New Castle Focuses on Hamlets as Comp Plan Nears Finish

By Martin Wilbur

New Castle officials stressed last week that the updated Comprehensive Plan will emphasize revitalized commercial hamlets but in 10 years the town's residential zones will look similar to today.

Town Director of Planning Sabrina Charney Hull said that while the public had significant input into the revised document that is close to being completed, it is important that residents have a keen understanding of the updated plan and what changes are outlined in the town's blueprint for at least the next decade. The last update was done in 1989.

“I think it’s important to emphasize that the vision for 2025 keeps the town essentially as it is today, with our single-family residential or low-density rural character, but we enhance our commercial centers, and the level of enhancement is up to you,” Hull told the town board.

She and Tiffany Zezula, deputy director of the Pace Land Use Law Center, which has assisted the town with the update, told the town board last week that one of the challenges is having residents able to educate themselves on the key components of the updated Comprehensive Plan.

“Toward that end, the document will be easy to read with eye-pleasing graphics. Preparations for an online version are also being made.

“We didn’t want to have a boring Comprehensive Plan,” Zezula said. “I didn’t want to leave you with that at the end of the day. So we are trying to graphically make this an exciting document so people want to pick it up and people can actually read through it.”

Adoption of the revised plan is several months away, Hull said. The current revisions will be on page 2.

Pleasantville’s Washington Ave. Epicenter for New Development

By Arthur Cusano

For many years, Washington Avenue had been an afterthought for developers in Pleasantville, but that appears to be changing with several projects big and small taking shape.

The thoroughfare, which runs from New Castle Town Hall at South Greeley Avenue in Chappaqua to the Manville Road intersection in the heart of Pleasantville’s business district, will soon see a luxury townhouse courtesy of national development giant Toll Brothers, as well as several other projects.

At a Nov. 10 joint meeting of the village board and Pleasantville Board of Education, Mayor Peter Scherer told officials that the 68-unit development, which will have units believed to be priced between $600,000 and $700,000 apiece and net about $20,000 in annual taxes, will be the village’s biggest property tax infusion in 30 years. The project will also be a huge boon to Pleasantville’s recreation fund, he added.

“That generated $340,000 for us, and we’re happily considering the options of how to spend it,” Scherer said.

Another project taking shape is a newly approved mixed-use building at 98 Washington Ave. that will feature first-floor retail and 10 one-bedroom apartments and four two-bedroom units on the upper floors. The three-story project was originally approved by the village in 2004 and a building permit was issued in 2005, but the project ground to a halt due to financing issues. The vacant space on Main Street.

Mt. Kisco on Verge of Approving Revised Modell’s Application

By Neal Rentz

In an about-face, the Mount Kisco Planning Board last week maintained support for a revised plan to bring Modell’s Sporting Goods application after the company presented a smaller version of the proposed store.

The board instructed village staff last Tuesday to create a draft resolution for the project, which will be discussed at the Nov. 24 meeting. A special use permit is required from the planning board for approval.

William Null, an attorney representing Modell’s, said his client’s reformulated plan calls for the sporting goods chain to occupy 12,793 square feet on both levels of the two-story building at 154-162 E. Main St. There would be 1,419 square feet of common space on both floors that would be shared by Modell’s and a second tenant, which has not been determined.

Most of the remaining space would be

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Members from the American Legion’s Moses Taylor Jr. Post 136 in Mount Kisco took turns last week standing by the village’s veterans memorial in the 24 hours leading up to the Veterans Day ceremony. Last Tuesday afternoon, John Graziano and Constantino Procopis guard the memorial. For more from area Veterans Day ceremonies, see page 20.

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schedule is to have the draft document ready by the end of this year, which will allow for the town's various boards to have discussions early in 2016, followed by the required environmental review, she said. The official final Comprehensive Plan is on target to be adopted next spring.

As the town moves forward with the final stages of the update, there is a public workshop scheduled for this Thursday, Nov. 19 examining the revitalization of downtown Chappaqua and Millwood. The revitalization efforts have been the focus of area studies for the two business hamlets that have been done this year and are being completed during the Comprehensive Plan update process. The workshop will be held at Robert E. Bell Middle School on Senter Street starting at 7 p.m.

"I think (this) Thursday is a critical educational component as well for everybody because it brings to life... the Comprehensive Plan in a variety of different ways, and here are these ideas on the table, and so we want to have people understand how that connects," Zezula said.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein said the workshop will feature discussion of a series of proposals regarding land use and traffic, among other topics, that have been developed over the past year and a half in hopes of transforming Chappaqua and Millwood into vibrant commercial centers.

Among the issues that will be addressed are improving pedestrian safety, diversifying the retail mix, providing more community activity, parking and offering more housing choices.

As work on the Comprehensive Plan nears its completion, the one draft chapter that still needs to be finished is implementation. Zezula said she recently met with the planning board to discuss that issue.

Once the updated plan is adopted, Greenstein suggested the town use a checklist to keep track of how well the town is attaining the goals that will be outlined.

"I think the hard part, the challenging part is going to take these ideas into reality, and that's why having a report card and checklist (is important), and push us a little past our comfort zone," he said.

Hull estimated that about 75 percent of the goals highlighted in the 1989 plan were implemented; those that weren't were consciously excluded for one reason or another. There is also a mechanism for the town to review the plan every five years, so officials will have the ability to alter course, if necessary, she said.

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building had been condemned.

The new plan, under developer York Funding, LLC, was approved by the village planning commission at its Nov. 11 meeting and will retain the previously planned first-floor retail, but make the two upper levels apartments. Scherer said the owner may turn around and sell the building after renovating it, a move that he's okay with.

"I think that's a good thing," Scherer said. "There is a lot of demand for apartments downtown, and anything that would light a fire on that project to see that building turned around and fixed and completed would be a blessing to all of us."

Also appearing before the planning commission last Wednesday was Trinity Associates, an Elmsford-based developer that has plans to build another mixed-use development across the street at 101-117 Washington Ave. at the intersection of Edgewood Avenue. The project will include the company's business office on the first floor and 14 apartments on the second and third levels. There will also be ground-level parking. The property has already been cleared and a foundation laid. The project had been delayed due to funding issues, but developer John Saraceno said the company had already obtained site plan approval from the village in June 2014 and was waiting for state approval for the modular construction.

"Once we get state approval, the units will go up really fast," he said.

In addition, a house located next to the firehouse at 75 Washington Ave. has recently been demolished. Scherer said the property is owned by Warren Schloat, who also owns the adjacent building that houses Try & Buy Toy Store and TapeMeasure, as well as the Manville Road corner building which contains Chase Bank and Flour & Sun Bakery.

The space left by the demolished home will be used for parking by tenants over the next year and will be open to the public after 5 p.m. Scherer said the owner hopes to eventually construct a larger building on the property with retail on the first floor and apartments upstairs with on-site parking.

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Pleasantville Pizza Hut Property Getting New Slice of Life

By Arthur Cusano

The former Pizza Hut building located at 39 Marble Ave. will soon be rebuilt as a new two-story project.

The property was sold to the firm Damiano Barile Engineers PC of White Plains on Nov. 4, said new owner Laurence Barile, a Pleasantville resident.

Barile told village trustees at their Nov. 9 work session that his company, with its 14 employees, plan to reconfigure the property and erect a new two-story building. The firm's offices will be on the second floor with the first floor set aside for retail. Both applications are permitted uses under the property's zoning, he said. “We've been in White Plains for 15 years now, and Eastchester for 30 years or so before that,” Barile said. “We're excited to be moving to Pleasantville.”

The company specializes in electrical and HVAC work, and will likely handle most of the interior work itself. Barile said that an optimistic timeframe has the project completed before the end of 2016. “Our project is going to go faster and cost less than any other project,” he said.

Barile said the first floor could be used as a restaurant or food service business. While there had been rumors of the Mexican food chain Chipotle moving into the site, Barile said that was unlikely.

The additional parking lot built by Pizza Hut located across Hobby Street is still owned by the chain, he said.

The building has sat vacant since the summer when Pizza Hut unceremoniously closed its doors. The building's owner has since repainted the signature red roof and removed all Pizza Hut signage, as is required by the company's corporate ownership when a franchise closes. Pizza Hut has closed most of the stores across the state as it has struggled to compete with the growing number of restaurant chains and changing consumer tastes.

Similar to Washington Avenue, Marble Avenue has seen renewed commercial interest. Earlier this month, the village welcomed German cutlery company Zwilling J.A. Henckels.

“That company won't have a large impact on the village tax base because it was over-assessed in its life as an IDA project, Mayor Peter Scherer said last week of the Henckels building. The facility is not only the company's U.S. headquarters, but will also host kitchen demonstrations and hold factory sales. The building also has a large room that can be rented out for events.

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occupied by a second tenant.

Modell's original plan was to use about 16,000 square feet on the upper level. In October, most of the board was opposed to that plan because they contended that the store would be too large for the area.

Christopher Raffaelli, an architect for the applicant, told the planning board that his client had responded to the board's concerns that centered on passersby being able to see the store's interior through the windows. He said that an optimistic timeframe has the project completed before the end of 2016.

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Astorino Unveils 2016 $1.8B Budget With No Tax Increase

By Arthur Cusano

Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino introduced his 2016 budget Friday to county officials and the press, his sixth consecutive spending plan without a tax levy increase.

The $1.8 billion budget maintains what Astorino called his two key goals: no tax levy increase and no use of the county’s unrestricted fund balance. As in the past five years, tax increases were not an option, he said.

“I will veto any budget with a tax increase,” Astorino said.

The 2016 budget includes a $180 million capital fund, $18 million for water, sewer and refuse districts and another $18 million for county airport improvements.

Astorino used the presentation to criticize unfunded state and federal mandates that Westchester is forced to comply with. The county is required to spend $1.35 billion for such programs, Astorino said, but only receives $424 million this year.

“Of 158 employees over the summer. Those cuts follow a buyout plan calls for bonding $11 million to pay for county airport improvements.

