legacies of Italy's Renaissance women, including several unheralded muses who inspired Botticelli, Raphael and Michelangelo and some of the greatest artwork of all time. Led by Carla Gambescia, author of "La Dolce Vita University." New Castle Town Hall, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Geno Bisconte. You've seen him on "Gotham Comedy Live" on AXS TV and the NFL Network. You've watched him co-hosting "In Hot Water" on Compound Media Now come check him out in Pleasantville. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs.com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers. Bagpipes meet rock 'n' roll as the group takes its signature "bagrock" sound to the masses with a unique fusion of rocked up bagpipes and clever covers of popular songs from all genres. Their trademarked sound includes traditional pipe tunes, such as "The Flowers of Scotland," "The Hills of Argyll" and "Amazing Grace," and contemporary anthems. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$35, \$43 and \$48. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusicall.org.

"Oleanna." Continuing its commitment to present high-minded stage drama with a contemporary voice that captures the tenor of our times, newly-minted theater company GoJo Clan Productions presents this production from David Mamet. A seemingly innocent exchange between a college professor and student turns into a fiendishly accurate X-ray of the mechanisms of power, censorship and abuse. The professor's chances at tenure suddenly are jeopardized by the female student's allegations against him of sexual exploitation. Mamet's bare-knuckles exploration of the ambiguity was inspired by the historic congressional hearings involving Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas and his accuser and employee Anita Hill. Appropriate for ages 13 and up. Westchester Collaborative Theater, 23 Water St., Ossining. 8 p.m. \$25. Seniors (65 and up) and students (18 and under): \$20. Also Mar. 16 at 8 p.m. and Mar. 17 at 3 p.m. Info: Visit www.GoJoClanProductions.com. Tickets: Visit GoJoClanOleanna.BrownPaperTickets.com.

Saturday, Mar. 16

Pleasantville Farmers Market. The Pleasantville Farmers Market is the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" five years in a row (2014-2018). A delicious good time

each Saturday. Pleasantville Middle School cafeteria, 40 Romer Ave., Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Mar. 30. The outdoor market returns Apr. 6. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Chappaqua Farmers Market. Locally-raised and produced food to the community creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. First Congregational Church of Chappaqua, 210 Orchard Ridge Rd., Chappaqua. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also Mar. 16. 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.

Super Scavenger Hunt. Enjoy a super-special, spring scavenger hunt in search of natural wonders. Register at the nature center of choice, pick up a list and return it to any nature center. Cranberry Lake Preserve, Old Orchard St., North White Plains. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Rain date: Mar. 23. Info: 914-428-1005.

Demystifying Medicare and Healthcare Coverage for Seniors. This engaging, interactive program of the library system's Westchester Seniors Out Speaking is perfect for anyone trying to navigate the complicated healthcare system for older adults. It will help those who already have Medicare, as well as people soon to be 65, planning their retirement or assisting relatives and friends with their medical decisions. The workshop outlines the various parts of Medicare and lays out the costs associated with health insurance provided by the government and private companies. Topics include original Medicare, Advantage Plans, prescription drug plans (Part D), Medigaps (supplemental plans) and various cost-saving programs (MSPs, Extra Help, EPIC, etc.). Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Free. Walk-ins welcome; pre-registration preferred. Pre-registration: 914-231-3236. Info: Visit www.westchesterlibraries.org/westchester-seniors-speaking-out.

Practice Tai Chi With Larry Atille. Learn specific feldenkrais and chi kung breathing techniques for deep relaxation and apply them to tai chi movement. This is a hands-on class that will be geared to the level of experience of the class and challenge all participants. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a floor mat or towel. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East. Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: 914-273-3887.

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.

