County Lawmaker Addresses Sexual Assault at Colleges

By Sarah Bonanno

Westchester County Legislator Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) recognizes that sexual assault on college campuses remains a major problem at institutions of higher learning. Last Wednesday evening Borgia hosted a forum on the issue at Westchester Community College attended by about 30 people where potential legislation to combat sexual assault and misconduct was discussed, as well as the culture of violence and rape on campuses. It included representatives from advocate organizations such as G.O.O.D. For Girls and the Westchester Women’s Agenda. Students and personnel from local colleges and universities also participated.

One in five women and one in 20 men will experience sexual assault on college campuses, according to a 2007 study conducted for the Justice Department’s National Institute of Justice. “There’s been a lot of discussion in the media, at the state level, at the federal level about how do we turn the tide on what appears to be an epidemic of sexual assault on campus... I think there’s always been this level and things that happen to young men and young women on college campuses and what’s different now is that we’ve decided that’s no longer acceptable,” Borgia said. “We’ve decided that we’re going to put processes in place to make sure that this doesn’t happen.”

Sarah Reingold, regional assistant for U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, said Gillibrand has been fighting for the Campus Accountability and Safety Act, which seeks to protect students and hold schools accountable in instances of sexual assault. The measure would extend the amount of time victims have to file a case.

P’ville to Weigh Support of Proposed County Plastic Bag Ban

By Martin Wilbur

The Pleasantville Village Board is expected to vote next week on whether to support proposed legislation before the county Board of Legislators that would significantly curtail the use of plastic bags and Styrofoam throughout Westchester. Officials are likely to place a resolution on the agenda for next Monday night’s meeting that would ask trustees to back a bill that would largely eliminate plastic bags found in supermarkets and convenience stores and the use of Styrofoam for carryout beverage cups and in packages.

Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer said there are some legitimate questions about whether the law would impose hardships on certain businesses and on segments of the population that might find it too expensive to have to buy reusable bags for shopping.

However, Scherer said he plans on backing the village’s resolution to support the legislation because greater protection of the environment is of paramount concern.

Last fall, county Legislator Catherine Parker (D-Rye) introduced a measure before the full Board of Legislators that would closely mirror California’s ban, the first state to prohibit the use of plastic bags by retailers. The Westchester proposal would exempt from the law plastic used for produce and clothing as well as garbage bags.

Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz (D-Somers) said after last year’s initial proposal, enthusiasm for the law has decreased.

Rivera Pitches Autos at New Mount Kisco Dealership

By Neal Rentz

Mariano Rivera arrived in Mount Kisco recently to provide a spark to his new team.

His pep talk had nothing to do with baseball, but rather was designed to help the sales staff at Rivera Toyota and Scion of Mount Kisco, the new car dealership he opened last month on North Bedford Road.

The legendary Yankee reliever, who lives in Purchase, had a meet and greet with his employees, hoping to see them close on car sales as well as he finished games for the Bronx Bombers.

Rivera’s business partner, Alex Muscarella, said Rivera Toyota employees were thrilled when they met the retired star.

Summer Fun

The 8U relay team from the Mount Kisco Memorial Pool’s swim and dive team had an amazing weekend in the water. They captured championships in Lewisboro on Saturday and at All Stars on Sunday in Briarcliff. Pictured, left to right, are Andrew Schwarz, Spenser Grayson, P.J. Stonsby and Patrick Polese.
and sets new notification requirements for victims and accused students involved in the campus disciplinary process.

Karen Cheeks-Lomax, chief executive officer of My Sisters’ Place, a domestic violence education and prevention program, said colleges currently do not have adequate systems in place for combatting sexual assault, including transparency with administration and confidential safe space programs.

“People realize once they say, ‘This [sexual assault] has happened to me,’ colleges and the administrations don’t believe it, and they’re looking to support their own reputation,” Cheeks-Lomax said. “No one really talks about how many complaints of sexual assault or sexual misconduct have taken place [on campus].”

Former SUNY New Paltz student Arianna Cember cited the nuances of language when discussing sexual assault.

“The term ‘victim’ strips the person who has experienced sexual assault of any autonomy or power, while ‘survivor’ imparts a sense of reclamation, strength and authority,” Borgia said.

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Other topics included working to create diverse safe spaces on campuses where both genders, those who identify as LGBTQ+ and minorities can come forward and share their stories, as well as the underlying discourse of rape culture.

“Rape culture starts, I would argue, as soon as we assign pink or blue to a baby because we live in a culture that devalues all things that are feminine and all things that are related to women,” said Gabriella Ibacache, a community educator for My Sisters’ Place. “So we send these messages… that to be a woman is to be not worthy.”

Introducing holistic sex education, which includes emotional health, physical health and respect for a person’s value at a young age can help teach healthy relationships and combat misogyny, Ibacache added.

Borgia characterized last week’s forum as a good start.

“Nothing changes in society unless we talk about it, and that’s why it’s so important to hear people’s voices tonight, and then also to continue to talk about this,” she said.

County Legislator Catherine Borgia

In Westchester we don’t use landfills, we burn our garbage and I think people believe there’s less of a need for this type of law than elsewhere,” Kaplowitz said. He said almost 91 percent of the plastic bags in the county are disposed of properly and are recycled. Kaplowitz said he anticipates discussion on the bill will resume in the fall.

An estimated 100 billion plastic bags are used each year in the United States. Parker and other advocates last year pointed to too many bags finding their way into the waste stream causing environmental hazards. Many of those bags end up clogging storm drains, which causes flooding during rainfalls and when snow melts in winter.

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Lactation Coordinator
Northern Westchester Hospital

Q: How healthy is breastfeeding?
A: It is the healthiest way, bar none, to feed and nurture most newborns, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). They recommend exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months, and continued breastfeeding as solid foods are introduced throughout your baby’s first year.

Q: How does breastfeeding benefit my baby?
A: There are many benefits, which continue as your baby develops. The World Health Organization (WHO) finds that babies who are exclusively breastfed have fewer ear infections, serious illnesses and allergies than those who were not breastfed or were partially breastfed. Moreover, the AAP reports a more than one-third drop in the rate of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome among breastfed infants. Breastfed babies are also less likely to become obese adolescents or adults. Interestingly, the composition of breast milk changes over time to support baby’s ongoing developmental needs.

Q: What are the benefits for mom?
A: The advantages for mothers are numerous. Breastfeeding women often find it easier to lose their pregnancy weight quickly. In addition, the WHO finds that women who breastfeed lower their risk of breast and ovarian cancers. Breastfeeding also decreases a woman’s risk of developing both Type 2 diabetes and osteoporosis. There are also important psychological and emotional benefits: nursing offers peaceful downtime that can have a restorative and meditative effect on the busy mother of a newborn.

Q: How do I succeed at breastfeeding?
A: Some new moms worry they “won’t do it right.” Others are concerned about painful, sore nipples or that their baby won’t get enough milk. First-time mothers are often unsure how to continue breastfeeding once they’re back to work. Preparation is the key to success. I advise every mother and their partner to take a breastfeeding class in the last trimester of pregnancy. You’ll feel empowered and gain confidence by learning what to expect during the first weeks with a newborn. You will be ready to experience this intimate act of love between mother and baby.
Occupancy for Armonk Affordable Units Eyed for Next August

By Martin Wilbur

The developer of the affordable housing project now under construction on Old Route 22 in Armonk said he anticipates that the units will be occupied by next summer.

Lou Larizza, head of Lazz Development, the company that is erecting the two five-unit structures, said subcontractors are now working on the first pre-fabricated building that went up as crews work on the second structure. The 10 apartments will all be two-bedroom condominium units that will be for sale under the county’s fair and affordable housing guidelines.

“We’re working on the project and we have expected the people to be able to move in next August,” Larizza said.

Larizza, who has built middle income and affordable housing projects throughout Westchester over the past 30 years, said there will probably be a period of several months between the time the buildings are finished and ready for occupancy and when residents move in. In other communities where Larizza has constructed affordable housing, some citizens have inquired why several months elapse between the end of construction and occupancy, he said.

While the construction and interior work on the buildings will be complete well in advance of next August’s target date, there is an extensive process that must be undertaken by the developer and the county in order to market and sell the units under the parameters of the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan, said Norma Drummond, Westchester County’s deputy commissioner of planning.

First, the developer must write a condominium offering plan that must be approved by the state attorney general’s office, she said.

That county’s marketing plan, which was approved by James Johnson, the federal monitor overseeing the affordable housing settlement, includes a mandatory three-month period where Westchester’s Housing Action Council must market the units over nine counties in the metropolitan area. During that time, applications will be accepted for residency, Drummond said.

There must then be a public lottery, and the households that are selected to occupy the units will then apply for mortgages.

“This process of qualifying to purchase a unit can take several months because of all the bank requirements,” Drummond said.

Town Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto, who previously served on North Castle’s Housing Board which has overseen the municipality’s Middle Income Unit (MIU) program, said she believes that with Larizza’s strong track record Armonk will have a quality product.

“I think he really takes a lot of pride in what he does and I think he wants a project that will call home,” DiGiacinto said of Larizza.

The site, which has been called the Cockren property, was originally intended to be home to eight MIUs to satisfy the obligations for development of the nearby Cider Mill condominiums. However, between the deterioration of the housing market and changes of ownership of the land, those units were never built.