Of the $926 million difference, 100 percent of it, every dollar we take in from property taxes, goes right out the door in interest, which relatively speaking, is fairly low,” Astorino said. “If we decided to pay off the entire $11 million in cash, to pay for that, Astorino said. “And 70 percent of our sales tax is now being paid to these mandates costs.”

Sales tax revenue declined this year due to inclement winter weather that kept consumers homebound along with dropping gas prices, he said.

Under the proposed budget there will be no cuts to county Bee-Line bus routes, libraries or childcare programs, which will keep the current parent contributions at 27 percent. Some late-night and weekend bus stops may be eliminated due to low ridership.

However, some nonprofit organizations will see their funding slashed. There will be 20 percent funding reductions for Legal Services of the Hudson Valley and the Hudson River Museum and a 70 percent cut to Cornell Cooperative Extension funding. In addition, 25 positions in various departments are slated to be eliminated. Those cuts follow a buyout of 158 employees over the summer.

To minimize layoffs, Astorino’s budget plan calls for bonding $11 million to pay for tax certiorari settlements.

“Because of our very strong credit ratings, it will cost about $60,000 a year in interest, which relatively speaking, is fairly low,” Astorino said. “If we decided to pay off the entire $11 million in cash, which I’m open to if that’s what the board wants.”

Astorino said cuts to nonprofits and layoffs needed to be considered, he said.

That cost, in an ideal world, should be first on the list of any proposed layoffs in 2016. "I will veto any budget with a tax increase," Astorino said.

Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) said the board supported keeping tax rates level, but said cuts to nonprofits and layoffs needed more review. The proposed $11 million tax certiorari bond also needed to be carefully considered, he said.

“Some responsible for these budget projections should be first on the list of any proposed layoffs in 2016,” Jenkins said.

The Westchester County Association and Business Council of Westchester have objected to the proposed 2016 budget. All three hearings begin at 7 p.m. Three hearings are scheduled to elicit feedback from the public: Thursday, Nov. 19, at Yonkers Public School 30 in Yonkers; Nov. 24 at Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua; and Dec. 9 at the county office building. All three hearings begin at 7 p.m.
Controversy Erupts Over Robo Calls in District 3 BOL Race

By Martin Wilbur

A series of robocalls during the final days of the recent District 3 Board of Legislators race had two local Democrats last week questioning the Republicans’ campaign tactics and who may have been responsible.

Democrat John Diaconis, who lost the race to his opponent, first-time Republican candidate Margaret Cunzio, said he was told by several Republicans that starting on Friday, Oct. 30, robo calls went out to potential voters in the district stating that he would raise taxes if elected.

Diaconis said he didn’t know whether the calls played a part in the outcome of the race, which he lost by nearly 900 votes, or 12 percentage points, in the Republican-leaning district, but suggested that County Executive Rob Astorino was behind the tactic.

District 3, which takes in Mount Pleasant, Pleasantville, North Castle and portions of Sleepy Hollow and Greenburgh, is Astorino’s home district.

“I was concerned about the negative tone the Astorino campaign took the weekend before the election,” said Diaconis. “I just didn’t think Washington-style politics has a place in Westchester.”

Aside from possibly trying to make race an issue, Diaconis acknowledged that he did not hear the calls, presumably because they were targeted to Republican and perhaps independent voters, said it was also troubling because he and Cunzio had not led to participate in negative campaigning.

Diaconis campaign manager Anthony Amiano, flatly denied that Cunzio, the campaign or Astorino had anything to do with the message discussing Diaconis’ post-election message about Diaconis’ post-election decision to go public with his comments and chided the Democrat for stressing that he had far more experience than Cunzio.

"I thought the campaign had no knowledge of it before it went out," Amiano said. "However, for John Diaconis to insinuate at the 13th hour that race was somehow at play, after admitting that he hadn’t heard the call himself, is despicable behavior, even for a losing candidate. John overwhelmingly lost mainly because of his extremely troublesome tax-and-spend record. The voters of District 3 ultimately rejected such experience as being out-of-step with the priorities and future direction of our community. Instead of calling a newspaper columnist, John should call his opponent to finally concede.”

John Nonna, a Democrat who held the District 3 seat from 2008 to 2011, before the district’s outgoing representative Michael Smith, defeated him in a close race, said he couldn’t say with certainty who was responsible for the calls. However, Nonna said he received a mailer during the latter portions of the campaign stating that Diaconis had raised taxes 29 percent while a New Castle councilman, which came from the state Republican Committee.

Remarking that it was unusual for one of the state committees to become involved in a county race, Nonna speculated that since Astorino may have some pull with GOP bigwigs since his gubernatorial run last year, the county executive could have played a role.

"The problem with the calls is there’s no accountability," Nonna said. "There’s no disclosure for who is responsible for them, except for the assumption that someone supporting them is responsible.”

Ammiano said the information contained in the mailer and in the calls referring to taxes was fair game because it contained factual information relating to Diaconis’ four years on the New Castle Town Board. During his tenure on that board, from 2001 to 2005, taxes increased by 29 percent, he said.

As a former co-chairman with the North Castle Democratic Committee, he should also be aware that criticizing a candidate’s record while in office is legitimate.

Diaconis said while the episode leaves him with a bad taste, he would continue to be active in the community.

"I’ll always be available to help my neighbors in whatever way,” he said.

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By Martin Wilbur

Despite hopes that affordable housing units could be integrated with workforce or market-rate apartments at Chappaqua Crossing, financing issues and time constraints have forced the developer to initially include only affordable residences at the cupola building.

The New Castle Town Board was once again told last Tuesday by housing developer William Balter, who was brought in by Chappaqua Crossing owner Summit/Greenfield to build affordable residence in the building's top two floors, that the current 28-unit project would not be feasible if the number of affordable units were reduced.

Within the past couple of months, town board members had hoped to include at least seven units of workforce housing into the property's signature building, which could be suitable for town employees or people who work locally and are volunteers.

Balter explained that since affordable units are subsidized, it allows them to be built and offered to occupants at the lower cost. However, when there are fewer units, the subsidies are lowered, making the project too expensive to build for a developer.

The proposed 28 units at the cupola building is considered a small affordable housing project.

“When you have a development that is 80 percent market-rate and 20 percent affordable, the market-rates cover the affordable units,” Balter said. “When you have a (project) that is 80 percent affordable and 20 percent market rate, the market-rate units don't cover the costs.”

The discussion, which occurred during the continuation of the public hearing about whether to allow for residential units in the cupola building, was triggered by comments from Chappaqua resident Chuck Napoli, who appealed for officials to reconsider.

Originally, 20 affordable units were to be located with the 91 market-rate units in the section of the campus that is called the East Village.

“We would like these people included in our community and how we do inclusiveness is what it's all about,” Napoli said.

“It's not about making it easier for a developer,” he later added, “it's about the people who are going to be in them.”

Councilwoman Lisa Katz said she agreed with Napoli that the town should have looked to keep the affordable units integrated or closer to the market-rate residences.

“I know there are reasons they want to get their units built for Westchester,” Katz said. “I thought that the whole point of the affordable housing units was to not have a targeted area. It's to have everything integrated.”

The current plan, which was first introduced last spring by Summit/Greenfield, has been supported by Norma Drummond, the county's deputy commissioner of planning. The county is under an increasingly tight deadline to meet its benchmarks to comply with the affordable housing settlement with the federal government.

Town Attorney Nicholas Ward-Willis said those time constraints are likely playing a role in the decision by the developer and the county. If Summit/Greenfield waited to build the affordable units with the market-rate townhomes, the 28 apartments would likely not be included toward the county's requirement of building 750 new affordable units by the end of next year.

Supervisor Robert Greenstein, a proponent of workforce housing in the cupola building, said he was pleased to hear from Balter that the structure should accommodate workforce housing on the bottom two floors.

He also pointed out that there has been support for having 28 affordable units at Chappaqua Crossing. Greenstein was alluding to the controversy surrounding the Conifer Realty project, another proposed 28-unit affordable housing structure on a cramped lot near downtown, which has sparked outcry from many residents and officials who have argued that the site would be dangerous and inappropriate for people to live.

“We are going from 20 affordable housing units to 28 affordable housing units. There is not one person here in opposition,” Greenstein said.

The town board adjourned the public hearing until its next meeting while it awaits feedback from the county's planning department.
Need for Critical Pediatric Care Impetus for Sunshine Home’s Project

By Martin Wilbur

When the New Castle Zoning Board of Appeals reconvenes next Monday night, comments regarding a hydrology study on the Sunshine Children’s Home and Rebab Center’s property is expected to be the focus of discussion on the project.

Similar to previous public forums, the session will likely feature impassioned statements from speakers on both sides of the issue – those who see a 128,000-square foot addition to the pediatric nursing facility on Spring Valley Road as excessive and intrusive and supporters who desperately want to see services for medically complex children expanded because of a severe shortage of similar facilities in New York State.

What has gone largely unseen away from the almost monthly hearings that have occurred since spring is the toll that the often blunt public debate has on the families of the children who call Sunshine their home.

One family who has a child at Sunshine or Connecticut when there is no space.

“Routinely approaches 70 children and many families have to travel for hours to similar facilities in New Jersey or Connecticut when there is no space. One family who has a child at Sunshine Children’s Home, one of only nine pediatric nursing homes in the state according to its application, commutes regularly from Albany, highlighting the acute shortage of the highly specialized care in New York,” Mosiello said.

“I know that there is a real need for it,” she said. “I get the calls from parents.”

Westchester’s two other pediatric nursing facilities, St. Mary’s and Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center, both in Yonkers, are also in the process of expanding. Sarra Young, Elizabeth Seton’s communications coordinator, said the 137-child facility broke ground last Wednesday on its expansion for an additional 32 beds for ventilator-dependent children, bringing that number up to 50 children. It is expected to open in early 2017.