Celtic Muse & Minstrelsy – of Bards, Bagpipes and Rhymers: Music and Instruments of Celtic Lands. This concert explores rare and rustic musical traditions and lore from the heart of the Celtic lands. Medieval-Renaissance and Celtic music and culture will be combined on this journey to Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Brittany (the Celtic northwest corner of France.) The music will span the cultural tradition of bards, bagpipes and rhymers. Followed by a Q&A. Whipoorwill Hall, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

"Annie." The Clocktower Players, the award-winning community theater of the Rivertowns, presents the beloved classic musical. Starring in the title role is 11-year-old Brooke Lynn Murray. Cagle McDonald, Clocktowers' artistic and executive director, stars as Miss Hannigan with sidekicks Rooster and Lily St. Regis portrayed by Shane Bland and Lily Thomas. Also starring are Peter Green as Oliver Warbucks; Robin Aleman as Grace; Tony Melson as Bert Healy; Clocktower alum Molly Anne as Star-to-Be; and previous past board president Joseph Zeolla as FDR. Irvington Town Hall Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 1 and 7 p.m. Adults: \$35. Seniors and students: \$23. Also Mar. 17 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-591-6602 or visit www.irvingtontheater.com.

Introduction to Vegan Cooking. Curious about veganism and a plant-based diet? You don't have to settle for boring food. Learn how to create delicious, healthy meals in this informative cooking demonstration. Perfect for anyone interested in transitioning to a more plant-based, cruelty-free lifestyle. North Castle Public Library, 10 Clove Rd., North White Plains. 1 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Space limited; registration required. Info and registration: 914-948-6359 or come to the library.

Health Care for All New Yorkers: The NY Health Act. The League of Women Voters of North East Westchester will host this program featuring a screening of the film "Now is the Time: Health Care for Everybody." The screening will be followed by a panel of speakers, including Dr. Elizabeth Rosenthal, a member of Physicians for a National Health Program and the League of Women Voters, and Peter Arno, a health economist. Katonah Village Library, 26 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail LWVNEW@gmail.com.

DIY Leprechaun Hats. In honor of St. Patrick's Day and Irish culture, create a leprechaun hat made from craft sticks and other materials. For children four to 11

years old (children under five must have a caregiver.) Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 2 to 3 p.m. Free. Space limited; registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

Opening Reception for Subliminal Journeys: Paintings by Gabriel Ceslov. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3 to 5 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Apr. 13 during library hours. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Opening Reception for Abstract Landscapes: Your Journey is Your Own. Selected works from Barry Shenkman who painted in acrylic over the past several years, all of which convey certain visual introspections, which even he does not attempt to understand. Even though these works have no visual beginning or end, for Shenkman they are each artistically complete. A portion of every sale benefits Arc Stages. Arc Stages' gallery, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through May 3. Info: 914-747-6206 or visit www.arcstages.org.

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet. The company's bold vision – top global choreographers, distinctive groundbreaking repertoire and virtuoso dancers – has fostered a jewel of a dance company that reflects the pioneering spirit of the American West. A European sensibility glossed with American ebullience forges Aspen Santa Fe's aesthetic, as the company has come to epitomize the contemporary-classical genre. Purchase College's PepsiCo Theatre, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. \$30 to \$65. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit www.artscenter.org.

Sunday, Mar. 17

Purim Family Activities and Carnival. One of the most enjoyable Jewish holidays is Purim. Activities for young children, including songs, the megillah reading and costume parade following by the carnival featuring game booths and events for all ages. There will also be a sports bounce house, crats, a food court, the costume contest and prizes. Award-winning magician Joshy K will also perform. All welcome. Greenburgh Hebrew Center, 515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry. 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Only cash and checks are accepted for ticket and food purchases. Free parking. Info: 914-693-4260 or visit www.g-h-c.org.

"LandEscape: New Visions of the Landscape From the Early 20th and 21st Centuries." The show juxtaposes the work of early 20th century American modernist painters who exhibited their innovative works at the groundbreaking 1913 Armory Show with contemporary artists from the 21st century, which have rediscovered and reinvigorated the genre. Curated by Olga Dekalo, this show is comprised of about 30 works and reveals how a diverse

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Navigating the Corkage Fee Policy of Restaurants



By Nick Antonaccio

Restaurant wine lists, crafted by today's wine-focused chefs and highly-educated sommeliers, can be the epitome of the overall experience at a restaurant. Many restaurants painstakingly

pair food and wine offerings and invest significantly in well-stocked wine cellars.