Then about four years ago, the town government asked to switch the development of the housing to affordable units after Westchester County was required to build 750 residences to satisfy its settlement with the federal government.

Drummond said that as of July 30, the county had funding in place for 468 affordable units and is expected to reach its Dec. 31, 2015, milestone of 600 units by the end of the year.
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“Everybody went crazy,” said Muscarella, who mentioned that Rivera has been at the dealership on five occasions.

Rivera apparently inspired his employees after meeting with them on July 21. General sales manager Liam Tully said 100 cars were sold in the dealership’s first month, double the number by the former Toyota dealership at the same location last July.

Muscarella, who is also a dealer manager at Acura of Westchester in Larchmont, said Ken Hicks, general manager of that dealership, has known Rivera about 20 years. The former Yankee great informed Hicks that he wanted to get into the car business, Muscarella said.

Rivera’s influence is visible. The dealership’s walls have been painted New York Yankee blue and white and are adorned with several photos of Rivera in game action.

Since Rivera’s operation replaced another Toyota dealership, the only approval needed from the village was from the zoning board of appeals for a new sign at the building’s entrance, Muscarella said.

To spread word about the new venture, Rivera Toyota has been advertising on local cable television and on YouTube, Tully said. There is also a dealership Facebook page.

An official grand opening for the dealership will be held in early September.

Rivera Toyota and Scion of Mount Kisco is located at 325 N. Bedford Rd. For more information call 914-666-5181.

They Definitely KENKEN

Robert Fuhrer, second from left, founder and president of the Pleasantville-based Nextoy who brought KENKEN to the United States, and Nikki Yoshimura, far right, director of marketing development for KENKEN, visited the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester in Mount Kisco last Thursday to train the club’s summer leadership group and staff on the math game. They also gave tips on how to run a KENKEN tournament. Also pictured are Alyzza C. Ozer, left, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club, Athenia Lee, center, director of teen programs, and Dr. Iris Pagan, second from right, director of marketing development for KENKEN.
Armonk Church to Give Farmers Market a Go on Trial Basis

By Martin Wilbur

Armonk will get another chance at having a farmers market this fall. The North Castle Town Board granted permission on July 22 for Hillside Church on Bedford Road to have a market on its grounds for a trial run for four consecutive Saturdays starting Sept. 12.

Hillside Church Pastor Matt Turner said he believes that an Armonk market can be successful and also help build a sense of community in town. When he previously worked in California, the local farmers markets were important local and family gatherings.

“One of the things we want to do is we want to prove that a farmers market can work in this community,” Turner said. “I think we all know there’s not enough parking downtown and so to put one downtown is not really feasible.”

If the market is successful, the church would request a more extensive run starting next spring, he said.

The Ossining-based Down to Earth Markets will oversee the operation, providing about 10 vendors each Saturday the market is open. Down to Earth Markets, which has been around for about 25 years, runs five other markets in Westchester — in Croton-on-Hudson, Larchmont, Rye, New Rochelle and Ossining, said Frankie Rowland, community relations manager for the company. Hours of operation will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., with an extra half-hour needed before and after to set up and clear the space.

Rowland said that products sold at the company’s markets comes only from local or regional farmers or other operations that grow their own food. Down to Earth Markets visits all of its vendors’ operations to make sure they’re abiding by its mission.

“There needs to be a strong local component,” Rowland said. “If they’re a farmer they need to be growing their food. There’s no reselling allowed. If there’s a food vendor, they need to have local ingredients as a large component.”

Vendors selected would sell fruits and seasonal vegetables, chicken, eggs, meats or fish, specialty items such as jellies and sauces and baked goods, Rowland said.

Among the goals for Down to Earth Markets is to build a market that reflects the community they are operating in and also guard against negatively affecting conventional shopkeepers.

“One of the objectives of our markets is not to impact the brick and mortar merchants surrounding our markets,” Rowland said. Supervisor Michael Schiliro said the four-week trial run will help local merchants determine whether or not they would be affected by a farmers market.

Merchants in communities that launch farmers markets are often concerned that it will take a toll on their bottom line.

“I think that’s a good way to take the temperature of everything,” Schiliro said of the limited set of dates.

About five years ago the town started a Thursday farmers market in the parking lot behind the stores on Main Street, but it did not fare well. It closed after one season.

Turner said he and the church have begun reaching out to local merchants. Most, but not all, have been supportive. He said the location should be far enough away from the downtown shops to not directly impact them.

The market would be located in the church’s lower parking lot. Visitors will use the upper lot, which has about 60 spaces, to park. The church anticipates no more than 50 visitors to the market at one time.
Chappaqua Teacher, Students Make a Difference a Decade Later

Aveda Global President Dominique Conseil visited the Chappaqua School District late in the recently completed school year to thank educator Amy Fishkin and her students of Westorchard Elementary School’s second-grade class in 2005-06 who were a critical part of helping the early stages of the company’s Recycle Caps program.

Now the principal at Roaring Brook Elementary School, Fishkin was at the time a teacher who had told her students about the environment and need for recycling. As a result of the conversation that was held on Earth Day 2006, Fishkin and her students spearheaded the program’s start and collected bottle caps for recycling and successfully pushed others to do the same. Within nine weeks, 16,589 caps were collected.

“The program has been a prime example of how just one person can make a big difference for the benefit of our planet and its people, plants and animals,” Conseil said.

The Recycle Caps with Aveda program was the first-ever rigid plastic caps recycling program in the United States. It has helped raise awareness of the alarming amounts of plastics polluting waterways and oceans and endangering marine life.

Throughout the years, Aveda, which creates high performance, plant-based products for beauty professionals and consumers, has pioneered new benchmarks of environmental responsibility in beauty.

This summer, Aveda transitions to a new step in its recycling initiatives as the Recycle Caps with Aveda program concludes, and promoting and advocating Caps-On recycling begins. E-mail CapCollection@aveda.com with information and details on areas that do not yet accept caps-on.

Founded in 1978 in Minneapolis, Aveda innovates in botanical technologies, combining the principles of modern science and Ayurveda, the ancient healing art of India, to develop performance-driven hair, skin and body products—made with pure flower and plant essences—that are created with respect for the Earth, and a comprehensive menu of ritual-based treatments for holistic beauty.

For more information, visit www.aveda.com.
New Castle Welcome Guide Goes to Print to Promote Town

By Martin Wilbur

New Castle residents are receiving the town’s new welcome guide in the mail this week after it was printed and mailed out to all 6,700 households last Friday. The 60-page glossy publication, which features a wide range of articles and information on what the town has to offer, is a collaboration between the municipality and publisher and editor Grace Bennett, who operates Inside Chappaqua and Inside Armonk magazines.

Last week Supervisor Robert Greenstein said the effort will help promote the town and potentially attract new homeowners to New Castle at minimal cost. The town approved $10,000 earlier this year for guide-related expenses and helped sell ads to local businesses to offset costs.

Greenstein said that the guide is a good deal for the town. Other municipalities either do not have a comparable publication and the ones that do often pay an outside marketing or public relations firm tens of thousands of dollars more for a similar product.

“It’s a great example of a public-private partnership,” Greenstein said. “I am extremely proud of it and look forward to sharing it with New Castle.”

There will be an online version that will be available as soon as this week with the ability to update content as needed, Bennett said.

About two weeks before the guide was printed, there was a bit of a hubbub when Councilman Jason Chapin, the only member of the town board to oppose the funding because the publication would be printed months before Election Day, accused Greenstein of using the guide as campaign literature.

Bennett said Chapin’s comments were jarring because she and her group of writers went to great lengths to make sure that the content was free of what could be construed as political or commercially aggressive.

She mentioned that every organization that was contacted for inclusion in the guide was helpful and enthusiastic about the project.

“The guide is really pure,” Bennett said. “It’s something free of any adversarial influence, completely.”

Shortly after its formation, the Chappaqua Millwood Chamber of Commerce had put out a guide that focused on the town’s businesses. Bennett said was hopeful that she could help contribute if the town was going to do a similar publication for the Town of New Castle at large.

She said she had little interaction with Chapin regarding any of his concerns. Chapin has contended that Greenstein didn’t broach the topic of publishing a guide until the received an e-mail from him in late January. It wasn’t discussed publicly until the board’s Feb. 3 meeting, he said. He also questioned why existing residents were receiving the publication if it was primarily aimed at attracting new residents.

About 4,000 copies will be available at real estate offices in town and the remainder will be at town hall and other local spots.

Armonk Shopping Center Owner to Court Over Tree Cutting

The owner of an Armonk shopping center is scheduled to go to North Castle Town Court next week after being issued a summons for removing trees from the back of his property without a permit.

Seminar & Sons, the owner of Elide Plaza on Bedford Road, received the summons on July 20 for taking down more than a dozen trees without proper permission, said Assistant Building Inspector Michal Cromwell. Elide Plaza, which was built in 1986, is undergoing various improvements to refresh the property.

Cromwell said property owners must apply to the Building Department in order to remove tree that exceeds a certain size. No such application was ever submitted to the office, he said.