Furthermore, both Yonkers facilities are located in residential neighborhoods. Suggestions that Sunshine should move to a medical complex or industrial park are off-base, Mosiello said. Virtually all nursing homes, whether for children or adults, have been placed in residential zones for a reason.

“Places that are pediatric specialized nursing facilities have taken a critical care-level of service and turn it into a home-like environment that allows the child to stay there and get stronger, hopefully, each day,” Mosiello said.

Although many of the public comments have been in opposition to the current expansion proposal, Sunshine has supporters in the area.

Stephen Jenney, who lives near the facility on the Ossining side, said Spring Valley Road has little traffic and will be able to handle whatever increase. Other approaches, such as Route 9A, are designed to handle truck traffic during construction, he said.

He said he believes that much of the negative comments are a result of the not-in-my-backyard syndrome.

“These people (at Sunshine) are trying to make a facility that’s much better,” said Jenney who has been a longtime Briarcliff Manor realtor Philip Faranda said in his estimation there’s “not much of a concern” that neighboring property values will plummet should Sunshine receive its approvals. Faranda, who said that supporting Sunshine Children’s Home is bad echoed Jenney’s thoughts that arguments against the project are being created.

“The argument that it’s not the right setting is because it’s near them,” he said.
**Obituary**

**Matthew Coppola**

The Hon. Matthew Francis Coppola of Somers passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on Nov. 5.

He was 90.

Coppola was a Yonkers native and moved to Somers in 2005. He was born on Nov. 6, 1925, to Federico and Cesira (Giannattasio) Coppola. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Rosemarie (Mehran); his children, Elaine, Matthew, Jr. (Jeanne), Frederick (Sharon) and Richard (Lauren); his 12 loving grandchildren; his nephew, Frank (Heidi); and sister-in-law Lillian. His loving big brother, Frank, predeceased him on Sept. 24, 2015.

Coppola attended St. Mary’s Grammar School, Yonkers High School, Bethany College (West Virginia) and St. John's Law School. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at 17 and served from 1943 to 1945.

He began his career as a trial lawyer for the Hartford Insurance Co. and was corporate counsel before he was appointed Family Court judge in 1974. He became a state Supreme Court justice in 1982. He also served as associate justice of the Appellate Term for the 9th and 10th Judicial Districts until his retirement in 2001. Upon his retirement, Judge Coppola was a mediator with the National Arbitration and Mediation Association (NAMM) in addition to sitting as a judicial hearing officer.

Coppola is well-known for and was very proud of his landmark decision in the matter of Bennett v. Jeffreys, wherein he set a new standard in child custody cases. As a result, the “best interests of the child” took on a new meaning.

Coppola had a long history of community involvement. He served as president of the Yonkers Family Service Society and was on its board of directors for many years. He was a board member of the Mental Health Association of Westchester, the Enrico Fermi Education Fund and The Defense Association of New York. He collaborated in the writing and production of the McGraw-Hill filmstrip, "The Law: Juveniles’ Rights and Responsibilities.” He served as an adjunct professor of Business Law at Iona College. He was a Little League coach, a lector for his local parish, an ecumenical mentor within his community, a tennis player and a master point bridge player; truly a “man for all seasons.” He will always be remembered for his smile, his laughter, his kindness, his fairness, his patience and most of all for his love of family. He was a very much loved man.

Memorial visitation was held on Nov. 9 at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville, A Memorial Mass was celebrated today (Tuesday) at St. Theresa’s Roman Catholic Church in Briarcliff Manor at 10 a.m. Burial followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Valhalla.

Donations can be made to Hospice Care of Westchester and Putnam, 540 White Plains Rd., Suite 300, Tarrytown, N.Y. 10591.

**Elizabeth Bianco**

Elizabeth (Betty) Bianco of West Harrison and formerly of Hawthorne died on Nov. 13.

She was 82.

Bianco was born on Nov. 3, 1933, in the Bronx to the late Santo and Annie Frenza of New Rochelle. She was predeceased by her devoted husband, Ralph, her sister Alice Dorme, and two brothers, Joseph Frenza and William Frenza. She is survived by her loving children, Margaret Stella, of Holmes, N.Y., Dominic Bianco of Yonkers and Jeanmarie (Joseph) Gonnella of West Harrison; her two sisters, Marion (Thomas) Downs and Anna (Charles) Marino, both of New Rochelle; her five cherished grandchildren, Nicole (Anthony) Picard, Michelle (John) Puma, Anthony Stella, Jr., Dominic Bianco, Jr. and Joseph Gonnella, Jr.

Her greatest joy was her unconditional love for her children and grandchildren. One of Betty’s favorite past times was watching her cherished New York Yankees. Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Nov. 16. A funeral Mass was held at St. Anthony of Padua Church in West Harrison, N.Y. today (Tuesday) at 10 a.m. followed by interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in New Rochelle.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Breast Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated.

**Bridget Reynolds**

Bridget Reynolds of Pleasantville died on Nov. 12.

She was 75.

Reynolds was born on Jan. 28, 1940, to the late John and Nora Morrin in Cloughbrack County, Galway, Ireland. She was predeceased by her devoted husband, Hugh Reynolds, in 1969. She is survived by her loving son, David (Barbara) Reynolds, of Pleasantville; two sisters, Mary McCrumlish of Ireland and Kathleen Bryceland of Hartsdale; three brothers, Patrick Morrin of Ireland, Thomas Morrin of North Carolina and James Morrin of Liverpool, England; and her two cherished grandchildren, Deanna and Thomas Reynolds.

She touched many lives always with a smile and lived each day to the fullest.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Nov. 15. A funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Pompeii Church in Pleasantville on Nov. 16, followed by interment at New St. Raymond Cemetery in the Bronx.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

**Police Blotter**

**Pleasantville Police Department**

Nov. 8: A 16-year-old Bronx man was arrested at 12:10 a.m. and charged with indecent exposure, a violation, after he was caught urinating in public outside 1 Broadway.

Nov. 11: A 45-year-old Putnam Valley man was arrested following a traffic stop at 10:02 p.m. on Manville Road and charged with unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation.

Nov. 12: Officers responded to a report of property damage at the Manville Road Shell station where a motorist drove off from while a gas nozzle was still inserted in their vehicle. The motorist was contacted by police and has worked out damage compensation with the gas station owner.

**North Castle Police Department**

Nov. 6: A Hickory Kingdom Road resident reported at headquarters at 5:12 a.m. stating that his landlord removed his belongings from the residence while he was in the hospital.

Nov. 6: Report of a suspicious incident at 11:03 a.m. A Denim Place resident stated that while her 16-year-old son was outside blowing leaves, a neighbor walked in front of their house and began recording him. Caller said she didn’t know why this happened and requested an officer come to the location.

Nov. 7: A West Lane resident reported at 5:55 a.m. that his friend, who he believed was hunting in the woods on his property, called from a cell phone urging him to call an ambulance. Caller said the party may have been on the Greenwich, Conn. side of the woods. The Greenwich Police Department was contacted and found the man injured after falling from a tree stand.

Nov. 8: A party on Chestnut Ridge Road called at 1:13 p.m. requesting an ambulance for himself. The subject stated that a tree branch fell on his head causing a laceration. The dispatching officer transferred the call to 60 Control, which dispatched Armonk Ambulance and ALS and transported the injured male to Northern Westchester Hospital.

Nov. 9: Report of a burglary on Hickory Pass at 6:56 a.m. The caller stated that she arrived home to find her home apparently broken into, the house’s interior ransacked and a safe missing. The resident was advised to wait outside until the responding officers arrive. She said she would be waiting in a gray Mercedes with her two children.
Cuomo Helps Regeneron Celebrate Facilities, Jobs Expansion

By Martin Wilbur

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Stacey Lane was born with a genetic disorder known as familial hypercholesterolemia that caused her to have life-threatening high LDL cholesterol levels. She spoke of how Regeneron’s development of the drug Praluent likely saved her from a premature death.

Lane said she was six years old when her father, whom she inherited the condition from, had a heart attack at 36 years old in 1966 despite being thin, active and a nonsmoker. He died a short time afterward.

Lane’s brother also suffered from the condition, and both saw their LDL levels reach 400 as children. Until recently, doctors maintained Lane on a cocktail of various medications with difficult side effects.

“I can now say for the first time in my life I can look forward to growing old with my husband, watching my children grow up and seeing my grandchildren,” Lane said.

Praluent is one of three FDA-approved products that Regeneron has developed in its 27-year history. Austin Jacobson of Bedford recounted how he suffered for years through a debilitating form of eczema called atopic dermatitis, which caused such severe head-to-toe itching that his skin would be red and pockmarked with flaking skin and scabs. Because of the extreme discomfort, Jacobson said he contemplated suicide.

However, he participated in a Dupilumab clinical trial for one of the company’s investigational compounds that is currently in its Phase 3 trials. Since being part of the trial, his skin has returned to normal and he can lead a productive life.

“You saved my life because you gave me hope. You gave me the ability to be a human being, not a monster,” Jacobson said.

Schleifer and Yancopoulos recounted the challenges the company has faced, including the high price to conduct research, the years it takes for the FDA to approve a single product and the controversies behind the pricing of medications.

Schleifer said that while there are unscrupulous members of the pharmaceutical industry, Regeneron is run by scientists, whose first mission is to help people and help the company become the world’s pharmaceutical leader.

“We need good drugs, and we also need good drugs to be priced reasonably based on the value that they give,” he said.

“At Regeneron, everything begins and ends with the patients we are trying to help,” Yancopoulos added.
P’ville’s Walsh Gets Ready to Take Seat on State Supreme Court

By Martin Wilbur

For the past few years Pleasantville resident Gretchen Walsh was vigorously campaigning for a seat that many voters likely don’t pay much attention to, particularly in an off-election year.

Walsh, 53, had been working to get herself noticed by Democratic Party leaders in the five-county area that encompasses the Ninth Judicial District for state Supreme Court to win a seat on the bench.

After capturing the Democratic nomination in September, one of six hopefuls, on Election Day her long hours of toiling paid off with a resounding 24,000-vote win over Republican challenger Montgomery Delaney of Katonah.