However, when celebrating a special occasion or trying to impress a potential business client, a diner may prefer to bring his or her personal bottle(s) of wine to a restaurant. Once looked upon with disdain by restaurant owners, many now offer this accommodation – typically at a charge.

This “corkage fee” is not necessarily an arbitrary policy to discourage diners inclined to enjoy a personal bottle of wine. Rather there is an underlying business logic. Restaurants typically work on tight profit margins. The food portion of a meal yields a thin margin. It is common knowledge that overall profitability lies in the beverage menu. Few are willing to forego the profit in marking up wines to double or triple their cost.

Many restaurants have adopted corkage

fee policies in recognition of exceptional dining occasions. In most instances, the fee is designed to cover the cost of the service required to present and serve a consumer's personal bottle of wine. Some peg their fee to the cost of a lower-priced bottle on their wine list.

Here are several guidelines to follow if you have been saving a special bottle of wine to celebrate with a restaurant meal.

1. Always call ahead to inquire of the restaurant's corkage policy. Rather than simply show up with that special bottle, calling is always preferable in order to avoid a potentially uncomfortable situation.
2. If you plan to order additional bottles from the wine list during the meal, let the restaurant know this when inquiring. This will partially compensate the restaurant for the loss of a sale; many will waive their corkage fee.
3. Don't embarrass yourself by showing up with a wine that's already on the wine list. Check the online list ahead of your visit or call ahead to double-check.
4. Don't further embarrass yourself by showing up with a wine of less value than wines at the low end of the wine list. A restaurant is accommodating you on the premise that this is a

special occasion or a special bottle. That \$12 bottle you had with pizza last Friday is an insult to the wine director who has meticulously crafted a wine list that represents the chef's carefully prepared and paired menu.

5. Share your good fortune. Offer the sommelier and waiter a taste of that special wine. It will usually guarantee the same stellar service you would receive if you were ordering an expensive bottle from the list. These folks work on the generosity of customers' tips. A shared taste of a memorable wine helps assuage their monetary loss.
6. Speaking of tipping,

remember that wine service is the same regardless of the source of the wine. I usually tip based on the average price of a wine that I would otherwise have ordered from the wine list if it were not a special occasion.

While most restaurants have a corkage fee policy, in New York City at least 50 restaurants have blanket or one-night corkage fee waivers. Certain restaurants charge no fee but limit the number of bottles allowed. Others charge minimal fees between \$10 and \$25.

Still others charge according to their stature. If you're intent on bringing your own bottle to the highly acclaimed Eleven Madison Park, be prepared to pay \$65. Per Se charges a whopping \$150 per bottle for the privilege of not ordering wines from one of the most expensive wine lists in Manhattan (not to mention their \$355 per person tasting menus).

Several Westchester restaurants have reasonable corkage fee policies, although they are rarely publicized or in print. Call ahead. On certain nights, corkage fee policies may be waived. Mediterraneo in Pleasantville waives its fee every Tuesday night.

In 2019, there is no reason to compromise

on a wine to accompany your meal. Avail yourself of knowledgeable sommeliers' wine lists – or simply BYOB.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.

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range of artists broke from the established landscape painting traditions of their predecessors to create a new visual language that profoundly changed the way the genre was perceived. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St., Katonah. 12 to 5 p.m. Adults: \$10. Seniors and students: \$5. Members and children (under 12): Free. Exhibit continues through June 16. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 5 p.m. Info: 914-232-9555 or visit www.katonahmuseum.org.

Quartet 212. Violinists David Chan and Catherine Ro, violist Dov Scheindlin and cellist Rafael Figueroa will perform music by F. J. Haydn, Puccini, Rossini and Verdi. The quartet members also perform for the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra where Chan is the concertmaster and Figueroa is the principal cellist. Scheindlin also is a member of the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. Rye Presbyterian Church, 882 Boston Post Rd., Rye. 2:30 p.m. \$40. Info: 914-967-0842 or visit www.ryepc.com. Tickets: Contact Ronald Arron at 914-523-4646 or ronarron@optonline.net. Tickets will also be sold at the door before the performance.