“He made a mistake,” Cromwell said. One nearby resident said she found it disturbing that a property owner would have such little regard for the town. Resident Norma Hill said the property looks poor and that the trees help cut down on noise generated by traffic.

“The trees had acted as a noise barrier from the traffic on route 22 and also maintained a more rural look to the roadway,” Hill said. “We do not want our highway to look like Central Avenue.”

Seminar & Sons is due in town court next Tuesday, Aug. 11.

—Martin Wilbur
Police Blotter

**County Police/Mount Kisco**

**July 26:** A Park Drive resident reported at 1:01 a.m. that someone had broken into her home by climbing through a window. The caller also stated that she had left the home and was down the street at a safe location. Responding officers found that the intruder was actually the caller’s mother. The woman had lost her house keys and had forced open a window to get in the house.

**July 27:** Report of a barking dog in the yard of a house at St. Mark’s Place and Boltis Street at 4:54 a.m. The caller stated that the dog has been barking for the past two hours. No one answered the door at the home when the responding officers arrived, so the officers removed the dog from the property. The owner subsequently contacted police and came to retrieve the dog. The owner said her family had worked long hours the previous day, was very tired and did not hear the dog barking.

**July 28:** A Locust Street resident reported at 6:22 a.m. that a man was asleep in her flower garden. The man told the responding officer that he had been drinking the night before and had stopped there to rest on his way home. He left the property without incident.

**July 29:** A Spencer Avenue resident reported at 10:54 a.m. that someone entered his unlocked car sometime overnight while it was parked in front of his house and stole his wallet.

**July 29:** A caller reported at 8:23 p.m. that he was concerned for the welfare of an elderly man who was standing for some time in the same location on Main Street. An officer located the man, who said he wanted ice cream and was waiting for an ice cream truck to come by.

**July 30:** Report of a domestic dispute on Amuso Drive at 9:51 a.m. Officers spoke with a woman who said her teenage daughter had stormed out of the house during an argument and she was concerned about the girl’s emotional state. Officers located the girl nearby and she agreed to return home.

**July 30:** Report of a man having a seizure at the United Methodist Church on Main Street at 11:14 a.m. The Mount Kisco Volunteer Ambulance Corps responded and transported the man to Northern Westchester Hospital.

**Pleasantville Police Department**

**July 25:** Report of a larceny on Marble Avenue at 9:10 a.m. The complainant stated that tomatoes were stolen from the business’ garden. The matter is under investigation.

**July 27:** Report of a burglary on Romer Avenue at 12:56 p.m. Two bicycles were stolen from a garage. There are no suspects; the matter is under investigation.

**July 30:** A party arrived at police headquarters at 10:36 a.m. and reported that someone had accessed personal information and used a debit/credit card.

**July 30:** Report of a male subject walking on the train tracks near the Pleasantville Metro-North station at 2:18 p.m. The MTA police were notified.

**July 31:** Report of a disturbance on Memorial Plaza at 3:10 a.m. Two parties had been involved in a dispute but went on their way.

**North Castle Police Department**

**July 24:** A Kavey Lane resident reported at 12:27 p.m. that several months ago he returned to his house after a lengthy hospital stay and found damage around the property, including a shattered glass door and several other items broken. He did not report the incident at the time but was told by his insurance company that he needed to submit a police report.

**July 25:** Report of a vehicle lockout on North Broadway at 6:21 p.m. The caller reported that her one-year-old son was locked inside her vehicle in the parking lot. The motor is running and the air conditioning is on so the child does not appear to be in any distress. Another party arrived at the scene with a key to open the car.

**July 29:** A caller reported at 12:15 a.m. that he was awakened by a female running and yelling in the hallway at La Quinta Inn on Business Park Drive. The caller stated that he was then involved in a dispute with a male party who banged on his door and attempted to force his way into his room. Responding officers arrived; matter adjusted.

**July 29:** Report of criminal mischief on Business Park Drive at 8:55 a.m. A complainant stated that his vehicle had been vandalized in the parking lot. The responding officer discovered after arrival that two vehicles at the location had broken windows.
No. Castle on Verge of Creating Park District to Fund Dam Repairs

By Martin Wilbur

The North Castle Town Board is expected to approve the establishment this week of a park district comprised of 18 homeowners around Long Pond Dam to pay for long overdue dam repairs and maintenance.

A public hearing, which was adjourned from July 22, will be reconvened and is likely to be closed during tomorrow (Wednesday) night’s town board meeting. The town has an Aug. 14 deadline imposed by the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to submit an engineering report and demonstrate it is moving the process along to pay for the necessary work.

Another resolution on tap at this week’s meeting is for the town to approve and submit an application to the state comptroller’s office detailing how the project will be paid for, Town Attorney Roland Baroni said. It will likely take up to a few months for the district to learn whether the state comptroller has any questions or objections.

“That’ll be towards the end of the year by the time that all happens,” Baroni said of comptroller approval.

The DEC found that there were overgrown trees and brush as well as deterioration of the dam structure, which must be addressed. Before receiving a warning from the agency in April, there had been no resolution on the matter since the town and the state had last been in contact with each other regarding dam repairs and maintenance in 2011.

Questions arose in the spring about how the project would be funded. It was determined that the 18 private property owners with lake frontage would pay the estimated $27,000 annual cost for 20 years. The project is projected to cost about $310,000.

Originally, the homeowners were set to evenly split the annual cost and pay $1,229 a year each on a per-parcel basis. But under state law, a park district’s expenses can only be based on assessed valuation, Baroni said.

The town will pick up nearly half of the cost because it owns a portion of the lake and the structure.

At the opening of the public hearing two weeks ago, homeowner Jeffrey Allen objected to the method of determining financial obligation. He said his valuation is the second highest of the 18 private property owners despite his house being a tear-down and rebuild.

He requested the town undertake a reassessment, something that hasn’t been done since 1965, so the district’s homeowners pay equitable shares.

“I think in fairness, if we’re starting something today, the assessment should be done as of today, and not something that’s 50 years old,” Allen said.

However, Baroni responded that the town can only reassess on a townwide basis, not for a specific district.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro acknowledged that the project is expensive and was sympathetic toward Allen, but said the town’s options are limited.

“It’s a very costly project and the town has to come up with the way to pay for it and then it resets everything,” he said.

Resident Susan Shimer, who would be another of the 18 district residents, said she wanted some assurances that the tree cutting the DEC plans to do will not negatively impact the environment. She said rampant tree cutting was authorized in Washington State, which contributed to deadly mudslides last year.

John Kellard, the town’s consulting engineer, said he believes that the scope of DEC’s tree cutting will be reduced once the engineering report is reviewed by the state, particularly on the downhill slope on the southern portion of the dam.
Film, Television Industry Added $18M to County Economy in 2014

County Executive Rob Astorino announced last week that the film and television industry boosted the Westchester economy by $18 million in 2014, up from $13.8 million the previous year.

The increase is attributable in large measure to a 32 percent increase in on-location production days, which totaled 318 last year.

The numbers are part of an economic report compiled by Westchester County’s Office of Tourism & Film. The report includes a 2014 survey of local municipalities, which showed that 90 percent of the county’s cities, towns and villages received revenue from the film and television industry; 66 percent of film productions patronized local businesses and 25 percent hired local vendors.

“The film industry in Westchester has never been bigger,” Astorino said. “We are enjoying a starring role in Hollywood’s featured films and successful television programs because of our incredible and diverse locations — from beautiful parks and shorelines, to historic Main Streets, charming neighborhoods and bustling urban sites. In addition, our team from Tourism & Film has the knowledge to provide expert service to facilitate production in film-friendly Westchester County.”

Productions filmed in Westchester earned 29 Emmy nominations in 2014, and 28 in 2015. Top rated shows, including “Orange is the New Black” (Netflix), “The Good Wife” (CBS) and “Girls,” (HBO) have been recognized for acting, directing and casting, among other categories. Shows filmed in Westchester also earned nine Golden Globe nominations in 2014.


For Westchester’s municipalities, filming can provide a welcome revenue boost. “We’ve collected $60,000 in fees over the past two years, and $34,000 so far in 2015,” said Bedford Town Clerk Lisbeth “Boo” Fumagalli. “When they are here, film crews patronize our downtown shops and restaurants as well.”

The productions filming in Bedford over the past two years include “Orange Is the New Black” and “Girls,” Fumagalli said.

The City of Rye reported that film has been a blessing as well, citing more than $100,000 in permit revenue generated over the past two years.

“Filming is good for our town,” said Deputy Clerk Diane Moore. “Merchants see benefits and the town collects revenue. It’s also good exposure for Rye to the outside world.”

The county’s economic impact estimates are based on a formula used by the Association of Film Commissioners International (AFCI).
Two U.N. Ambassadors Honored By Pace for Environmental Diplomacy

In recognition of their exemplary leadership in drafting the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, Pace University School of Law and the International Council of Environmental Law conferred upon Ambassador Macharia Kamau of Kenya and Ambassador Csaba Kőrösi of Hungary the 2014 Elizabeth Haub Award for Environmental Diplomacy on July 28.

Pace provost Uday Sukhatme presided at the awards ceremony, which was attended by the diplomatic corps.