“I think all the retail campaigning that I did was so taxing on me but it really paid off,” Walsh said last weekend fresh off of a week’s vacation following her election.

While she has spent her entire career working in the legal as an attorney, Walsh’s path to the state Supreme Court is likely a little different than most who find herself in this position. She has never sat as a judge at any level.

First, she was a litigator for the Manhattan law firm of Kelley Drye & Warren, LLC from 1987 to 2003.

Afterwards, she served as principal attorney to three state Supreme Court justices – Jonathan Lippmann, who was at the time the chief administrative judge of the state’s Unified Court System, and Mary Smith. She has been the principal court attorney to the Ninth Judicial District’s Administrative Judge Alan Scheinkman.

“I know everything there is to know about how to manage a court calendar, what the issues are, the legal issues, the evidentiary issues,” Walsh told The Examiner prior to the election.

“I understand what it means to be a practitioner and I understand there’s friction there because the judge wants to keep the calendar, keep moving but the participants have their case load obligations and you can’t put them in a bind.”

She said she will work in Scheinkman’s court until the end of the year, before getting sworn in to her seat, which carries a 14-year term, in early January.

Walsh captured the seat, mainly on the strength of her showing in Westchester, winning by more than 21,000 votes. However, she said her results were surprisingly strong elsewhere in the district, losing the Republican-dominated Dutchess County by about 1,000 votes but winning Orange County by a similar margin.

Before the election, Walsh figured that she would need to win Westchester by at least 10,000 in order to win.

She said she couldn't explain her better-than-expected results in a year where Democrats underperformed in the few places where there were significant races.

“It’s really gratifying that all the hard work paid off and I was recognized by the public,” Walsh said. “I have a lot to be thankful for.”

Walsh lives with her husband, John, who is also an attorney. The couple has two children, a daughter and son, the youngest of whom is in college.
Kissinger said. Including parts of Iraq and parts of Syria, “control over a big slice of the Middle East, the group for the first time claims territorial space of ISIS in which a terrorist crisis, but the first thing that has to be done to pursue that will bring a rapid end to this general upheaval against the West. " I think the United States needs to bring an end to what he described as a war, “said Burns, adding the need to continue to prosecute an effective air campaign. "I think this is an opportunity in the face of the barbarity of what's happened in Paris to make common cause with a number of countries with whom we've had difficulties on other issues, including Russia," said Burns.

Kissinger and Burns agreed that they didn’t see the necessity for ground troops at this time. "I think the United States needs to be assertive, to exercise leadership and continue to prosecute an effective air war," said Burns, adding the need to destroy the capacity of ISIS to govern large-scale commitment is necessary to push the group back from the territory it holds, but also giving Syria’s Sunni Arab population and Iraq’s Sunnis and Kurds a larger role in running their countries. He was referring not only to military efforts that would push the group back from the territory it holds, but also giving Syria’s Sunni Arab population and Iraq’s Sunnis and Kurds a larger role in running their countries.

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Editorial

Solidarite – With Support, Empathy, Compassion and Vigilance

As communities around the world find ways to express solidarity with France after Friday’s terrorist attacks, the work of protection heightens and public safety officials and first responders go into heightened alert.

In Westchester County and its communities, many preventative and emergency programs are already in place.

As a citizen, there are things you can do to prevent terrorism as well. This means taking the time to consider your surroundings and looking for anything that might stand out as unusual and reporting it. This can be as simple as noticing whether or not a passenger on a train or a bus, or a patron in a restaurant takes a package with them when they leave.

If you see something — say something!

The following is taken directly from the FBI website.

Preventing Terrorist Attacks: How You Can Help. This is a message that bears repeating, no matter where you live in the world: Your assistance is needed in preventing terrorist acts.

It’s a fact that certain kinds of activities indicate terrorist plans that are in the works, especially when they occur at or near high profile sites or places where large numbers of people gather—like government buildings, military facilities, utilities, bus or train stations, major public events. If you see or know about suspicious activities, like the ones listed below, please report them immediately to the proper authorities. In the United States, that means your closest Joint Terrorist Task Force, located in an FBI field office. In other countries, that means your closest law enforcement/counterterrorism agency.

Surveillance: Are you aware of anyone video recording or monitoring activities, taking notes, using cameras, maps, binoculars, etc., near key facilities/events?

Suspicious Questioning: Are you aware of anyone attempting to gain information in person, by phone, mail, email, etc., regarding a key facility or people who work there?

Tests of Security: Are you aware of any attempts to penetrate or test physical security or procedures at a key facility/event?

Acquiring Supplies: Are you aware of anyone attempting to improperly acquire explosives, weapons, ammunition, dangerous chemicals, uniforms, badges, flight manuals, access cards or identification for a key facility/event or to legally obtain items under suspicious circumstances that could be used in a terrorist attack?

Suspicious Persons: Are you aware of anyone who does not appear to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or near a key facility/event?

“Dry Runs”: Have you observed any behavior that appears to be preparation for a terrorist act, such as mapping out routes, playing out scenarios with other people, monitoring key facilities/events, timing traffic lights or traffic flow, or other suspicious activities?

Deploying Assets: Have you observed abandoned vehicles, stockpiling of suspicious materials, or persons being deployed near a key facility/event?

If you answered yes to any of the above: if you have observed any suspicious activity that may relate to terrorism...again, please contact the Joint Terrorist Task Force or law enforcement/counterterrorism agency closest to you immediately. Your tip could save the lives of innocent people, just like you and yours.

Guest Column

Create Holiday Gifts That Keep on Giving Throughout the Year

By Melinda Myers

Make this holiday season one filled with creating memories and gifts that keep giving throughout the year.

Terrariums have made a comeback and make wonderful do-it-yourself projects and gifts for beginning and experienced gardeners. They enable gardeners to continue to grow no matter the weather outdoors and can be updated and used as decorations throughout the year with some simple updating for holidays and other special occasions. Just add a few ceramic items like a Christmas tree ornament, ceramic bunny or other adornment or two that represent the season.

You can create your own from an old glass jar or vase or purchase an elegant terrarium with copper bottom or ready-made ones.

Give a decorative treat for the birds. Those with live Christmas trees can extend their enjoyment by decorating the tree with colorful birdseed ornaments once it is moved outdoors. Make your own ornaments from suet, peanut butter and birdseed or purchase ready-made ones.

Easy care waxed amaryllis bulbs are self-contained and easy to grow. The bulb is sealed in gold or silver wax, making it both decorative and low maintenance. There’s no watering or container needed. Just set it in a bright location and wait for the floral display to appear before your eyes. You’ll be enjoying big blooms for several weeks.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author and columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books. She is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Visit www.melindamyers.com.

Letter to the Editor

Thank You to the Voters of Legislative District 2 for Your Confidence

I want to thank all the voters in our district for their vote of confidence and support in this past election. I am truly humbled and honored to represent us all in the county legislature and will work hard to protect the quality, character and affordability of northern Westchester in my role as our new county legislator. Our struggles and needs are different than the rest of the county and I will be a strong voice to insure that we are heard. Thank you all, voters, volunteers and citizens for your trust and your support.

Francis Corcoran
Bedford

Correction

Last week’s Business of the Week feature on Spotted Tiger Acupuncture & Holistic Health contained an incorrect address for the establishment. The business is located at 220 King St. in Chappaqua. The Examiner regrets the error.

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By Martin Wilbur

After spending years in corporate jobs, Danielle Della Pella needed to devise an alternate plan in a hurry.

Her marriage had fizzled and with three children under 13 years old, she realized that making long commutes to help support the reconfigured household wasn’t the best option for her family.

So last spring Della Pella launched her own company, Glowing, a luxury mobile spray tanning business. The Briarcliff Manor resident travels to clients throughout Westchester and to various spas for people looking for her service. She also now partners with Club Fit in her home community to provide health club patrons who want to look and feel their best when she sees customers, which is often because of her years of study and training in the nuclear power industry. Every day, engineers at Indian Point. Safety is the single most important mission for Kaitlyn and her 1,000 colleagues at the plant, Kaitlyn Corbett has always called New York home. Born and raised in Buffalo, she earned her degree in nuclear power engineering at SUNY College of Technology and moved to Peekskill to start her career at Indian Point. Safety is the single most important mission for Kaitlyn and her 1,000 colleagues at the plant, and it’s been the focus of her years of study and training in the nuclear power industry. Every day, engineers are graded on their performance by inspectors from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The NRC recently gave Kaitlyn and the team at Indian Point its highest safety rating — for the fifth year in a row. Discover more about Indian Point at SafeSecureVital.com
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Steps. Some people seek to avoid them in their housing choices, preferring one-level living, while others insist on having sleeping quarters on a second level. The reasons for either preference can be quite different.

When I was five or six years old, I had a recurring dream of tumbling down an endless flight of steps, but they were of a rubbery consistency and I just bounced like a ball the entire way. Maybe my subconscious had absorbed the story my mother had told me about how as a toddler I miraculously survived a fall down the steps to a concrete basement floor.

The experience never dampened my enthusiasm for a beautiful staircase, however, from the time I discovered that enthusiasm for a beautiful staircase, it makes more sense economically to have two stories rise above one foundation and to be tucked in under one roof. Then, there is the argument for the raised ranch, which is basically a two-story involving a split staircase, and the split-level also involving steps, but not in one long run.

While early in my real estate career I thought that only senior homebuyers would have a preference for avoiding steps, I found many young buyers with the same avoidance issue because they had young children and were afraid they would be injured by falling or being too far removed if the master bedroom was on the first floor.

Older buyers may prefer homes without steps, and indeed for many with mobility issues the need for level floors is invariable. But assuming one must live with stairs, is there any benefit?

A set of stairs in the middle of the home might be an annoyance for people who aren’t used to them, but I have lived with them for most of my life. There were times in New York City when I lived in four- and five-floor walk-ups. In the country, I’ve lived in a two-story home with laundry and storage in the basement. I’ve looked at the stairs as exercise. In fact, the workout that comes from regular stair climbing may help to keep us young.

