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Pols Focus on Funding Rail Crossing Improvements

By Martin Wilbur

One year after the worst Metro-North accident in history, millions in federal dollars are on the verge of being sent to the states to enhance safety at railroad crossings throughout the nation, including potentially in Westchester.

Rep. Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) and Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (D-Cold Spring) were joined Monday morning by Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Administrator Sarah Feinberg on a conference call to outline the efforts underway to make grade crossing improvements.

"We must continue working together to ensure these horrific accidents don't devastate more lives," said Lowey, the ranking member on the House Appropriations Committee.

Last Feb. 3, six people were killed and 15 were injured when an SUV crossed into the path of a Metro-North train at

Commerce Street in Valhalla.

Within the past few months, Congress appropriated \$350 million from the Highway Safety Improvement Program to help communities across the United States pay for improvements at dangerous crossings, Lowey said. States will be able to submit applications to the federal government to share in that money.

Another \$6.5 million has been set aside for a public education and awareness campaign, she said.

Funding for \$50 million in railroad safety grants will also be available, half of which will go toward positive train control technology that helps operators slow down trains on difficult curves or if senses something is on the track. The other half of that money will be for railroad infrastructure improvements.

While officials did not mention when the \$350 million will be released to the

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One year after the tragic collision of a Metro-North train with an SUV in Valhalla, officials announced Monday steps being taken to make grade crossings safer.

Thornwood Chase Bank Robbery Attempt Foiled; Suspect at Large

By Arthur Cusano

For the second time in less than six weeks a person attempted to rob the Chase bank in Thornwood last Tuesday, but the second try wasn't as successful as the first.

A male suspect entered the bank at 10 Marble Ave. on Jan. 26 just before the 6 p.m. closing and demanded cash. Since the branch was shutting down for the evening, no money was available. The subject then fled on foot, said Mount Pleasant police Sgt. Jason Patane.

The suspect was wearing a black coat and a hooded sweatshirt, and used the hood and a pair of sunglasses to cover his face. The man had facial hair and was described by witnesses as having a short, stocky build.



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

An unknown person attempted to rob the Chase bank on Marble Avenue in Thornwood on Jan. 26. Two other area Chase branches were robbed in the span of a week.

Police are still examining the bank's security video footage and may release still photographs at a later time, Patane said.

The same Chase branch was robbed

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P'ville's St. John's Episcopal Seeks Renovation, Historic Status

By Arthur Cusano

St. John's Episcopal Church in Pleasantville is looking to make much-needed renovations to its historic century-old building on Sunnyside Avenue, a structure with plenty of history.

Church leadership has worked with consultants over the past three years to devise a renovation plan. The church's built-in rooftop gutters require an overhaul, as do the underground drainage systems. Parts of the church's stone exterior also need refurbishment.

On Sunday, the parish held an event at the church to raise awareness of the plans, featuring music by area youths and refreshments. Parishioner Peter Russell said the church serves multiple uses for the community.

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A stained glass window at St. John's Episcopal Church was donated by the Bernadotte family in honor of their two sons who both died at a young age.



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states, Feinberg noted that it should happen.

"We are working diligently to execute and get that money out the door," Feinberg said. "In terms of the public education campaign we'll work closely with our colleagues...to help that campaign."

That money does not include \$1 billion in federal loans granted to Metro-North

to help the commuter railroad install positive train control, said Maloney, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee who has been instrumental in advocating for the technology. Railroads have until 2018 to have positive train control installed.

The MTA is studying all of its Metro-North and Long Island Railroad crossings – more than 430 of them – in its jurisdiction.

Maloney said 95 percent of all railroad deaths occur at crossings. However, while crossing accidents have been decreasing nationwide, in New York State mishaps are on the rise at its 5,304 crossings.

"The local communities have a useful role advocating for changes that make sense to them," Maloney said.

New York State has also increased funding by more than 50 percent to upgrade crossings for this year. The state has set aside \$9.8 million for 2016, compared to \$6.1 million last year.

Despite the money that is supposed to flow from Washington and Albany, Feinberg acknowledged Monday that there have been no improvements at the Commerce Street crossing during the past year. Feinberg said the investigations by the FRA and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) are ongoing and that equipment or structural changes are prohibitively expensive.

"The equipment can sometimes (cost) into the millions of dollars, and if we're talking about a grade separation, actually separating the roadway, the automobiles and the vehicles from ever interacting with the railroad

track or (eliminating) the possibility of interacting with the trains, that's millions and millions of dollars," Feinberg said.