Christian and Liliane Haub, continuing their family's ardent support for the development of environmental law, were in attendance to confer the solid gold medals on the ambassadors, and Pace Law School Dean David Yassky conferred the diplomas certifying their accomplishments.

"Ambassador Macharia Kamau and Ambassador Csaba Kőrösi are rightfully being honored for their extraordinary service in helping to establish a set of visionary sustainable development goals," said Ban Ki-moon, the Secretary-General of the United Nations. "Without their tireless efforts we would not be where we are today."

The Haub Award for Environmental Diplomacy recognizes extraordinary ambassadorial achievements in shaping international environmental law and policy for sustainable development. The award was established for the 25th anniversary of the U.N. Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment as well as the fifth anniversary of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit.

Pace University and the International Council of Environmental Law established the award in memory of the distinguished German environmentalist Elizabeth Haub, a philanthropist devoted to the sound conservation of nature in the South Pacific and the Bears, the Convention on Conservation of Polar Resources. The combined resources of these organizations have continued to contribute to the development, negotiation and fulfillment of many important environmental agreements including the Antarctic Protocol, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations World Charter for Nature, and the Draft International Covenant on Environment and Development. Pace University now confers. Helga Haub also led the establishment of additional Elizabeth Haub Foundations in the United States and Canada.

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**Guest Column**

**Eco-Friendly Ways to Control Pests in Your Home Garden**

By Melinda Myers

Spots on tomatoes, holes in hosta leaves and wilting stems mean insects and diseases have moved into the garden. Don’t let these intruders reduce the beauty and productivity of your landscape. Work in concert with nature to prevent and control these pests and you will be rewarded with a bountiful harvest and landscape filled with beautiful blooms.

**Monitor.** Take regular walks through the landscape. Not only is it good exercise, but it will improve your mood and you’ll discover problems earlier when they are easier to control. Look for discolored leaves, spots, holes and wilting. Inspect the underside of leaves and along the stems to uncover the cause of the problem.

**Identify.** Once you discover a problem, identify the culprit. Your local extension service, garden center or reliable Internet resource can help. Once identified, you can plan the best way to manage the culprit.

**Invite the Good Guys.** Toads, lady beetles and birds help control many garden pests. Attract them to the garden by planting herbs and flowers to attract beneficial insects, adding a house for the toads and birdbath for songbirds. A few aphids or caterpillars will bring in the ladybeetles, lacewings, birds and toads that are looking for a meal.

**Clean Up.** Many insects and diseases can be managed and prevented with a bit of garden clean up. A strong blast of water from the garden hose will dislodge aphids and mites, reducing their damage to a tolerable level. Or knock leaf-eating beetles and other larger insects off the plants and into a can of soapy water.

**Adjust Care.** Reduce the spread and risk of further problems by adjusting your maintenance strategies. Avoid overhead and nighttime watering that can increase the risk of disease. Use an organic nitrogen fertilizer like Milorganite, which encourages slow steady growth that is less susceptible to insect and disease attacks. Mulch the soil with shredded leaves, evergreen needles or woodchips. This will keep roots cool and moist during drought, improve the soil as they decompose and also prevent soil borne diseases from splashing onto and infecting the plants.

**Non-chemical Controls.** If the problems continue, try some non-chemical options for insects. A yellow bowl filled with soapy water can attract aphids, a shallow can filled with beer and sunk in the ground will manage slugs and crumpled paper under a flower pot for earwigs are just a few ways to trap and kill these pests.

Or cover the plants with floating row covers. These fabrics allow air, light and water through, but prevent insects like bean beetles and cabbage worms from reaching and damaging the plants.

**Organic products.** Organic products like insecticidal soap, Neem, horticulture oil and Bacillus thuringiensis can be used to control specific pests. And even though these are organic, they are designed to kill insects or disease organisms, so be sure to read and follow label directions carefully.

**Take Note.** Make notes on the problems and solutions in this season’s garden. Refer to these next year to help you do a better job of monitoring and managing garden pests. And when shopping for new plants, select the right plant for the location and choose resistant varieties whenever possible.

**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. For more information, visit www.melindamyers.com.**

**Letter to the Editor**

Diaconis is Wrong for the County and His Record Shows It

John Diaconis is ill-suited to serve in the county legislature. As his record in opposing the Miller House restoration and relocation and his opposition to other projects that would have enhanced the quality of life for North Castle residents show, he is unable to put politics behind him for the greater good. He would rather play politics and create divisions than join together to find solutions. It’s that simple.

While on the town board, I worked with former supervisor Howard Arden and former councilman John Cronin on the plan to relocate Miller House. The plan would have resulted in its restoration and the creation – essentially at the county’s expense – of a new six-acre park for the residents of North Castle. AJonathan of historic designation, site security, traffic and costs were all being addressed in the plan, which was enthusiastically supported by all of the experts involved.

Led by Diaconis, the plan – the one real opportunity in the last 25 years to save the building – was lost before it was even reviewed. Think about that. Diaconis was so opposed to the previous town board achieving something that he opposed a plan before he knew its details. He chose to let Miller House rot for the sake of politics.

Beyond opposing the only sensible plan put forward to save Miller House, what has he accomplished? Largely thanks to Diaconis and a few others, the property at the corner of Maple Avenue and Bedford Road in Armonk has languished as a vacant unkempt lot for two years. Using Katrina cleanup funding, the prior town board was able to clear the property of fallen trees and secure a design by Mark Mars for the new vacant parkland.

Diaconis claims he has succeeded in bringing attention to the Miller House issue, but the truth is he has only succeeded in antagonizing every appointed and elected official at the county who could actually help with a solution. Miller House would already be restored if it were not for him. He has failed to accomplish anything positive for North Castle residents and remarkably has cost the residents the creation of two parks.

I encourage voters to add to the list of Diaconis’ failings by failing to support his divisive campaign for county legislator.

Diane Roth  
Diane Roth served as North Castle councilwoman from 2010 through 2013.
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Michael Feist
Wikipedia Writer/Culinary Student
Briarcliff Manor

By Martin Wilbur

Michael Feist has a near perfect outlet for someone who loves to research and write about local history.

During the past six years, the 19-year-old Briarcliff Manor resident has become a prolific writer for Wikipedia, the communal online encyclopedia that is one of the most viewed websites in the world. He has researched and written about 20 extensive entries on his home village and various sites, including several designated as landmarks, in and around the community.

Feist's efforts have gained him recognition with Wikipedians, who have awarded a coveted rank of Eagle Scout and indulging between all of his schoolwork, attaining the 13 years old, finding time to write pieces in his passion for photography.

"If I write something I could publish it in a magazine or publish it online on some other website. It might receive some hits. Some people might look at it, but after a while it will fade away," said Feist, a 2014 Briarcliff High School graduate. "Wikipedia, I can share my work and it can potentially reach millions of people for decades to come. It has a much more lasting impact."

While Feist has gained experience writing on local topics, he has also branched out, posting an article with photographs of his college, the Culinary Institute of America branch in St. Helena, Calif., and a variety of obscure subjects.

One of his most recent contributions is on Elliott Fitch Shepard, a 19th-century lawyer, banker, newspaper owner and a founder of the New York State Bar Association who later in his life moved to what is now Briarcliff Manor.

Feist became a Wikipedia contributor at 13 years old, finding time to write pieces in between all of his schoolwork, attaining the coveted rank of Eagle Scout and indulging in his passion for photography.

"I often do very minor things pretty much every day, but every so often if I have enough time, I'll make major contributions," he said.

Feist credits his grandfather, Carmino Ravosa, and his involvement in Boy Scouts with his love of local history. Ravosa, who passed away last month, was a pianist, singer and composer of children's music and had served as a trustee for the Briarcliff Manor-Scarborough Historical Society.

To earn his citizenship and community merit badge on his way to achieving scouting's highest rank, Feist was required to research and make a presentation on his hometown, a project that he enjoyed immensely.

Although Feist's passion for local history, research and writing runs deep, so does his interest in food and cooking. Shortly after his parents married, they owned and operated a catering business, and his mother, Carine, is an outstanding chef, Feist said. Furthermore, his parents have often hosted social gatherings at their house, giving his mom plenty of opportunities to display her talents and Feist a similar number of chances to develop his love of food.

"Although she's not doing cooking for a profession right now, every single night she prepares some very good to amazing meals," Feist said. "I'm like spoiled with it."

His decision to pursue culinary arts as a course of study was clinched in high school. During his junior and senior years, Feist enrolled in a vocational program headed by a Culinary Institute of America faculty. He explored various culinary schools in New York and Boston and at Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island, which has a highly regarded program, but settled on going to the CIA branch in Napa Valley because he was impressed with its two-year associate's program. Feist also wanted to try a new experience.

"I've lived in New York my whole life and I've never left the state for more than a week at a time, so that's why I wanted to try somewhere new," Feist said.

Next year, Feist is likely to return closer to home to continue his studies at CIA's Hyde Park location or perhaps at Cornell's program to earn a degree in hospitality management. He already has some experience in local banquet halls, working his first job at 15 at Trump National Golf Course and this summer at Sleepy Hollow Country Club.

Feist remains active with the Boy Scouts. When in California, he works with the local troop in St. Helena, and when back home, he does the same with Troop 18 in Briarcliff Manor.