As a case in point, I think of my mother-in-law. My wife was initially relieved when her parents, upon retiring to Hyannis, Mass., selected a single-story bungalow to live in. Her relief turned to irritation, however, on the first visit. The house was indeed one story – with a basement. ‘This dim lower level was deeper than the first story of the house was high, with a steep set of rough-sawn wooden steps leading straight down into it. My petite mother-in-law flew up and down those stairs several times a day.

With every visit my wife would try to firmly make some suggestion to her mother that she not use the basement so often, but then Mamytė would run off again, carrying down laundry, bringing up line-dried linens (she had both outdoor and indoor clotheslines), putting food into storage or bringing up the good dishes for the many parties she hosted. Occasionally she would even make an extra trip down to use the rowing machine she had set up by the dryer. Well, it drove my wife crazy, but her mother lived to be nearly 92, and she was able to keep using the stairs until her last few years.

Even without the involuntary exercise stairs give us, they also benefit homeowners in other ways, whether by helping shape the design of a home or patio into a hilly property, offering a means to build up on a smaller parcel or helping keep the bedrooms away from the sounds – and smells – of the first floor.

Yes, steps are here to stay, whether we can make them or not and, lately, as I feel an occasional twinge in one knee or the other, I wonder when my day will come.

There is a song by George Gershwin called ‘I’ll Build a Stairway to Paradise.’ Notice that he didn’t say he’d get there by just strolling across to it or taking an elevator.

Byram Hills Lax Tourney Raises Over $60G for Wounded Warriors

By Martin Wilbur

Sunday was a beautiful autumn morning for middle school and high school lacrosse players to pick up a stick, head outside and get some playing time in to prepare for next spring’s season.

However, the primary focus for members of the 60 teams that converged at Byram Hills High School in Armonk last weekend wasn’t to work on their game but to support a vitally important cause.

Byram Hills and community volunteers held the second annual No Man Down Lacrosse Classic to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project, which helps wounded U.S. military members with a wide range of services and support.

The tournament featured varsity, junior varsity and seventh- and eighth-grade teams from throughout the Hudson Valley, Long Island and Fairfield County with teams from throughout the Hudson Valley, Long Island and Fairfield County with a dependency to pain medications and a quadruplegic while serving in 2005, was recognized and briefly addressed the hundreds of players and community members who attended. Schei tours the country speaking to groups about the Wounded Warrior Project’s work.

Schei, who joined the Army as a pledge to his brother after his older sibling was left a quadriplegic while serving in 2005, was impressed with the turnout and the willingness of the coaches from neighboring high schools. "Once they found out the cause and it's right down the road they were happy to do it," Kuczma said.

Schei said he was impressed with the turnout and the willingness of the youngsters to give up a Sunday to help the Wounded Warrior Project. "This is the generation that as long as we get them now and teach them what a veteran is and tell them about combat, tell them what these warriors are going through overseas, to me it's very important," he said.

To learn more about the Wounded Warrior Project, visit www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

Retired U.S. Army Sgt. Deven Schei speaks to the hundreds of lacrosse players and community members who helped raise more than $60,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project at Sunday’s No Man Down Lacrosse Classic at Byram Hills High School.
The Bristal Honors 16 Residents for Their Service to the Nation

By Martin Wilbur

For some veterans it's been over 70 years since they served in the military, but even after all that time the memories and emotions are often as vivid as they were when they were in uniform.

On Wednesday, The Bristal in Armonk commemorated Veterans Day by honoring the 15 men and one woman – 89-year-old Joan Fles, a military nurse during World War II – who are residents of the assisted living facility. The brief ceremony paid tribute to the veterans, all between 75 and 97 years old, most of whom served during World War II or the Korean War, and featured visits by local dignitaries.

Harold Merler, 89, a World War II Army veteran, said the best part of the service was that after he arrived home he was able to go to college on the G.I. Bill, which helped lead him to good jobs. There were many others he knew, however, who weren’t as fortunate, and Veterans Day was a time to remember them.

“I think of a lot of friends in the neighborhood who never made it back,” said Merler, a former White Plains resident.

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In May, The Bristal in White Plains recognized the 70th anniversary of V-E Day and its veterans who served.

“The price of freedom is high. We can't forget those who were willing to pay it,” Bent said. “Today we celebrate American veterans for keeping this nation the land of the free and the home of the brave.”

Leon Yablon, 95, one of The Bristal’s brave veterans who formerly lived in the Bronx, served from 1942 to 1945 in Europe with the 269th Combat Engineers. During the ceremony he proudly held a small card that contained a picture of him in uniform.

The engineers were among the first American soldiers to meet up with the Soviets in Germany in the closing days of the war in Europe. But his experiences have also taken its toll over the years. Yablon’s daughter, Ronnie Meyer, said her father still sometimes wakes up with nightmares from witnessing so much death and destruction.

Yablon was one of several veterans who attended the 16 veterans who live at the Armonk assisted living facility were honored on Veterans Day for their service to the nation.

Pleasantville Honors its Veterans With a Program of Song and Speech

Members of the Holy Innocents Roman Catholic Church third grade CCD class presented attending veterans with cards and a banner. The area American Heritage Girls troop gave out gift bags and cards.

Pleasantville resident Teresa Brown performs the patriotic staple “Proud to Be American” while veterans salute. Her husband, Minister Jim Brown, who stands behind her, led the crowd in prayer.

Upper right: Scott Elliot, commander of the Fancher Nicoll American Legion Post 77, hosted last Wednesday’s Veterans Day event in Pleasantville.

Right: Former Pleasantville Mayor and veteran John Nonna was the guest speaker for this year’s event. Current Mayor Peter Scherer also spoke.
By Jerry Eimbinder

An innovative and unusual cook-it-yourself entrée called Shabu Shabu is one of Westchester’s Most Delicious Dishes.

It has been introduced by Bao’s Chinese Cuisine in downtown White Plains and it’s so new it doesn’t appear yet on the menu. Prepared from more ingredients than any other dish offered at the restaurant, Shabu Shabu is cooked by the customers at their tables using small portable gas stoves with dual cooking pots.

It costs $29.95 per person. At least four customers must eat Shabu Shabu and all guests at a table must order it. The restaurant needs 24-hour advance notification.

The ingredients are delivered on an array of small plates and include baby bok choy, beef, cabbage, chicken broth, chili, fish balls, fresh fish filet, garlic, lamb, noodles, potatoes, spinach, tofu and vegetables. Many dipping sauces are provided as well, including peanut sauce and Salsa sauce.

Strainers are used to bring the food from the pot to the plates.

Owner May Tan has been adding

Mount Kisco Home to New Kosher Organic Caterer

By Jerry Eimbinder

G.O. Kosher, a Glatt Kosher take-out only food provider and caterer, has recently opened in Mount Kisco. It offers breakfast food, entrées, appetizers, side dishes, soup, bread, and pastries to go.

Glatt Kosher inspection standards are more restrictive than kosher requirements for slaughtered animals. G.O. Kosher is under the supervision of Rabbi Chaim Schwartz of VAAD Harabonim of Queens.

The initials in its name stand for gourmet and organic. Chefs Paul Sia, Brian Hudson and Michael Hallmann have teamed up in the kitchen.

Breakfast items include two eggs with lox ($9.95) and omelets ($10.95). A falafel pita with Tehina sauce, Israeli salad and hummus sells for $7.95. Hot corned beef and pastrami sandwiches cost $13.95 each. Flanken in a pot is priced at $24.95.

A “stromboli” stuffs corned beef, pastrami, a third meat, which varies but is sometimes brisket, peppers and onions in a pastry log. It is sliced and sold at $11.99 per pound. A “Trifecta” combines Israeli salad, Moroccan salad and hummus.

G.O. Kosher will package a Thanksgiving dinner for eight to 10 people, including a whole roast turkey and trimmings for $229. Add $10 to receive the turkey already carved. The package also includes mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, steamed garden vegetables, soup, cranberry compote, cornbread stuffing, gravy and dinner rolls. The deadline for placing orders is Nov. 20. Packages can be picked up on Thanksgiving up to 1 p.m.

Other Thanksgiving items available include homemade krepchach ($19.95 per dozen), matzah balls ($9 for six), gefilte fish, chicken soup, potato latkes, kasha varnishkes and stuffed derma. Typical prices are $12.95 per pound for salads, $13.99 per quart for most soups and $7.99 and up for a pound of sides.

G.O. Kosher is open Sunday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to three hours before sundown. It is closed on Saturdays.

G.O. Kosher is located at 41 S. Moger Ave. in Mount Kisco. For more information, call 914-242-GOOD (4663) or visit www.gokoshercatering.com.
Child Care Council to Hold ‘$1 Per Share’ Social Media Challenge

The Child Care Council of Westchester, a nonprofit resource organization that works to ensure every child in Westchester has access to quality early care and education, will participate in #GivingTuesday for the third consecutive year.

To help raise visibility for the Child Care Council’s campaign and increase donations, TD Bank is sponsoring a social media challenge. Beginning on Nov. 23 and culminating on Dec. 1 (#GivingTuesday), TD Bank will donate $1 to the council, up to $2,500 total, each time someone likes, shares or retweets specified council Facebook and Twitter posts about #GivingTuesday. In addition, the Child Care Council’s board of directors will match all individual contributions, up to $3,000.

"Each year, we look for new and creative ways to increase the visibility and efficacy of our #GivingTuesday campaign," said Child Care Council Executive Director Kathy Halas. "We’re particularly excited about the TD Bank sponsorship because the funds will not only support new scholarships, but also help us reach many new people on social media — and those connections are something we can continue to use and build on far beyond this year.”

Funds raised by the Council on #GivingTuesday will support its Early Opportunity Fund, which grants scholarships to working families in Westchester who otherwise could not afford quality early care and education for their young children. The council’s goal is to raise $10,000 on #GivingTuesday, which would create five new scholarships.