Schwab Vocal Rising Stars: Love at the Crossroads. From Fauré to Cole Porter to Jason Robert Brown, explore the complexity of love through song. Artistic Director Steven Blier selects four young voices and

a pianist for a weeklong residency, which includes daily coaching, rehearsals and workshops, culminating in a performance to bring these songs to life. Assisted by Michael Barrett, associate artistic director of the New York Festival of Song (NYFOS) and developed in conjunction with NYFOS, this search for love's meaning will have us pondering from many musical angles. The Harvey School's Walker Center for the Arts, 260 Jay St., Katonah. 3 p.m. \$25 and \$40. Students (18 and under): Free. Info and tickets: 914-232-1252 or visit www.caramoor.org.

Monday, Mar. 18

Master Networker Meeting. Join this high-energy interactive membership network of learning-based, service-oriented entrepreneurs and business leaders. Come be a guest any Wednesday to learn more about this world-class business training and referral program. 719 Bedford Rd., Bedford Hills (next to ShopRite). 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: Contact Tina Campbell at 914-441-1383 or e-mail tinacampbell@masternetworks.net or drop in.

Morning Bird Walk. Go birding with the Saw Mill River Audubon. Beginners welcome. Rain or shine. Rockefeller State Park Preserve. (Use Sleepy Hollow Road

entrance.) 8:30 a.m. Free. Meets the third Monday of each month. Info: Visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org.

Morning Shorts. “A Father's Story” by Andre Dubus will be discussed. Led by Rebecca Rogan. New Castle Town Hall, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

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

Art in the Afternoon. For children eight years old and up. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Explore Creative Writing. Do you like to write? Do you have fun creating with words? Come and write for fun. No pressure, no testing, no stress. Just relax and write. For children seven to 10 years old. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 4:45 p.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Go Irish! Go Green! Tea Tasting. Taste a variety of perfectly prepared loose-leaf teas,

cheese and Irish soda bread. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

DIY Spring Cork Picture. Create a beautiful hyacinth flower for spring using cork and paint. For children five to 10 years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Space limited; registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

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Westlake guard Richie Petrillo sets his sights on the rim while being guarded by Pleasantville's Danny Melillo during the Wildcats' home win over the Panthers.



Fox Lane forward Josh Olsen rises for a jumper in the lane as Briarcliff's Nick Reish defends.



Brendan O'Neill of Pleasantville comes down with a rebound in front of Briarcliff's Brett Ostrover.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL 2018-19

A Look Back



Christoph Sauerborn of Greeley scores an easy bucket in the Quakers' home win over Somers.



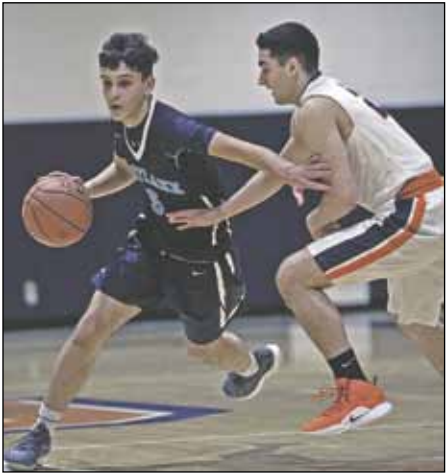
Taijon Tribble of Briarcliff is closely guarded as he attempts to work his way inside during the Bears' annual Booster Club Tournament.



Byram Hills center Ben Leff sends up a jump hook in the lane in the Bobcats' Slam Dunk Tourney win over White Plains at the Westchester County Center.



Valhalla junior point guard Sebastian Pacheco dribbles the ball past the 3-point arc during a Viking home game.



Matt Martin of Westlake tries to dribble past Al Panarese of Briarcliff in a mid-January game hosted by the Bears.