Despite all that's going on, Feist will continue to contribute to Wikipedia, something that he has been able to successfully juggle since middle school.

"Sometimes I couldn't very much find the time, but sometimes I enjoy it so much I will keep editing a page," he said.

“Peekskill is my home, and keeping us safe is my job.”

Kaitlyn Corbett
Nuclear Engineer

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
Call for Photos Picturing the Past 50 Years in Westchester

ArtsWestchester has issued an open call to photographers – both hobbyists and professional – for images documenting Westchester’s most memorable moments of the last 50 years.

“2015 is a golden year for ArtsWestchester,” said the organization’s CEO Janet T. Langsam. “We’re celebrating 50 years as Westchester County’s designated arts council and the county’s connection for the arts. As we ready ourselves for the next half-century, we are pausing to look back and celebrate all the milestones and memorable moments from Westchester’s last five decades with a special exhibition.”

To mark ArtsWestchester’s golden anniversary, the organization will present “Through the Decades: Picturing 50 Years in Westchester,” a photographic exhibition featuring archival and crowd-sourced photographs. The public is invited to submit photographs for inclusion in the exhibit. Their favorite photos from Westchester’s most memorable events can be submitted via the online application through ArtsWestchester’s website.

Individuals may submit up to five images (as jpegs or tifs) in any of the following categories: Milestones in the Arts/Culture; Economic Development; The Changing Landscape; Celebrity Neighbors; and Shared Tragedies.

Individuals may submit to one or multiple categories, but may submit no more than five images in total. Photographs must have been taken within the past 50 years and depict events, people or places in the county from no earlier than 1965.

The deadline for submissions has been extended to Aug. 7. Photographers will be notified of works chosen for the exhibit, which will take place in ArtsWestchester’s gallery on Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains, no later than Aug. 21.

“Through the Decades: Picturing 50 Years in Westchester” is scheduled to be shown from Oct. 5 through Nov. 21, with an opening reception planned for Sunday, Oct. 4.

For more information and complete submissions guidelines, visit artsw.org/submissions.

Pace Announces New Dean, Director of Honors College

Pace University announced two key faculty moves last week by appointing Dr. Mohsen Shiri-Garakani as the director of the Pforzheimer Honors College for the Pleasantville camps and selecting Susan Dinan to serve as its founding dean.

Dinan earned her bachelor’s degree from Cornell University and her doctorate in history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has served as the director of the Honors College at William Paterson University in New Jersey since 2005.

As dean of the honors college, Dinan will spearhead the articulation, development and implementation of a comprehensive vision to make the college a first-choice destination for high-achieving high school students.

Shiri-Garakani has been serving as a faculty adviser in the honors college for a little more than two years and created and designed the Undergraduate Research Program (Honors Thesis) for honors students in Pleasantville. He developed the course, Research Methodology, which he will continue to teach as director.

He will serve a one-year term through July 31, 2016.

The essential role of the director is to stimulate the intellectual curiosity of high-ability students and provide a high-impact educational experience. This is an opportunity to continue to attract, retain and develop students with great academic potential through strong support, creative programming and course enhancements. The director will report to the dean of the honors college.

After completing his bachelor’s degree in physics from Tehran Polytechnic in Iran, Shiri-Garakani came to the U.S. for higher education. He received his master’s in physics from the University of Akron and his doctorate in physics from Georgia Institute of Technology.

He joined Pace 10 years ago, was promoted in 2011 to his current position as associate professor of physics in Dyson College of Arts and Sciences. Shiri-Garakani was a visiting fellow at Harvard’s Department of Physics in 2006 and 2007 and a research fellow at the Center for Philosophy and Natural Sciences housed at California State University, Sacramento (since 2008), which relates to his research in philosophy of physics. Shiri-Garakani also served as the Westchester faculty fellow from 2013 to this year.

His current research interests focus on foundations of quantum theory and quantum spacetime and issues in the philosophy of science. Besides publishing in journals, he has presented at conferences, taught many courses at Pace and since 2002 has served as the assistant editor of the International Journal of Theoretical Physics.
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When I sat down with my lawyer, Dan Tota, in Yorktown Heights, it was to discuss his project of installing crown molding in his home. But after we talked for a while, I was as interested in the "why" of his project as the "how."

"After working all day in a high pressure job, dealing with intangibles, it's a welcome change to come home and make something that's tangible with my hands," Tota said. "There's a lot of enjoyment in doing the job and, if you do it well, it gives you continued satisfaction again and again whenever you look at it. Of course, if you botch the job, nobody wants to be reminded of it afterwards."

Would Tota consider himself a handy person?

"While I'm an attorney now, I actually grew up working as a mechanic, so I know how to work with my hands," he said. At the same time, I'm realistic about those projects I know I can do and respectful of those I can't. Also, I'm fortunate to have friends who are contractors who can advise me when I need help."

Besides personal satisfaction, Tota pointed out the marketing value that improvement projects add to his house when he chooses to upgrade to a larger home. His most recent project was adding crown molding to his entrance hall, living room and dining room. In my opinion, crown molding is the most immediate "dress-up" upgrade one can give an interior at the least expense.

Crown molding is literally the crowning touch in that it draws the eye upward in much the same way curtains hung at ceiling height do while providing that smooth transitioning from vertical to horizontal. I would say that good proportions are magnified with moldings and, in effect, it's the finishing touch. In fashion, it might be compared to the collar on a shirt or the cuff on a sleeve.

When I first visited the condos at Trump Park Residences in Shrub Oak, the first upgrade detail I noticed in the hallways and units was the generous crown molding, in this case a big simple cove molding, seven inches wide for ceilings that are almost nine feet high. Cove molding features one big dramatic curve that makes a much bolder statement and avoids the busyness a more complicated crown can add, and that impressed me.

But not all crown molding has to knock you over in size to be dramatic. A room with an eight-foot ceiling can become much more dynamic with a simple but strong four- to five-inch crown molding and adding a five-inch base molding. By emphasizing both the base and ceiling, the room has much more character and strength. Of course, you can always get a good carpenter to do the job for you and I recommend mine at the end of this piece. But if you're a DIY enthusiast, the two basic pieces of equipment you need are a miter box and coping saw, coupled with a lot of patience in calculating the amount of molding you need and angles at which to cut it.

All of that can be found on line with graphics that easily demonstrate the process better than I can describe in the limited space here. But let me share a couple of tips from Tota's experience to save you some grief.

"I chose a molding that wasn't too thick – four inches – so that the saw didn't have to be as big, and if your ceilings are the standard height of eight feet or a little more, that serves very well," he advised.

"Another good tip: instead of choosing a natural finish, go with the molding that is primed white. That forgives a lot of sins if you're not perfect with your cuts. If you're working in white, mistakes can be better concealed with putty or caulking until you get the hang of it."

Michael Lavelle is the carpenter I recommend. He can be reached at 914-482-7178.

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Rise Above Floatation
Mt. Kisco

By Colette Connolly

There’s a way to escape life’s stresses and distractions, and it’s right in the heart of downtown Mount Kisco. In the newly opened Rise Above Floatation, the journey to inner peace begins at the front door as affable co-owners Micah Saccomanno and his wife Katie Lynch Saccomanno welcome customers into their creatively designed facility, complete with natural wood and other environmentally friendly products.

In Westchester’s only float facility, customers are urged to leave their cell phones and other mobile devices behind and savor the moments of silence, healing and restoration.

Clients submerge their bodies in 10 inches of warm saltwater set to body temperature and a pH level of eight, within a darkened floatation tank. This mode of reduced stimulation therapy intended to block out external stimuli, specifically when placed in an isolation tank without light and sound.

In the 1970s, the tanks that Lilly used for his research had evolved to today’s more commercial, user-friendly floatation tanks. While the practice of floating declined during the ’70s and ’80s, Micah Saccomanno believes the digital culture has created a renewed interest in the practice as well as in its emotional and physical benefits.

“Dramatically good things happen to you when you float,” said Saccomanno, who floats regularly and is familiar with its positive effects, which have been documented by the Oklahoma-based Laureate Institute for Brain Research.

Results include relief from eating disorders, addictive behaviors, chronic pain and fibromyalgia, among other problems. The military, Saccomanno noted, has also used floating to treat soldiers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. For athletes it’s a way to heal injured joints and muscles and enhance muscle memory, a practice called sports visualization.

‘The couple offers two tanks, one about six feet by eight feet and another they named the “womb,” a smaller, more intimate space that is about five feet by eight feet. Once inside, patrons are asked to relax as they float in the darkness with no sensory influences to distract them. A third tank will be operational in the next two weeks.

Katie Saccomanno, a licensed massage therapist, said the floating experience takes time getting used to since most people’s brains operate day to day in a fight or flight mode. She said it takes most people between 20 to 25 minutes to get comfortable in the solitary environment.

“What’s important to remember, however, is that everyone who goes into the floatation tanks has control over their own experience,” explained Micah Saccomanno.

That includes the ability to open and close the doors and to adjust the lighting so it’s not completely dark, particularly important for people who might be claustrophobic, he added. Air is constantly being pumped into the tanks to maintain comfort level.

Many clients spend at least an hour floating, but many of them extend the experience.