One community that sounded warnings over an unsafe crossing within weeks of last year's accident was the Town of New Castle. Supervisor Robert Greenstein said his office has been working with state Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) to get the Roaring Brook Road crossing in Chappaqua onto the state's Transportation Improvement Program list. Town officials hope to meet with the state to discuss improvements at Roaring Brook Road.

He said keeping the spotlight on improving safety is crucial for changes to materialize.

"We're at the one-year anniversary and while you don't want to exploit the tragedy, it is a chance to talk about the issue again," Greenstein said.

Meanwhile, in Mount Pleasant, town officials are awaiting reports from the NTSB and its own engineer before deciding on whether to call for the closing of Commerce Street or one of the town's other three grade crossings.

Thornwood Chase Bank Robbery Attempt Foiled; Suspect at Large

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on Dec. 19 by a man fitting that same description and wearing similar clothing. The suspect entered the bank and demanded money from a teller, who complied with the request. No weapon was displayed. The man fled on foot, making off with an unspecified amount of cash.

Two other Westchester Chase banks were robbed in the past two weeks: the branch in Millwood was the target of a single suspect on Jan. 22 and the Yorktown branch on Crompond Road was robbed by two men on Jan 29. The

Yorktown robbers escaped in a vehicle that may have been driven by a third person, police said.

Calls to Chase corporate management for comment were not returned. Police did not say whether there was any connection between the Millwood and Yorktown robberies and the attempt in Thornwood.

Anyone with information regarding the Thornwood robbery or who may have seen a suspicious subject, vehicle or activity is being asked to call the Mount Pleasant Police Department's Detective Division at 914-769-1941.

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children, when you had your first child, and any history of chest irradiation, among other potential risk factors. The good news is that for many women with dense breasts, their risk won't be elevated enough to warrant any changes in screening.

Q: What if I'm high risk?

A: Women who are at high risk (greater than a 20-25% lifetime risk) and who have dense breast tissue should have annual screening breast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in addition to a mammogram. MRIs are very sensitive and can pick up some cancer missed on a mammogram.

Q: Shouldn't all women, regardless of their breast density, get a Breast MRI?

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Westchester Expands Medicine Drop Boxes Throughout County

By Neal Rentz

County Executive Rob Astorino and state Sen. Terrence Murphy (R-Yorktown) unveiled 12 new drop boxes throughout Westchester last Wednesday that will allow the public to properly dispose of unused prescription drugs.

The \$8,000 state grant obtained by Murphy will pay for the boxes in the municipalities that previously did not have them. The white boxes look similar to a mailbox and are placed in public buildings.

The North Salem Police Department, where Astorino and Murphy made Wednesday's announcement, and the county office building at 148 Martine Ave. in White Plains are among the newest locations.

Murphy, co-chair of the state Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Abuse, stressed the importance of getting rid of unused drugs. The task force has held several "Shed the Meds" medication take-back programs, which have resulted in the disposal of 1,000 pounds of medicine in his Senate District alone, Murphy said.

"The number one issue that people came to us was we didn't know where to bring our medication," Murphy said. "We're here today to announce that every municipality in Westchester County now has a medication take-back box."

The boxes are secure and cannot be

broken into, he said.

Murphy teamed with Astorino and county Health Commissioner

Dr. Sherlita Amler to bring the boxes to the communities which didn't have them.

Astorino said he testified before the task force last year in Yorktown about the epidemic of heroin abuse in the state. The Shed the Meds program was "absolutely needed," Astorino said.

"It's going to help save lives," he said.

The abuse of prescription drugs has become a major problem, Astorino said. "It really a lethal threat that we need to guard against," he said. "Addicts will look anywhere for drugs. And one place that you may not assume that they will look is in your own medicine cabinet, but that's where they're going to go when they visit grandma, when they come to your house."

Westchester helped pioneer the program in 2008, the county executive said.

"You need to get rid of it the right way. That's also going to keep it out of the hands of those who are addicted to these painkillers and will do anything to get their hands on it," Astorino added.

Proper disposal of unused medication is also critical because they if flushed down the toilet, for example, they can get into the drinking water supply, particularly in the northern part of the county where much of the land is in the New York City



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

County Executive Rob Astorino and state Sen. Terrence Murphy announced last week that an \$8,000 state grant obtained by the senator is paying for prescription drug drop boxes for the last 12 municipalities in Westchester that previously did not have one.

watershed.

"You cannot flush these medications down the drain," Murphy said. "It's becoming an environmental problem."

Local police will take the drugs deposited in the drop boxes to a county facility where they will be incinerated, Astorino said.