Horace Greeley's Chris Melis tries to get to the basket in the Class A sectional semifinal game against Tappan Zee.



Pleasantville junior forward Aidan Lynch gets inside for a left-handed layup in a game at Westlake.



Drew Drayton-Bey of Valhalla takes the ball to the basket during the Vikings' home win over Briarcliff late in the regular season.



Byram Hills forward Mike Caporale gets inside for a basket in the Bobcats’ title win over Brewster at the annual Lakeland Holiday Tournament.



Valhalla junior Marlin Wise dribbles the ball in the right corner as Westlake’s Matt Martin applies some defensive pressure.



Briarcliff standout guard Miles Jones rises in the lane during the Bears’ home win over Pleasantville.



Greeley senior guard Noah Shar does some midair improvisation as he gets into the lane vs. the host Somers Tuskers.



Fox Lane guard Will Crend shoots the ball during a home game early in the season.



Westlake star forward Tyler Tsiakaros brings the ball up the floor in the title game of the annual Lt. Garbarini Memorial Basketball Tournament.



Greeley center Nick Townsend goes up for two points during his dazzling freshman season.



Valhalla’s Jordan Rush sails to the basket for two points in the Vikings’ victory over visiting Irvington.



Willy Samsen of Byram Hills provides some high-elevation entertainment at a Bobcat home game midway through the season.



Pleasantville junior Nick Soto is met by a couple of obstacles as he tries to drive toward the basket in a game hosted by Westlake.



John Rocco Trumpbour of Fox Lane shoots the ball in the Foxes’ road game against Greeley.



Briarcliff’s Aidan Murnane shoots the ball from the left baseline in a home game against Westlake.

Westchester Knicks Start Early to Defeat Windy City

By Rob DiAntonio

It was an unusual 11 a.m. start time for the Westchester Knicks when the visiting Windy City Bulls came to square off with them on March 7.

The early start resulted in anything but a sluggish performance from the Knicks. They shot 56 percent from the field in a 127-118 win in NBA G League action at the Westchester County Center.

"Sure, we did," Knicks head coach Mike Miller said when asked if he and his staff had concerns about what they were going to get out of their team with the very early start. "That's part of the development of these guys. Everybody that works in this league, I think one of the advantages is you learn to deal with things when they come up and you learn to put your focus where it needs to be. We've played a number of these, so we've got kind of a little routine that we go through."

Jameel Warney led the way with a game-high 33 points. He grabbed 13 rebounds and shot 14 of 28 from the floor. Kadeem Allen's triple-double was another highlight. He had 16 points, 12 rebounds and 12 assists.

"I'll give the credit to the players," added Miller. "They showed up ready to play today. We got off to a good start and we were able to sustain it. It didn't go up and then fall. We practice at different times, too, so that might help a little bit. We get one chance to play these games. It doesn't matter when the time is, we've got to be ready."

Westchester had six players finish in double figures in scoring: Warney, Allen, Billy Garrett (22 points), Sekou Wiggs (14), Paul Watson (12) and Stephen Zimmerman (11).

"That's big for us," said Miller about the Knicks' balanced offensive effort. "We have to be that kind of team. I think



Knicks guard Kadeem Allen finished with a triple-double in last week's victory at the County Center.

our guys buy into that. We had 17 assists in the first half and finished with 30. I'm really happy about that."

Warney, Allen and Zimmerman (14 rebounds) helped the Knicks dominate the boards. They outrebounded the Bulls 58-39.

The Knicks led wire to wire and built an 18-point advantage on an Allen basket with four and a half minutes left in the first half. But the Bulls cut the deficit to 108-102 with 5:16 to play in the game. Warney answered with a reverse layup and a Garrett driving finger roll stretched the lead back to 10 points. The teams



Jameel Warney led the Westchester Knicks with 33 points and 13 rebounds in Thursday's win.

traded threes with Kaiser Gates hitting two for the Bulls and Garrett knocking down one for the Knicks.