“We want to make this a very safe place where people can de-stress and gain that incredible awareness of mind and thought,” said Micah Saccomanno, who’s in the midst of establishing partnerships with local medical practitioners, educating them on the benefits of floating.

Customers are asked to take a shower before and after the float, as the salt will be uncomfortable on the body if not washed away. Towels, shampoo, conditioner and low-sounding hair dryers are all available free of charge.

To help with sound insulation and to prevent salt water from entering the ears, earplugs are provided. Music can be played for those who don’t want complete sensory deprivation.

In the three weeks since the business has been open, the feedback has been excellent. A journal on the coffee table in the main lobby is already filling up with positive testimonials.

Rise Above Floatation is located at 111 E. Main St. below the Elephants Trunk. It is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. To book a session or learn about pricing or special membership packages, call 914-241-1900 or visit www.riseabovelfotation.com.
**Tuesday, Aug. 4**

**POW: The History of Superhero Movies.** Clive Young will present this fast-paced history of super-powered cinema, from the Saturday morning serials of yesteryear to today's blockbusters. With the help of video clips, Young will go behind the scenes to explore how Hollywood's superheroes have changed with times and the technologies available. A family friendly program for all ages. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548.

**Wednesday, Aug. 5**

**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 K. 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: Contact Julie Genovesi 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. 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.

**Pound Fitness Program.** A 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics, isometric movements and poses. Using lightly weighted drumsticks called Ripstix™ and combining constant simulated drumming resulting in working the entire body. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Intermediate players $20. (Includes complementary beer and wine.) Info and tickets: 914-232-3280 or visit www.wppac.com.

**Camaro at the Katonah Museum of Art:** The Harlem Chamber Players. Violinist Ashley Horne, who has appeared as a soloist and chamber musician around the world, leads this chamber ensemble. Cellist Amy Ralske will also be performing. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Concert at 6:30 p.m. Katonah Museum of Art and Camaro members: $15. Non-members: $20. (Includes complementary beer and wine.) Info and tickets: 914-232-9555 ext. 0.

**Naloxone Training.** Participants will learn how to administer naloxone, a lifesaving antidote that can be used on an individual who is experiencing an opioid overdose. Naloxone kits and prescriptions will be handed out to individuals who complete the training. Sponsored by state Sen. David Carlucci. Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave., Ossining. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 845-623-3627.

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


**Thursday, Aug. 6**

**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. Info: 914-238-8974 or email claudiyogadance@gmail.com.

**Mahjong Club.** Intermediate players welcome. Participants must bring their own majiang. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-864-8041 or www.mountkiscolibrary.org.

**Read to Rover.** For children five years old and up. Sponsored by the K9 Kids 4H Club. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-864-8041 or www.mountkiscolibrary.org.

**“Points of View From the Circle” Opening Reception.** A group photography exhibit featuring an exciting mix of work from the members of RedCircle Photo Arts. The Upstream Gallery, 8 Main St., Hastings-on-Hudson. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Aug. 30. Info: 914-674-8548 or visit http://upstreamgallery.com.

**Zumba Fitness Class.** Addie-Tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 7 to 8 p.m. $15 a class. 29 for four classes. $55 for eight classes. Meets every Thursday. Also Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Info: 917-215-1720, e-mail AddietudeDance@gmail.com or call 914-864-8041.

**“Guys and Dolls.”** A production by the Mount Pleasant Community Theatre. Directed and choreographed by Rose Cremonese Norton, Westlake High School's John S. Whearty Theatre, 825 West Lake Drive, Thornwood. 7:30 p.m. $22. Seniors and students: $18. Also Aug. 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-773-9171 or 914-769-0548 or visit www.mptquoteshows.com.

**Friday, Aug. 7**

**Drop in Craft: Make a Monster.** For school age children. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-8041.

**Hootenanny.** Come sing along. Hosted by the Clinton Street Singers and Stringers. Light refreshments. Clinton Street Center, 1A Clinton St., Pleasantville. 4 to 6 p.m. $2 suggested donation. Pre-registration requested. Info and pre-registration: 914-769-2021.

**“Chess.”** The smash hit rock musical of the 1980s returns in a re-imaged production updated to today's explosive political climate between the United States and the Middle East. In this production, the ancient game becomes a metaphor for romantic rivalries, competitive gamesmanship, political power plays and international intrigues. White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Center, White Plains. 8 p.m. Adults $35. Students (22 and under): $25. Also Aug. 8 at 8 p.m. and Aug. 9 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-328-1600 or visit www.wppac.com.

**Saturday, Aug. 8**

**Pleasantville Farmers Market.** Come experience the largest farmers market in Westchester, the one voted Best of Westchester 2014 by the readers of Westchester Magazine. With over 55 vendors, seven nearby parking lots and creative weekly programming, it's a delicious good time every Saturday. This week, Susan Kane will return for our Music at the Market. Also, kids can create a project to take home. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rain or shine. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillenarmersmarket.org.

**Chappaqua Farmers Market.** Brining locally-raised and produced food to the community in a weekly market, creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. Featuring about 40 vendors weekly. Also includes music, children's activities and a food demonstration. Chappaqua train station, Chappaqua. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org.

**Second Saturday Divorce Workshop.** This workshop will address the legal, financial, family and personal issues of divorce in a logical and compassionate way. With the guidance of top-rated professional, participants will gain greater understanding of the confusing divorce process. All proceeds benefit the nonprofit organization Wife.org. 100 S. Bedford Rd., Suite 340, Mount Kisco. 9 to 11:30 a.m. $45. Meets the second Saturday of each month. Registration required. Info and registration: Email Mishelle.Cliberti@icounsel.com or visit www.secondsaturdaywestchester.com.

**Mount Kisco Farmers Market.** St. Mark's Church, 85 Main St., Mount Kisco. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: Visit www.mountkiscolibrary.org.

**Adult Salsa Class.** Addie-Tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 7 to 8 p.m. $15 a class. 29 for four classes. $55 for eight classes. Meets every Thursday. Also Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Info: 917-215-1720, e-mail AddietudeDance@gmail.com or call 914-864-8041.

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A Toast to the Origins of the Celebratory Toast

By Nick Antonaccio

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“Cheers!” “Salud!” “Santé!” “Prost!” “L’chaim!” “Nostrovia!” Whatever the language, whatever the occasion, raising one’s glass of wine in celebration always seems a most appropriate gesture.

The toast is invariably interpreted as “Good Health!” regardless of the occasion. Typically offered by the host of an event and followed by multiple responses, this tradition has changed little since ancient times. The Greeks reveled in it to celebrate camaraderie and the Romans basked in it to savor battles won.

When Napoleon reigned as the emperor of France, he was less interested in imbibing wine than he was in imbibing the wine of choice for an occasion. “I drink Champagne when I win, to celebrate; and I drink the wine of choice for than he was in imbibing guests - and guests from a diabolical host – wine was served from a common jug, first to the host and then to the guests. Once the host imbibed, the guests followed, raising their vessels to celebrate the mutual trust earned.

1. A practical reason evolved in ancient Greece and Rome. Poisoning the drinking vessel of one’s enemy was an early practice. To protect a host from nefarious guests, the wine of ancient Romans often reeked of foul aromas or tastes. To mask these unsavory qualities, burnt bread might be added to a vat or jug of wine before serving the wine to guests.

2. The Vikings and early Germanic tribes were notorious for vigorously banging drinking cups on their communal dining tables to ward off evil spirits they believed were roaming the area. Banging loudly was believed to clear the air and create a more celebratory atmosphere.

3. During medieval times, diners began the practice of clinking glasses. They intended to achieve the same goals as banging cups: the clinking was thought to sound like church bells and thus would surely drive away the devil and his minions. This also served to unite the dining companions together in a gesture of intimate friendship. Clinking glasses forced close contact and, presumably, enhanced the bonding of all present.

For those of you who enjoy the current trend of historic television series, you’ve undoubtedly seen the glances of guests as they dined and imbibed with royalty at the table. The wine of ancient Romans often reeked of foul aromas or tastes. To mask these unsavory qualities, burnt bread might be added to a vat or jug of wine before serving the wine to guests.

As wine improved over the ensuing centuries, this ritual became a common practice. Shakespeare describes a stale piece of bread immersed in a jug of wine. The practice at the time was to add spices and fruit to the bread, toast it and flavor a jug of wine with it. Over time, this ritual went one step further. The tasty bread was offered to the person being honored at a dinner; the guests would then drink the “toasted” wine.

Other terms evolved from “toast.” To control the sometimes aggressive drinking at events, an individual was assigned to control the amount of alcohol being consumed. This “toastmaster” was responsible for insuring a reasonable flow of merrymaking while preventing over-toasting. And of course, an individual who was the recipient of multiple celebratory accolades or good wishes became “the toast of the town.”

The next time you raise a glass to celebrate an event or honor family and friends, remember the ancient rites you are replicating. Cheers to our ancestors.

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

By Lindsay Burgess

Benedict Arnold, best known as an American traitor, is taking on the role of the protagonist in a reading series from “The General from America,” a production written by award-winning Richard Nelson at the Philipstown Depot Theatre in Garrison on Aug. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Nelson won a Tony Award for James Joyce’s “The Dead,” a Drama Desk Award for “Some American’s Abroad” and an Obie Award for “Vienna Notes.”