"The Board of Directors is matching donations on #GivingTuesday for the second year in a row because we know what a huge difference quality early care makes for children, families and our entire community," said Child Care Council Board President Steve Wysmuller, IBM’s Mid-Atlantic Smarter Cities sales leader. "We hope that knowing their donation will be immediately doubled, will inspire people to give generously and that together we can make a tremendous impact on our county’s future.”

Research shows that quality early childhood care and education, from birth to five years old, makes a difference that lasts a lifetime. Interactions at this phase stimulate brain growth that sets the stage for success later in life. Children who get this quality early care benefit are less likely to engage in risky or dangerous behavior and are more likely to graduate high school, be successful in college and the workforce and contribute positively to the community as an adult.

To get involved in the Child Care Council of Westchester’s #GivingTuesday initiative, visit http://bit.ly/CCCGivingTues, follow on Twitter at @CCCWNY, like them on Facebook or e-mail DanaL@cccwny.org to join the mailing list. For information about the Child Care Council’s resources for child care providers or parents, call 914-761-3456 or visit www.childcarewestchester.org. For more details about the #GivingTuesday movement, visit www.givingtuesday.org.

‘Miracle’ on Westlake High Stage This Weekend

“Miracle on 34th Street,” the Westlake Players’ fall drama, will be performed this weekend at Westlake High School. Performances are scheduled for Friday Nov. 20 and Saturday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. A senior citizen luncheon will be held in the cafeteria before the Nov. 22 performance. Under the direction of Westlake’s Phil Cutrone, the play features, left to right, Xander Warne as Doris Walker’s neighbor and hopeful suitor; Carina Papa as Doris Walker; sixth-grader Gianna Agosto as Susan, the little girl who came to believe; and Dean Kapica as the magical Kris Kringle. Tickets are $12; $10 for students and seniors. For tickets, visit www.westlakeplayers.com.

**THERE’S A WORD FOR IT**

A vocabulary-building quiz

By Edward Goralski

*Pilgrims’ Progress.* This week the quiz words come from “Thanksgiving; The Pilgrims’ First Year in America” by Glenn Alan Cheney. The book is about more than the holiday. It tells the story of the 102 people who came to the New World and established the foundation of America. Perhaps a few of this week’s words will add to the foundation of your vocabulary.

1. **dank** (adj.)
   - A) offensively gross
   - B) lacking knowledge
   - C) disagreeably damp

2. **audacity** (n.)
   - A) spoken language
   - B) fearless daring
   - C) a bad omen

3. **quintessential** (adj.)
   - A) being the most typical
   - B) being the most needed
   - C) being the newest

4. **roustabout** (n.)
   - A) an indirect route
   - B) an unskilled laborer
   - C) a trouble maker

5. **execrations** (v.)
   - A) to make a start
   - B) give encouragement
   - C) denounce

6. **fustian** (n.)
   - A) a spirited outburst
   - B) a failed attempt
   - C) a coarse sturdy cloth

7. **demurrage** (n.)
   - A) delaying of a ship
   - B) an objection
   - C) conclusive proof

8. **collops** (n.)
   - A) a small portion of food
   - B) a high-level discussion
   - C) a cramped space
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Tuesday, Nov. 17

“All Hands on Deck!” An authentic Big Band 1942 USO roadshow and radio broadcast. All singing, all dancing, all Big Band and based on Bob Hope’s tour to the troops. Featuring four sparkling Hollywood stars accompanied by the rich sounds of the Hollywood Victory Caravan orchestra, which delivers an electrifying evening of classic songs, dances and laughs that Americans of all ages love. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. $84 (plus tax). Info and tickets: 914-392-2222 or visit www.wbroadwaytheatre.com.

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

“Paradise is There.” This memoir-style documentary chronicles the release of Natalie Merchant’s new album “Paradise is There: The New Tigerlily Recordings,” in which she has re-recorded the 11 songs from her iconic platinum album 1995 solo debut, “Tigerlily.” Followed by a conversation and Q&A with Merchant. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd, Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: $15. Non-members: $20. Info and tickets: Visit www.jbfc.org.

Roger Hodgson in Concert. Hodgson is recognized as a gifted composer, songwriter and lyricist and the legendary voice, writer and arranger of most of Supertramp’s greatest hits. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. $58, $78, $88, $115 and $125. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 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. Mount Kisco Coach Diner, 252 E. Main St., Mount. 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: Contact Julie Genovese at 303-929-7203 or e-mail julie@eurobella.net or just drop in.

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


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

Pound Fitness Program. A 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics, isometric movements and poses. Using lightweight drumsticks called Ripstix and combining constant simulated drumming resulting in working the entire body. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10:15 a.m. $20. Every Wednesday. Info: Contact Peggy at 914-960-4097.

Author Talk. Sonia Sabharwal, author of “Alone – The Spiritual Awakening Within,” invites commentary on the book. It reveals the undiscovered truth of the Infinite Spirit, which has not been revealed before. Through their experiences it is revealed that every human being has a key within them that unlocks their soul. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.


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

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

Chair Yoga With Alka Kaminer. Experience greater flexibility, balance, and mental clarity. What to wear and how to get started. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887.

The Explorers Club. A new literacy/activity program this fall. Join Miss Debbie to explore a new theme each week (science, art and more) through literacy and hands-on activities. Come read, discover and create. For children five to seven years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Registration required. Info and registration: www.mountheadpleasantlibrary.org.

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

Zumba Toning With Amy. Sculpt and tone muscle groups while dancing and shaking toning sticks to the sassy sizzling rhythms of the Zumba. Toning sticks provided. PFX Fitness, 10 Castleton Rd., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Drop-in fee: $12. Every Wednesday. Info: E-mail amyj@gmail.com.

Breavement Support Group for Parent/Sibling/Loss. Led by Jody Monkovic. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center, Suite 225, 755 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Suggested donation: $10 per meeting. Wednesdays through Dec. 2. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Contact Bess Steiger at 914-386-3957 or e-mail bsteiger@pmhcs.org.

Art Series With Professor Valerie Franco: “Matthew Brady.” Born in 1822, Brady was one of the first artists to utilize the daguerretype to archive contemporary life. Known for his thousands of Civil War images of action on the battlefield as well as his portraits of generals and soldiers, Brady died penniless after the war ended, and his popularity declined. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

Mount Kisco Partners in Prevention Meeting. Dr. Andre Ritchen of Open Door Family Medical Center will be the featured speaker and discuss teen alcohol use. Mount Kisco Public Library; 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 7 p.m. Free.

“Gold in Your Closet: Fashion Becomes Investment.” Is there a dress you’ve been eyeing at the store but not sure if it’s worth to get? Do you have a jacket in your closet that you’re wondering if you should hang onto? Has the thought crossed your mind about clothes becoming an investment for the future? Yulia Omelich, the proprietor of COUTUREDossier in Chappaqua, returns to answer these and other fashion and style questions. Refreshments provided. Horace Greeley House, 100 King St., Chappaqua. 7:30 p.m. Free. (A $5 donation would be appreciated.) Registration required. Registration: 914-238-4666. Info: Visit www.newcastlehs.org or e-mail Cassie Ward at director@newcastlehs.org.

REPAIR Community Group Meeting. The public is invited to attend this meeting featuring author and television personality Alvin Hall who will preview his upcoming BBC Radio show about the life and legacy of iconic American author James Baldwin. Community projects on racial justice being worked on this year will also be discussed. Refreshments served. St. Paul’s on-the-Hill Church, 40 Ganung Dr., Ossining. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: E-mail revjoanneizz0@gmail.com or visit on Facebook at facebook.com/repairwestchester.

“Cartel Land.” Produced by Kathryn Bible, this is a riveting and visceral on-the-ground look at the journeys of two modern-day vigilante groups and their shared enemy—the murderous Mexican drug cartels. Emmy-nominated filmmaker Matthew Heineman embeds himself in the heart of darkness as Nailer, El Doctor, and the cartel each vie to bring their own brand of justice to a society where institutions have failed. Part of the Global Watch: Crisis, Culture & Human Rights series. Followed by a conversation and Q&A with Heineman led by Programming Director Brian Ackerman, Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: $10. Non-members: $15. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Thursday, Nov. 19

Mental Health in the African-American Community. Terrie Williams, author of the critically acclaimed book “Black Pain: It Just Looks Like We’re Not Hurting,” will lead a wide-ranging discussion at this year’s WJCS Kurz Conference. Also featuring Dr. Mark S. Herceg, commissioner, Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health, psychiatrists, counselors and therapists.
Philanthropist Honored as Hawthorne Facility is Renamed

By Neal Rentz

Philanthropist Anthony Mann and his family were honored Nov. 11 as part of a ceremony to rededicate a Hawthorne residential treatment facility for adolescents with psychiatric needs.

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The Jewish Board was created more than 140 years ago and assists individuals to realize their potential and live independently, serving more than 43,000 people annually in New York City and Westchester.