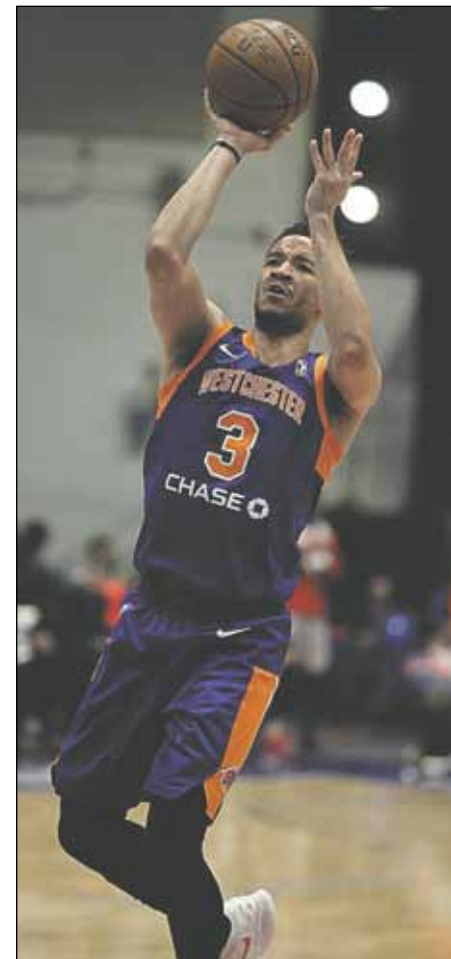
"Today, we were pretty consistent," Miller said. "We won three of the quarters. Our saying is, we bent a little bit in the fourth, but we didn't break when they hit the threes."

Allen's 3-pointer with 2:15 to go was followed by Warney's floater to put a Windy City comeback out of reach with the scoreboard reading 124-111.

"We needed to go back to getting stops," Miller said of the key to closing out the win. "We couldn't give them consecutive points. Some of them were coverages, some of them were lapses. And one of our key things offensively, when you play against a physical team, you've got to play with force going at them. If you don't, it's one-sided and you're getting pushed backwards all night. We wanted to continue playing with force throughout with our drives, our rolls, our cuts."

Allen found Warney for a 3-pointer to beat the halftime buzzer, sending the Knicks into the break with a commanding 62-46 lead. Zimmerman tipped in a putback with 2.2 seconds left in the third quarter and the Knicks led 98-80 heading into the final 12 minutes.

The Knicks (28-18) won their third straight game and sixth out of seven with a 115-106 victory over the host Maine Red Claws on March 10. Garrett (22 points, 4 assists), Allen (20 points, 9 assists), Warney (17 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists), Zimmerman (15 points, 10 rebounds), Watson (11 points), Wiggs (10 points, 8 rebounds) and Gyorgy Goloman (10 points) paced another well-rounded offensive effort with seven



Westchester's Billy Garrett shoots the ball in the 127-118 win over Windy City.

players in double figures in scoring.

Westchester sits in third place in the Eastern Conference and was scheduled to face the Delaware Blue Coats on March 11 on the road. The Knicks only have three more regular season games after that. Their final home game is against the Maine Red Claws on Thursday, March 21, at the County Center at 7 p.m.

"We have a good group of guys," Miller said. "We've got a really good, strong corps that we've been able to keep. And as guys move up (to the NBA), it gives other guys opportunities. I think that's been a big part of that. We've been really pleased with the progression. We try to stay level with what we're doing and keep building."

With a 15-9 record at the County Center, the Knicks currently sit a half game behind the Lakeland Magic in the battle for second place.

"There's been some bumps in the road, certainly, that we've had to work through," said Miller, whose primary offensive weapon earlier in the season, John Jenkins, is now playing at Madison Square Garden. "But to their credit, they've showed up every day to work and they're enthusiastic about doing it. Every team wants to be playing their best down the stretch. We've had a couple of games in this stretch where we've played pretty well. We're pleased with the direction that it's going. We're not done, we have to keep building."



Paul Watson drives to the basket in the second half of Westchester's home win last Thursday.



Westchester Knicks center Stephen Zimmerman concentrates at the free-throw line in the victory over the Windy City Bulls.