The contemporary play is directed by Tony Award nominee, Moritz von Stuelpnagel.

“Moritz is really one of the gifted directors of this generation,” said artistic director Davis McCallum. “I’m really pleased and proud to have him back here for the second time.”

Stuelpnagel directed “All is Calm” last December in honor of the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I, but McCallum has known him for several years. They worked together to make these productions come alive.

McCallum taught acting and directing at Princeton and at The New School for Drama and Acting.

“My job is trying to figure out how we can best serve our mission,” McCallum said. “We put a lot of time into choosing the series and who should work in it. We have some of the best actors in the city coming to Garrison to help out with this.”

The cast includes Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival (HVSF) actors Thomas Michael Hammond, Francesca Choy-Key, Susannah Millonzi, Kurt Rhoads, Triney Sandoval, Gabra Zackman and Matthew Amendt, who played Hamlet in the 2011 HVSF production.

Celebrating 29 seasons, the HVSF appeals to all type of audiences.

“It’s so hyperlocal. It’s just amazing that this piece of famous American history has been turned into such a brilliant play,” McCallum said.

McCallum is confident that people who take an interest in Shakespeare and/or the West Point Museum, will especially enjoy “The General from America.” Attending the West Point Museum is like living history, an experience that the HVSF production team attempts to give its audience as well.

“The play was written in the last 20 years from a contemporary angle,” McCallum said.

That contemporary angle does not include any sets or costumes. The actors, who will meet to rehearse for two days next week, will be reading with their scripts. The goal of the readings is to allow the audience to focus on the essence of the words and the chance to see the actors up close as they reenact history with the Hudson Valley scenery behind them on Garrison Landing.

Though Benedict Arnold is typically viewed as a traitor during the American Revolution, this play attempts to display Arnold’s perspective as he wrestles with the major decision to team up with Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys of Vermont to attack Fort Ticonderoga.

“It presents conflicting points of view and the audience gets to make up their mind,” McCallum said. “I hope they’ll be reminded of just how rich in culture the Hudson Valley is in terms of American history.”

Tickets are $25 and can be purchased online at the Philipstown Depot Theatre website at http://www.philipstown depottheatre.org

For more information about upcoming shows for the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, visit http://hvshakespeare.org/

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woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own heat to help melt through the late winter ice. Program runs about 30 minutes. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Saturday and Sunday. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburgnaturecenter.org.

Tech Help. Drop in for help with any of your technology devices. No appointment necessary. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: 914-864-8041 or www.mountkiscolibrary.org.

Pound Fitness Program. A 45-minute full-body cardio and stress relief jam session, fusing Pilates, cardio, plyometrics, isotonic movements and poses. Using lightly weighted drumsticks called Ripstix and combining constant simulated drumming resulting in working the entire body. TADA Theatre And Dance Arts, 131 Bedford Rd., Katonah. 11:45 a.m. $20. Every Saturday; also Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Info: Contact Peggy at 914 960-4097.

The Wright Stuff: Westchester Children’s Museum. Young inventors will use odd materials to create a flying object and experiment with the museum’s fantastic wind tunnel. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 2 to 3 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-669-5161 or www.ruthkeelermemoriallibrary.org. (Online registration preferred.)

The Drifters and Tribute to the Platters. The Drifters are one of the most successful and beloved singing groups of all time with hits like “There Goes My Baby,” “Save the Last Dance for Me,” “Under the Boardwalk,” and “This Magic Moment” and many more. The Platters were one of the top vocal groups of the 1950s. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford. Dinner at 6:45 p.m. Dinner at 8:30 p.m. $90 per person (plus tax). Info and tickets: 914-992-2222 or visit www.westchesterbroadwaytheatre.com.

Gordon Lightfoot’s 50 Years on the Carefree Highway Tour. After 50 active years of hit song-making and international album sales, Gordon Lightfoot resides with very exclusive die-hard fans. Paramount Hudson Valley, 1008 Brown St., Peekskill. 8 p.m. $50, $60, $70 and $80. Info and tickets: 914-739-0039 or visit www.paramounthudsonvalley.com.

Monday, Aug. 10


Knitting Group. Hats for our servicemen and women overseas and other ongoing projects for care centers and hospitals. Clinton Street Center, 1A Clinton St., Pleasantville. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday. Info: 914-769-2021.

Here We Are Together: Story Time for Children. For children of all ages; with a parent or caregiver. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 a.m. Free. Info: 914-864-8041 or www.mountkiscolibrary.org.

Wild Encounters Story Time. Nature discovery for youngsters. Enjoy a nature-themed story and discover the wonders of nature while exploring fields, forests or landscaped grounds. Dress for outdoor activity. Except in extreme weather conditions, a portion of each class is spent outdoors. For children three to five years old; with a parent or caregiver. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: $9 per child. Non-member: $12 per child. Every Monday. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburgnaturecenter.org.

Zumba Class. Open to all. Drop-ins welcome; no membership needed. PFX, 101 Castleton St., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. $10 a class. Every Monday.

Info: Contact Amy Olin at olin.amyj@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Aug. 11

Cartooning Workshop. Local artist Michael Teator will run this workshop on drawing superheroes. Not only is it great for beginners, those who already know how to draw will get tips on how to make superheroes pop off the page. For children in grades 2-4. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or visit www.mountpleasanthistory.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 12

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

New Castle has had a successful youth football program for over 60 years. The current program emphasizes safety (no concussions in the past three years), football skills (six of the past seven Horace Greeley High School varsity captains graduated from the program) and fun (all players get the opportunity to play all positions).

Despite a general countrywide decline in youth football participation due to concussion fears and demographic trends, youth football is an important and vibrant part of our community. The mission of Greeley Youth Football is quite clear in promoting safety first. Last year, the youth football association sponsored a concussion seminar run by local sports doctor Eric Small to discuss this important concern.

Greeley Youth Football also realizes that athletes mature in different ways. The smaller, quick child in fourth grade could grow to be the lineman of the future while the child who is larger and less coordinated could be the star receiver or running back in high school. With this in mind, Greeley Youth Football emphasizes a player learning multiple positions throughout the season and throughout the athlete’s time in the program.

Those coaches who insist on playing the “best players” or their own favorites at the skill positions at all times (at the exclusion of others) are quickly reminded of our mission. If this behavior continues, the coaches are not allowed to return and encouraged to seek other leagues in the area to pursue their own agendas. Two parent-coaches decided to do so last year.

Based on player and parent responses, the program is a good way to promote players learning various positions in football while allowing athletes to explore multiple fall sports. Three times a week with weekends free has been the norm and has received great feedback. The players will be on the field for a minimum of 75 percent of the game; they are called players for a reason.

The Greeley Youth Football program is run by Pete Zimmerman, longtime business owner and 2014 recipient of the Horace Greeley Sports Boosters Club Achievement Award for his contributions to community athletes. In addition, the programs board is a diverse membership comprised of parents of current players, parents of former players and representatives from the Greeley varsity coaching staff. While the program has exclusively been a town-only league, per a recent suggestion by Greeley Football, the program may incorporate limited competitions/games against teams from neighboring towns. The emphasis will continue to be on safety and learning the game and will not entail weekend traveling.

There are few better ways to spend fall nights than watching football under the lights. It is exciting and brings the community together. As in past seasons, Greeley Youth Football will sponsor the following events for the players and parents:

- Opening Night Kickoff party
- Multiple appearances by the Greeley varsity football players to assist in coaching
- Player recognition on the field during Greeley’s varsity homecoming game
- Potential optional trips to see a college football game
- Select competition with neighboring towns
- End of season pizza party

There is a place and time for football if it is taught correctly. It does not include a win-at-all-cost mentality at the youth level. There is a time later in life for that. Now it is about safety and learning the fundamentals of the game. Graduates of the program have very fond memories of playing in a safe environment while learning the game by competing against their friends. Greeley Youth Football is committed to continue this strong tradition and is looking forward to the 2015 season. Youth football is alive and well in New Castle.

Claudio Philips is a Greeley Youth Football Association board member.
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The Board of Trustees of the Village of Pleasantville will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 10, 2015, 8:00pm, prevailing time, 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, New York 10570. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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New French Bistro Opens in Port Chester

By Jerry Eimbinder

Appétit Bistro has opened in Port Chester with a predominantly French menu. This is the first ownership venture for the three partners: Edwin Montoya, his brother-in-law Edi Rivera, the chef, and hostess Dina Ortega.

Escargot is the restaurant's most popular appetizer, Montoya said. Priced at $11, it comes with Pastis Maitré'd butter and is topped with puff pastry.

“Our best-selling entrée is duck a l’orange with wild rice.” It is priced at $25 and followed in popularity by cilantro-lime shrimp with Yukon whipped potato, spicy green beans and citrus vinaigrette ($25).

Seafood dishes abound. Entrées include Prince Edward Island mussels, branzino, red snapper, salmon, lemon sole and seafood linguini. The seafood entrées are priced from $19 to $24.

The leading dessert is tarte tatin, an apple tart baked upside down and topped with a scoop of vanilla ice cream ($10). Eight red and 10 white wines are offered by the glass and priced from $10 to $13. Wine by the bottle and beer are also available.