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“Philanthropist Anthony Mann and his family were honored Nov. 11 as part of a ceremony to rededicate a Hawthorne residential treatment facility for adolescents with psychiatric needs. The Mann Center in Hawthorne, a facility on Linda Avenue that was formerly known as Linden Hill, is a 64-bed home that serves youngsters between 12 and 21 years old who have been referred by the state Office of Mental Health. It provides its residents with intensive therapy, individual, family and group psychotherapy, special education and vocational training. The average stay is nine to 11 months. Last Wednesday evening’s event celebrated Mann, a longtime trustee of The Jewish Board, a nonprofit that oversees the facility, his wife, Sally, and their four children. The Jewish Board was created more than 140 years ago and assists individuals to realize their potential and live independently, serving more than 43,000 people annually in New York City and Westchester. Mann is a former board president and now serves as its chairman. He has been involved in the organization for over 25 years, starting as a volunteer for a youth program. He is the founder of the Hudson Valley Bike Ride, which has raised more than $5 million since its inception to support the organization’s work in acting as a safety net by providing health and human services for all New Yorkers. “The board continues to inspire me to roll up my sleeves in order to do more,” said Mann, a Greenwich, Conn., resident. At last week’s ceremony, The Jewish Board CEO David Rivel praised Mann, saying that he “is in a class by himself” as well as being a mentor and friend. “He was always pushing us to be better and better," Rivel said. "Under Tony's leadership this organization has grown by leaps and bounds, and today we're actually the largest nonprofit human services agency in the entire state of New York, and Tony deserves a lot of credit (for that)." Jeffrey Shapiro, the center’s senior director, said the Mann Center is the largest residential treatment facility in the state and uses the treatment method known as Sanctuary. “The two greatest things about Sanctuary are creating a safe place for kids so that they can begin to heal, and recognizing that we're no longer asking what's wrong with kids, but what happened to you in your past," he said. "That makes a real difference in the type of treatment that we do." Two young women discussed how the facility has helped turn their lives around. Sarah, 17, a nearly 11-month resident, said before arriving she had behavior difficulties and often made poor choices. Today, she is an honor roll student. “I’m doing a thousand times better than I was 11 months ago," Sarah said. "The Mann Center really changed my life. If I would have never come here, I don’t know where I would be." Another student, Crystal, 15, said after she came to the center, she has been able to bond with staff and has made outstanding progress. “I believe that people can change. If I didn’t believe it, I wouldn’t be who I am today," Crystal said. "When I first came to the Mann Center I was a very troublesome teenager. I was the type of girl that let the trauma bring out the worst in me. I was giving up on life and I thought being here wouldn’t make it any better."

Mann thanked attending guests, saying he and his wife were deeply touched. He also thanked Crystal and Sarah for speaking. “We feel very fortunate to be able to play some small role in helping you move forward with your lives,” Mann said to them. He said he became involved with The Jewish Board because he believes giving back through donating time, energy, money or commitments “is more than a responsibility, it’s a privilege."

Mann also lauded staff for enhancing the center’s well-earned reputation, as well as fellow trustees for their commitment.

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Do You Sip or Swig Your Wine? Here’s Why it Really Matters

By Nick Antonaccio

Have you ever wondered why the person sharing a bottle of wine with you has a completely different perception of the wine? Ever wonder why the aromas of a wine can be so divergent and dissimilar from the taste? Ever wonder why you may detect aromas of almonds in a white wine but your drinking companion picks up a citrus aroma? Perhaps even more baffling to you is that the same portions? Bottle and pour larger portions?

“Another advance in the science of wine”

In past columns, I’ve reported on numerous factors that influence our perception of a wine, such as the shape of the glass, serving temperature and the size of a pour. But I had never considered there was a difference in my sensory receptors of a glass of wine if I sipped or swigged it. “The release of some volatile markers, involved in the fruity and oxidative characters of wine, was mainly affected by the sip volume after wine-saliva interaction,” the study said.

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When conducting my wine tastings, I explain to participants that our perception of wine is influenced more by our sense of smell than by our sense of taste. While this may sound counterintuitive, consider this: our physiology has five elements of taste (bitter, sour, sweet, salty and umami) and over 10,000 elements of aromas. Since our olfactory sensors are present in the nasal passages and in the back of the throat, they bombard our brain with significantly greater impulses than those sensors in our mouths and on our tongue.

The Italian study further concluded that the larger sip – more like a gulp – the smaller the air pocket that remains in the mouth. Since the mouth has a finite volume, the more highly volatile markers fill the void and dominate the senses. A smaller sip allows less volatile markers to escape and fill the larger air pocket, thus able to influence our olfactory senses before the highly volatile markers can respond.

The Italian study analyzed 22 volatile compounds emitted by a white wine. They concluded that floral and apple aromas (an ethyldecanoate marker) dominated in larger sips – of the same wine. Numerous other relationships were discovered.

If the air void in our mouths wasn’t sufficiently bewildering to me, the Italian study further concluded that the level of saliva in our mouth adds another element of uniqueness to each sip of wine we consume. Just as air space affects aromas, so too the amount of saliva that interacts with the volume of wine we sip.

While each of our palates perceives wine from a unique-to-us perspective, our impression of a wine goes beyond this physiological profile. As the volume of our sips varies, so does our perception of a wine. Thanks to science, our wine tasting experiences may never be the same again.

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social workers and clergy, County Center, 198 Central Ave., White Plain. 8:30 a.m. to noon. $60. Registration required. Info: Contact John Afferman at 914-949-7699 or e-mail jaffermand@wjcs.com. Registration: Visit www.wjcs.com.

Let Your Yoga Dance Classes. The popular Kripalu noon dance class is now in Chappaqua! Combines easy dance, gentle yoga and great music. Come join this noncompetitive, heart pumping and joyful experience. Drop-ins welcome. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. $20 per 75-minute class. Every Tuesday and Thursday (except Nov. 26). Info: 914-238-8974 or e-mail claudiayogadance@gmail.com.

Poets and Writers Series: Edgar Oliver. This New York playwright, performer, storyteller and poet has produced work that The New Yorker’s Hilton Als has called “emotionally grand.” Oliver’s plays have been performed at many metropolitan area theaters. Westchester Community College’s Gateway Center, Davis Auditorium, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 10 a.m. and noon. Free. Info: 914-606-6716.

Knitting Circle. This group is open to everyone who has an interest in knitting. Live, love, laugh, learn and have fun together during these creative journeys. Come share patterns and ideas and celebrate creative spirits together while enjoying the ancient art of knitting. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday and Thursday (except Nov. 26). Info: 914-273-3887.

Toddler Storytime. Finger plays, action rhymes, songs and stories to encourage an enjoyment of books and to stimulate early listening, learning and speaking skills. Recommended for children one to two-and-a-half years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozsa Drive, Valhalla. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday (except Nov. 26). Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Preschool Storytime. This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two- and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozsa Drive, Valhalla. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday (except Nov. 26). Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.


Storytime Playgroup. Come hear a story and music and join in on playtime with toys and books. Children, parents and caregivers will make new friends and share time together. For children one to four years old; with a caregiver. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2 to 2:45 p.m. Free. Every Thursday (except Nov. 26). Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Bereavement Support Group for Spouse/Partner Loss. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center, Suite 545, 755 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 2:30 to 4 p.m. Suggested donation: $10 per meeting. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Contact Bess Steiger at 914-361-3957 or e-mail bissetger@pmhc.us.

Gaming Old School. Join old school gaming enthusiasts to play board games like a kid again. Open to all ages. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday (except Nov. 26). Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolib.org.


“United We Read” Kick Off. Captain Charlie Gruetznec, of Oceanes Marine Services and Community Boatworks of the Hudson Valley will be doing a presentation entitled “We Are All in One Boat.” His program will be interactive and fun for all ages, and will highlight how life on, in and under the water helps build teamwork, cooperation, determination and respect for others and the natural environment. Mount Kisco Public Library Community Room, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolib.org.

“Mothers and Sons.” A play by four-time Tony Award-winning playwright Terrence McNally performed by The Armonk Players. Twenty years after her son’s death, a mother pays an unexpected visit to the ailing patient of the son’s former partner, who is now married to another man and has a young son. There, she is forced to come to terms with how much society has changed without her and the full life her son might have been able to enjoy. A deeply compassionate and touching look at the transformative nature of forgiveness and the evolving definition of family. Whippoorwill Hall, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 8 p.m. $20. Students (18 and under): $10. Also Nov. 20 and 21. Info and tickets: Visit www.axialstheatre.org/reservations.


Poker and Mah Jongg Night. Poker will be a Texas Hold’em tournament and Mah Jongg players of all levels are welcome. All proceeds will benefit the Horace Greeley Scholarship Fund. Chappaqua Crossing, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. $100. (Includes dinner and refreshments) Info and tickets: Visit www.hgsf.org/poker.

The Weight. Replicating the music of The Band is an art. Songs that have reverberated across history for decades continue to speak to millions. This five-piece ensemble featuring Jim Weider and Randy Ciarlante from The Band, Brian Mitchell and Byron Isaacs of the Levon Helm Band and Marty Grebb, who worked with Rick Danko and Richard Manuel of The Band, remains a vehicle through which Jimmy Fallon and John Leguizamo in check. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 8 p.m. $20. Students (18 and under): $10. Also Nov. 21 at 3 and 8 p.m. Info and tickets: Contact Lindsay Zekus at lzekus@briarcliffschools.org.

Practice Tai Chi With Larry Attille. Learn specific feldenkrais and chi kung breathing techniques for deep relaxation and apply them to tai chi movement. This is a hands-on class that will be geared to the level of experience of the class and challenge all participants. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a floor mat or towel. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Also Nov. 21. Info: 914-273-3887.

Adult Coloring. If you’re an adult looking for a relaxing, fresh and new activity that will help bring stress relief to your busy life, try this new coloring class. Drop in anytime. Materials provided. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolib.org.

Mount Kisco Farmers Market. St. Mark’s Church, 85 Main St., Mount Kisco. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info. Visit https://www.facebook.com/MtKiscoFarmersMarket.

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

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Support Connection Honored as 2015 Top-Rated Nonprofit Group

Support Connection announced Monday that it has been honored with a prestigious 2015 Top-Rated Award by GreatNonprofits, the leading provider of user reviews about nonprofit organizations.

Support Connection provides free support services, such as counseling, support groups and other programs, to people affected by breast and ovarian cancer.

The Top-Rated Nonprofit award is based on the large number of positive reviews Support Connection received, including ones written by volunteers, donors and clients. People posted their personal experiences with the organization.

For example, one woman, a cancer survivor who reached out to Support Connection, wrote: “I contacted Support Connection and it was the best call I made in my life. My counselor listened to my fears and concerns and understood exactly what I was feeling. She has supported me through rough times and happier times. I would speak to her is I was going through my journey. It is 6 ½ years since that first call and still today I am supported by this remarkable organization.”