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Pace Men's Lacrosse 2019 Season Preview

The spring sports season is finally upon us, and the Pace University men's lacrosse team has kicked off its 2019 campaign with a couple of lopsided victories. After a long offseason, the Setters, currently 3-0, finally got a chance to jumpstart their new season with a game apiece the past three weekends.

A Look Back At Last Year: The Setters went 7-7 in 2018, finishing sixth in the NE10 standings. The Blue and Gold would be ranked in every USILA poll

(Georgian Bluffs, Ontario/St. Mary's), coming off a 16-point campaign. The two are joined by John Kelly (Stony Brook, NY/Ward Melville) and graduate student Connor Vercruysse (Yorktown Heights, NY/Yorktown), who comes to Pace following four years at Rutgers, as team captains for the new season.

...As Well as the Future: To address the large roster turnover looming following the season, the Setters have brought in 14 freshmen to continue development of a solid young core. The group of rookies join 13 sophomores that will look to continue their growth as players alongside the upperclassmen teammates.

Filling the Hole in Goal: Perhaps the biggest loss for Pace in the Class of 2018 was the departure of goalkeeper Robert

of DeRosa, he is one of two All-NE10 players who will return for the Blue and Gold. DeRosa was named to the conference's Second Team in 2018, while sophomore Timothy January (Peabody, MA/Peabody Veterans Memorial) was selected to the All-Rookie Squad.

Preseason Polls: The Setters were

ranked No. 18 in both the Nike/US Lacrosse Magazine and United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) preseason polls. Pace moved up to No. 15 in the USILA poll released earlier this week. Pace was also positioned fifth in the NE10's Preseason Coaches Poll.



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Bradley Paterson



Joseph Diggie



Timothy January

throughout the season, climbing to as high as No. 3 and ultimately ending the year slotted at No. 19. Pace claimed the No. 6 seed in the postseason conference tournament, where they were defeated by Adelphi in a first-round matchup.

Preparing For the Present...: A senior class of 12 bring a core of veteran leadership to the Setters in 2019. Of the Class of 2019, 11 have been with the team for three or more seasons. Amongst the notable senior returners are Bradley Paterson (Caldwell, NJ/Depaul Catholic), who comes off a team-high 43-point season a year ago, and Wyatt Barfoot

Beshlian (Wantagh, NY/Wantagh). The Setters allowed an average of just 9.21 goals per game last season, in large part due to Beshlian's .587 save percentage that ranked second-highest in the conference. The Setters have four goalies on this year's roster, including Zachary Powdermaker (Allentown, NJ/Allentown) and Ryan Hultberg (Cream Ridge, NJ/St. Joseph-Metuchen) returning from the 2018 team who each saw limited playing time a year ago, and a pair of freshmen in Louis Ragusa (Ossining, NY/Yorktown) and Andrew Pinto (Oakdale, NY/Connetquot).

Causing Chaos: The Setters were the top team in the NE10 in causing turnovers last season with 143. Pace returns most of their defensive unit that was able to generate pressure on opposing ballhandlers, as Daniel Lewis (Bohemia, NY/Connetquot), Spencer DeRosa (Huntington Station, NY/Walt Whitman), Dom Albi (Bellmore, NY/Bellmore JFK), and Mitchell Johnson (Manorville, NY/Eastport South Manor) each had 12 or more caused turnovers in 2018.