The Sunday brunch menu, served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., offers Eggs Benedict ($12), French toast ($10), banana pancakes ($8), goat cheese and spinach omelet ($11) and steak and eggs ($23).

Montoya and Rivera are both Guatemalan natives. Montoya came to the United States at 16 and worked at Lescale in Greenwich for four years, the last two as a server, and at BLT Steak in White Plains as a floor manager. He is an avid fresh water fisherman; his favorite non-work activity is fishing largemouth and smallmouth bass in the Seven Lakes area of Bear Mountain State Park. Rivera accompanies him on occasion.

Rivera was a chef at L’escale for 10 years and Le Penguin, also in Greenwich, for two years.

Appétit Bistro is open for lunch and dinner every day except Wednesday. It is located at 540A Willett Ave. in Port Chester. For more information, call 914-690-2000 or visit www.appetitbistro.com.

La Panetière Celebrates 30th Anniversary With Special Dinner

By Jerry Eimbinder

La Panetière in Rye, opened in 1986, will serve an $85 six-course, prix fixe 30th anniversary dinner for 10 days this month. Wine pairing is optional for an additional $50. A complementary drink of the patron’s choice is also included.

Roast filet of beef with seared foie gras, truffle sauce and jardiniere of summer vegetables is the main course on the special menu, but host Jacques Loupiac said substitutions can be accommodated upon request.

The dinner will be offered from Aug. 4-8 and Aug. 11-15 from 6 to 9 p.m. An accordionist will play tableside and Loupiac will be around to visit and chat.

Dinner begins with a bowl of chilled tomato and strawberry gazpacho with pancetta.

“We have prepared gazpacho with fresh strawberries in the past and it has always been well received,” Loupiac said. Ingredients also include bell peppers, cucumbers and croutons.

Here is the menu that follows during the anniversary celebration:

1. Gazpacho
2. Emmenthal souffle with parmesan crisp, spring green peas coulis
3. North Carolina white shrimp with mango, Shiitake mushrooms, heart of palm and coconut Kaffir lime jus
4. Roast filet of beef
5. Fromage blanc with mixed nuts granola, quince, apricots, golden beets and currants
6. Baba soaked in passion fruit syrup, verbena ice cream and pineapple minestrone

The wines to be paired during dinner are:
- 2014 Cinsault Syrah Rose Laurent Miguel, Languedoc
- 2012 Chardonnay Viognier Villa Botanica, Pays V’Oc
- 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Chateau Bellevue, Bordeaux Superieur

Following the meal, sweet savories will be served.

La Panetière is housed in a charming, cottage-style building located at 530 Milton Rd in Rye. For reservations, call 914-967-8140 or visit www.lapanetiere.com.

Mobile Pizza Caterer Will Pull Up Into Your Driveway

By Jerry Eimbinder

Catered Neapolitan pizza parties are the specialty of Pizza Luca.

One of its trucks tows a wood-burning oven to a residence, corporate site, or wherever a private party is being held. With the oven operating at temperatures up to 900 degrees, only 90 seconds are needed to bake individual-sized pizzas.

Party package pricing starts at $1,250 plus tax, said founder Dean Medico. This package is capable of feeding at least 25 guests and includes pizzas, salad, gelato and lemon ice. Four different pizzas are offered and served on white paper plates: Marinara, Margherita, Bianca (a white pizza) and Filetti (a white pizza with cherry tomatoes).

Included in the $1,250 package is a choice of one of three salads: Caesar, spring green and tri-color (three different types of lettuce). Antipasti is an optional extra.

Medico, a Hartsdale resident, attended The French Culinary Institute and the Italian Culinary academy (now known as the International Culinary Institute). He started in the mobile pizza business in 2012, buying a 1952 Chevy flatbed truck to haul the oven. A second truck was later added.

Catering is offered from early spring through Thanksgiving.

The business is named after Medico’s son, Luca, and is affiliated with the New York Hospitality Group, owners of Sam’s of Gedney Way, The Great American BBQ Co. and Caperberry Events.

For more information, call Pizza Luca at 203-219-5702 or visit www.pizzaluca.com.
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Slumping Renegades Fall to the Brooklyn Cyclones

By Monica D’Ippolito

Facing an early six-run deficit, the Hudson Valley Renegades had a difficult time playing catchup against the New York Mets’ affiliate Brooklyn Cyclones Thursday night at Dutchess Stadium.

““The big difference was them putting up six in three (innings),” Hudson Valley skipper Tim Parenton said after the 7-1 loss. “Our guys struggled a little bit, trying to do a little bit more than they can do, and that’s when errors show up offensively and defensively and that’s when you throw balls away.”

The Renegades’ Travis Ott had a rough outing on the mound and started the game by giving up a leadoff double to Tucker Tharp. A sacrifice fly by Michael Bernal brought home Tharp, who had moved to third base on a groundout by Vincent Siena.

In the top of the second inning, Brooklyn added two more runs as Jeff Diehl led off with a single to right and, two outs later, Manuel Hilario deposited an Ott offering over the fence in left field for his second homer of the season.

The Cyclones continued to add to their lead an inning later. Ott gave up a walk to Siena, then a double to Bernal, which set the stage for David Thompson’s two-base-hit in the gap that brought in both baserunners. Thompson moved to third on an errant pickoff throw by catcher Josh Rapacz, then scored the Cyclones’ sixth run on a wild pitch by Ott.

In the sixth inning, the Cyclones extended their lead to 7-0 without even hitting the ball out of the infield. Hudson Valley relief pitcher Luis Urena plunked Diehl in the back with a 93-mile-an-hour fastball. After moving to second on a ground ball, Diehl scored on Emmanuel Zabala’s two-out swinging bunt when no one covered home plate.

“We’re always trying to work on it, a couple mistakes are not the end of the world,” Renegades right fielder Cade Gotta said of his team’s play in the field. “Just got to try and come out better tomorrow and hopefully it will come out better for us.”

The Renegades, now 20-21 this season and second win of the season and only gave up two hits in seven innings pitched.

“Just kept us off balance,” Gotta said of Badamo. “He threw a lot of off-speed and, you know, got to tip your cap because he did the same thing to us about a month ago. He pitched against us, shut us down and threw a bunch of off-speed stuff. So he knew how to pitch us and he did a really good job out there.”

The loss to the Cyclones was the 12th in 20 home games for Hudson Valley, which has now lost eight of its last 10 following the weekend series against Auburn. The ‘Gades will be hosting seven games over the next nine days, including Friday’s 7:00 start against the Staten Island Yankees. So they’ll have plenty of chances to turn things around.

“You always like being at home,” said Gotta. “We’ve got great fans here. Being at home is always great, but it doesn’t really matter where we’re playing. We’re going to show up with 100 percent effort and try to do our best to win a ballgame.”
Andrew Reder of the Mt. Kisco Chiefs drops to one knee while swinging the bat during Sunday’s home game vs. Mahopac.

Mt. Kisco batter Trevor Fraioli keeps his eyes on the ball as he swings in the 15-5 rout of visiting Mahopac.

Above: Josh Tapltitz of the Mt. Kisco Chiefs’ 10-and-under team scores a run in the lopsided win over Mahopac on Sunday.

Upper left: The Chiefs’ Jack Mannion smacks a pitch down the first-base line on Sunday afternoon.


Mt. Kisco second baseman Antonio Chousa waits for a late throw during Sunday’s game vs. visiting Ossining at Leonard Park.

Mt. Kisco 10U

Anthony Sandoval swings the bat in Mt. Kisco’s home game against Ossining.

Mt. Kisco 16U

Mt. Kisco’s Liam Maher dashes down the third-base line in Sunday’s game vs. Ossining.

Nick Sinapi of Mt. Kisco delivers a pitch to the plate in Sunday’s game at Leonard Park.


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Anthony Chousa turns a double play during Mt. Kisco’s WPBA game at Leonard Park this past weekend.

Seth Sullo of the Mt. Kisco 16U team takes a mighty swing at Leonard Park during an 8-2 loss to Ossining.
A Look Back

Greeley’s Izzie Gutenplan waits for the whistle on a free-position scoring chance.

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Fox Lane’s Lindsay West runs past Greeley’s Eleanor Sadik-Khan in a game hosted by the Quakers.

Keely Connors of Fox Lane moves toward the goal during one of the Foxes’ home games.

Westlake’s Lauren Holzer runs past Valhalla’s JT Tesoro behind the cage.

Valhalla’s Sofia Mazza races up the field with the ball during a home game vs. Dobbs Ferry.

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Fox Lane's Hector Whipple

Goalie Elizabeth Kreppel of Briarcliff gets ready to make a save for the Bears.

In a midfield scramble for the ball by Fox Lane and Horace Greeley players, the Foxes' Keely Connors gains possession while down on one knee.

Alison Moky of Fox Lane sets her sights on the ball during a midseason home game.

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Jordana Cohen of Briarcliff controls the ball during the Bears' playoff game vs. Ardsley.

Marina Kern of Horace Greeley charges toward the goal in a game vs. the Wappingers Warriors.

Fox Lane goalie Halle Vernon stays ready in front of the cage.
Mt. Kisco’s Seth Sullo Delivers to the Plate in a WPBA 16U Game on Sunday Afternoon at Warm Leonard Park