While the Top-Rated Awards ran through the end of October, Support Connection was part of the inaugural group to qualify for the year. In addition, Support Connection has been added to GreatNonprofits #GivingTuesday Guide — an interactive guide to top nonprofits throughout the years. Look for this near the holidays.

Being on the top-rated list gives donors and volunteers more confidence that Support Connection is a credible organization. The reviews by volunteers, clients and other donors show the on-the-ground results of Support Connection. This award is a form of recognition by the community.

“We are honored to receive this award again,” said Support Connection Executive Director Katherine Quinn. “We are especially pleased because it’s based on reviews from the people who know us best: those who have volunteered for or donated to us, and most importantly, people who reached out to us and found the help, understanding and guidance they needed to get through some of the toughest challenges anyone can face.”

Quinn said that in 2016, Support Connection, based in Yorktown Heights, will celebrate 20 years of providing support services.

“We are proud of our accomplishments,” she said. “With continued support from our donors and the community, we look forward to many more years of fulfilling this important mission.”

To learn more about Support Connect, call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290 or visit www.supportconnection.org.

A Big Step

Developmental Steps, LLC, a pediatric physical therapy practice that helps advance a child’s development, held a ribbon cutting with the Mount Kisco Chamber of Commerce and village officials on Nov. 6. The practice, located at 272 N. Bedford Rd., offers solutions to any developmental or physical issue or if a child needs sports specific strengthening and training. Mount Kisco Chamber President Dan Taplitz, third from left, helps owner and physical therapist Joseph Kiefer cut the ribbon.

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Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon, 6 p.m. Free. Every Saturday. Also Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Info: 917-215-1720 or visit www.addie-tude.com.

Teaching Trails: A Community Path for Environmental Education. Join guided trail experience through the woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own track. Explore the history of the land and learn what makes the North Castle natural community special. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 3 p.m. Adults: $20. Seniors and students: $15. Info: 914-328-1900 or visit www.steffinossen.org. Tickets: https://choreographyshowcase2015.eventbrite.com.

“Jug of Silver” Reading. Acclaimed voice actor Alan Sklar reads this poignant, tender and wonderfully written story by Truman Capote about an underprivileged boy who is determined to guess the amount of money and thereby win a jug of silver coins so that he can do something very special for his sister. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd., East, Armonk. 3 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or visit www.ncpl.org.

Sunday, Nov. 22

Book Signing and Reception. Croton resident and acupuncturist and healer Jason Elias will celebrate the publication of his memoir, “Kissing Joy as it Flies: A Journey in Search of Healing and Wholeness” with a reception. Elias will read from his memoir and also sign books for purchase. Katonah Village Library, 26 Bedford Rd., Katonah. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Info: 914-323-3508.

Steffi Nossen Dance Foundation’s Annual Choreography Showcase. Featuring the work of emerging and established choreographers and a post-performance Q&A. Bringing together professional artists from Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens, Manhattan and Westchester for an extraordinary afternoon of dance. Produced by Mount Kisco choreographer and teacher Jessica DiMauro, Steffi Nossen’s artistic director. SUNY Purchase Dance Theatre Laboratory, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 3 p.m. Adults: $20. Seniors and students: $15. Info: 914-328-1900 or visit www.steffinossen.org. Tickets: https://choreographyshowcase2015.eventbrite.com.
Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Superintendent to Retire

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES District Superintendent Dr. James Langlois last week announced his retirement that will be effective at end of this school year, concluding more than 50 years in public education and leaving behind a legacy of innovation and service.

Langlois, who was named the 2015 New York State School Superintendent of the Year, has served as BOCES superintendent for 11 years after spending the previous eight years as superintendent in Goshen. Before that, he was an assistant superintendent on Long Island and worked in a number of leadership positions in public schools in Manhattan and the Bronx. He began his career as a high school English teacher in Connecticut.

Langlois has led BOCES to become a responsive, innovative and collaborative agency, providing special education, curriculum creation, career and technical education, professional development and other services to some of the most highly rated and respected school districts in the nation. BOCES also helps districts meet the rapidly changing challenges of education reform and tight budgets with flexible, cutting-edge, high-quality and cost-effective service.

In addition, Langlois has served as president of the New York State Council of School Superintendents, serving on its executive committee, House of Delegates and the Commissioner’s Advisory Council and many of its committees. He is also a co-author of the vision statement Public Education Matters.

Langlois, who plans on having more time to read, write, garden and travel in his retirement, served for seven years on the national governing board of the American Association of School Administrators, the council’s national affiliate, and for several years on the national Association of Educational Service Agencies Executive Committee.

He holds two masters degrees and a doctorate in educational communication from Columbia University Teachers College. Langlois has taught graduate educational leadership courses at Fordham University and SUNY New Paltz. He is the author of several nationwide evaluations of federally funded career and technical and special education initiatives and has presented at many national and regional conferences.

Under his leadership, Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES has received national and regional recognition as a model of excellence in such areas as developing independence in multiple handicapped students and incorporating entrepreneurship into career and technical education.

“During Jim’s tenure, (Putnam/Northern Westchester) BOCES has advanced in many areas with excellent hiring practices, program growth, budget efficiencies and excellent student performance,” Board of Education President Richard Kreps said. “Programs continue to excel under Jim’s leadership and he will be missed.”

Kreps said a succession planning was underway. As a BOCES, the agency must receive approval from the state Education Department to fill the position. That approval is based on a consensus of the 18 component districts that this BOCES continues to fill a need. Once the agency receives the green light, Kreps said the board will begin getting input from staff and component districts on the qualities and characteristics they would like to see in a new superintendent.

Officials Call for Last-Minute Halt to Pipeline Work at Blue Mountain

By Arthur Cusano

Several local Democratic officials are calling for a halt to construction on the Algonquin gas pipeline until the plan to clear-cut hundreds of trees in Blue Mountain Preserve is reviewed by state officials.

State Assembly members Sandy Galef (D-Ossining) and David Buchwald (D-White Plains), joined several county legislators and members of Stop Algonquin Pipeline Expansion (SAPE) at the county building in White Plains last Friday morning where they announced they were submitting a letter to County Executive Rob Astorino calling on him to rescind a work permit put that underground pipeline in, it’s very hard for it not to go into effect.

“We do not have a lot of old growth forest in Westchester County – we’re an overdeveloped county,” Borgia said. “This park is a little pocket of nature that we can very ill afford to lose.”

Borgia also pointed out that the pipeline runs past Indian Point nuclear power plant in Buchanan as well as schools and homes, which raises other safety concerns that need to be studied.

In September, Borgia and several other county leaders announced legislation urging the state Department of Environmental Conservation to freeze the issuance of any new air and water quality permits for natural gas infrastructure project applications. The resolution also calls on the state Department of Health to perform a thorough assessment of the public health and safety risks of pipelines.

“We need to slow down this process and really look at the long-term impact and we need to do it right now before trees start coming down,” Borgia said.
‘Sing We Now of Christmas’ to Be Presented Dec. 6

Camerata d’Amici is proud to present “Sing We Now of Christmas” on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 4 p.m. in the South Salem Presbyterian Church, located at 111 Spring St. in South Salem.

The choir, now in its 10th season, is excited to welcome everyone to its annual celebration of the Christmas season. Artistic Director Dr. Kristin Sponheim has crafted a program that includes a broad range of repertoire from Renaissance to the present day that celebrates Christmas.

The program begins with the Latin invocation “Veni, Creator Spiritus.” Anthony Bernarducci’s setting of this traditional Gregorian chant is anything but traditional. The driving, irregular rhythms, accompanied by percussionist Matt Bronson, provide a contemporary context for this venerable ninth century text.

The mystery of Christ’s birth is expressed in an ethereal setting by Francis Poulenc of the 12th century Latin text “O Magnum Mysterium.” Poulenc’s 20th century rendition of this medieval text portrays the wonder and awe of the speaker through a haunting melody and equally haunting harmony. Thomas Carr, baritone soloist, will sing Vaughan Williams’ “Infant Joy,” with text by William Blake, and accompanied by solo oboe, played by Oliver Homann.

The program also includes several pieces based on Marian texts, such as Tomás Luis de Victoria’s “Ave Maria,” sung by the Camerata chamber ensemble, and Z. Randall Stroope’s “There is No Rose,” sung by the women of Camerata. Juliet Pratt, soprano soloist, concludes this section of the program with Bob Chilcott’s “The Time of Snow.”

The men of Camerata bring the first half of the program to a close with the rousing French carol, “Sing We Now of Christmas,” accompanied by piano and percussion.

The second half of the program features a number of carols: the men singers open with “Once in Royal David’s City” followed by “The Huron Carol” sung by the women of Camerata, and accompanied by Margarita Nuller on the piano. “In the Bleak Midwinter” (Caldwell), a solo by bass Michael Forbes, is followed by Camerata’s chamber ensemble singing, “We Three Kings,” which features Doug Planker (tenor), Thomas Carr (baritone) and Michael Forbes (bass), with oboe adding an Oriental flair to the piece.

The concert concludes with a set of traditional and favorite carols, with the audience invited to join in singing with the choir.

For more information on purchasing tickets, visit www.cameratadamici.org. Season and single concert tickets are also available via check payable to Camerata d’Amici, P.O. Box 74, Ridgefield, Conn. 06877. Tickets at the door are $25 for adults (or $20 in advance), and $10 for children 12 and under.

Russell Speeder’s Hosting Toys for Tots This Holiday Season

Russell Speeder’s Car Wash of Bedford Hills will be a Toy for Tots drop-off center this holiday season. Those wishing to donate can drop off new, unwrapped toys at the car wash, located at 527 N. Bedford Rd. (Route 117) Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sundays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. In addition, a portion of the car wash’s proceeds will be donated to the charity.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for us to partner with our customers over the holiday season and give to such a great cause,” said General Manager Marcos Diego Candiotti.
Anthony Sardo and Westlake Shock High-Scoring Marlboro in the Class B Regional Playoffs and Move Closer to a State Title