All-Conference Performers: Speaking



Wyatt Barfoot

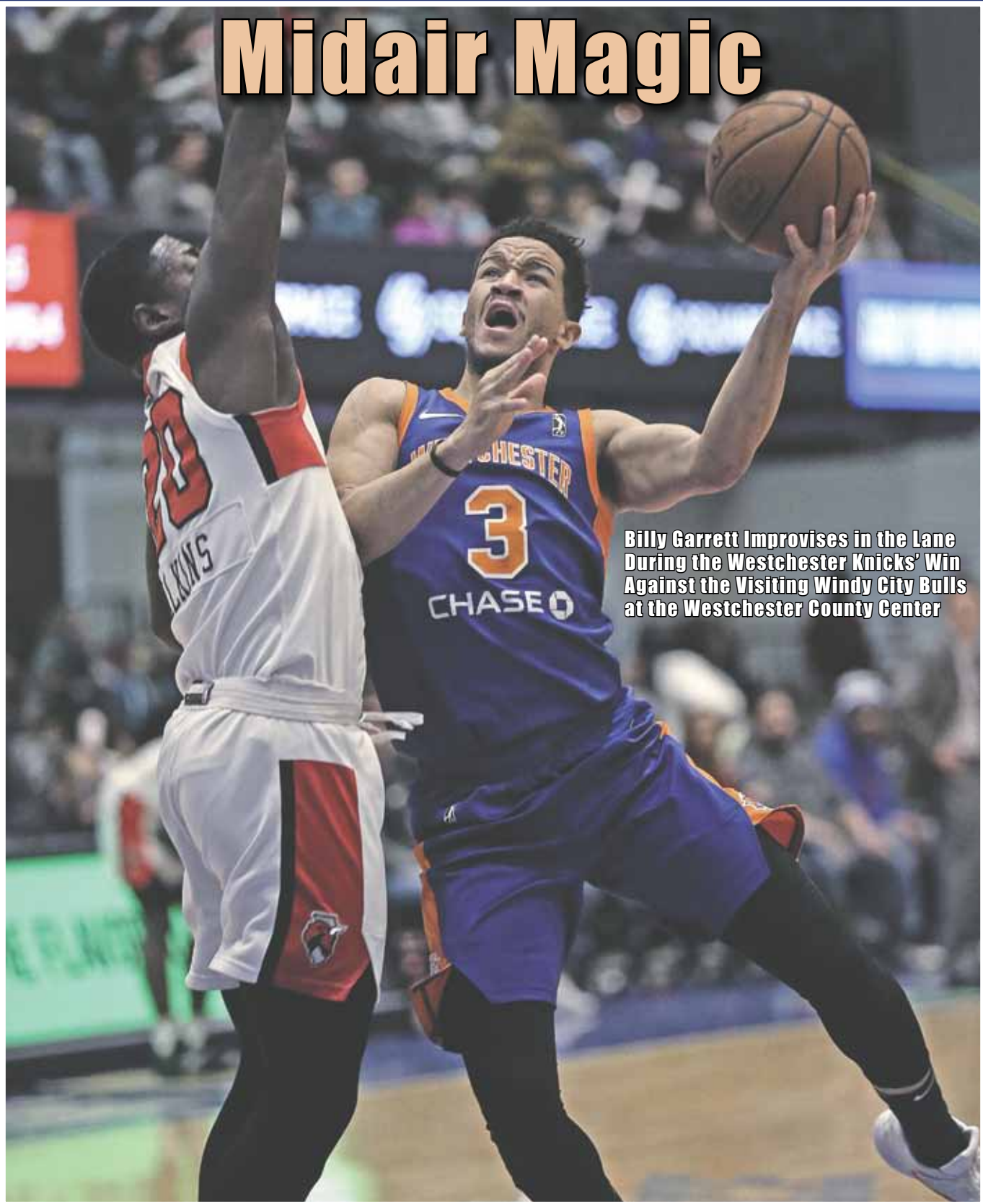
Junior Hoop Champs!



Congratulations to the 5th Grade Byram Hills Jr Bobcats Girls team on winning the TCBL Championship on Sunday, March 10!!! Team members: Caleigh Bucciero, Gracie Eisenberg, Kendall Fasold, Olivia Franco, Liliana Kendall, Madelyn Lowe, Julia Miller, Sophia Montenegro, Scarlett Pfistner, Gabrielle Scorrano, Makenzie Weiss Coaches: Grace Scavone, Sophia Villani, Marshall Reiff and Kevin Cook

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Midair Magic



Billy Garrett Improvises in the Lane During the Westchester Knicks' Win Against the Visiting Windy City Bulls at the Westchester County Center

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