Existing local drop box locations include Mount Pleasant Town Hall, 1 Town Hall Plaza in Valhalla, New Castle Town Hall, 200 S. Greeley Ave. in Chappaqua; North Castle Town Hall, 15 Bedford Rd. in Armonk; and Pleasantville Village Hall, 80 Wheeler Ave. in Pleasantville.

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P'ville's St. John's Episcopal Seeks Renovation, Historic Status

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"We think of it as a community resource," he said. "Like many of us who have homes, we know that you have to do repairs and maintenance every year. But when you have a 100-year-old structure, you can be sure that periodically you have to do a major job. And this is our chance to do a major job."

Russell said the church is always looking for adaptive uses and new mission opportunities. Several years ago, it opened a community garden started by a young parishioner, which produces food for area charities. Last year the congregation opened a thrift shop now run out of the previously vacant church basement.

A building restoration plan has been completed and the church is looking to raise funds through donations. Russell said the roof has been patched over the years but more than \$200,000 is needed for the work.

"The slate roof is 100 years old and it's in great shape, but the valleys and the gutters are a mess," he said.

The church may have another way to obtain aid. St. John's, with its oldest wing built in 1914, could be eligible to be added to the National Register of Historic Places. Its gothic revival architecture and original stained glass windows make it a good candidate for historic status, said

parishioner Matthew Ruvo.

Ruvo has extensively studied the church's history and has compiled a list of events. The parish hall, built in 1928, was designed by architect Oscar Vatet, whose work includes several buildings in the Midwest that appear on the National Register.

St. John's was the location of the first wedding involving a member of a European royal family on American soil. On Dec. 1, 1928, Estelle Romaine Manville, daughter of wealthy industrialist and Pleasantville resident H. Edward Manville, married Count Folke Bernadotte of Wisborg, a nephew of King Gustaf V of Sweden.

The \$1.5 million wedding made headlines on both sides of the Atlantic and was covered extensively in The New York Times. Reports stated 2,000 people lined the route between the church and the estate. Ruvo said that the wedding seems to make it a slam dunk for St. John's to receive historic status.

"Folke Bernadotte was not only the nephew of the king of Sweden, but he was also the head of the Swedish Red Cross," Ruvo said. "He negotiated the release of 31,000 prisoners in World War II from Nazi Germany. He was assassinated, unfortunately, in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in 1947."

Two of Bernadotte's sons passed away



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

St. John's Episcopal Church parishioner Matthew Ruvo has compiled a list of events that may make the 100-year-old church a historic landmark.

at young ages, and one of the church's nine stained glass windows was donated by the family in their remembrance. The glass window bears the children's names and the family insignia.

Windows bear the name of other prominent Pleasantville families, most notably the Choates.

"The Choates had the sanitarium where Pace University is," Ruvo said. "As a matter of fact, Horace Greeley's daughter was married at the first St. John's church down the street, where the Pleasantville Community Synagogue is. After he ran for president, he (Greeley) sort of lost

his mind and was transferred to the sanitarium where he passed away."

The large pink building still stands in the center of the Pace campus, relatively untouched from when the Choates owned it.

Ruvo said he's awaiting a visit from state historians.

"I put in the 35-page application, and the state got it and said splendid building, and they'll be coming around in February or March."

Donations can be made to the St. John's Building Restoration Fund, 8 Sunnyside Ave., Pleasantville, N.Y. 10570.

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P'ville Key Food Expansion Planned; Start Date Unknown

By Arthur Cusano

A planned expansion of the Key Food Marketplace in Pleasantville is still in the works, but no date has been set for work to begin.

The store is owned by Dan's Supreme Supermarkets, based in Hempstead, L.I. The company owns Key Food stores throughout the metropolitan area.

Company President Richard Grobman said other locations scheduled to expand have taken priority since Key Food was approved in Pleasantville in October 2014.

"It took so long to get to that point that other stores got slotted in ahead of it," he said.

Grobman said the company still plans to move ahead with the store located at 35 Pleasantville Rd., but did not have a timeframe for when that would happen.

The approved plan calls for an additional 5,072 square feet of floor area, another 4,557 square feet in the rear of the building and a smaller addition that will add an additional 515 square feet elsewhere. There are no plans for any other uses besides the current retail zoning.

Village Manager Patricia Dwyer said the company had talked of expanding its selection of organic and natural



ARTHUR CUSANO PHOTO

Plans to expand the Pleasantville Key Food are still in the works, but the project isn't likely to start anytime soon.

foods when it filed its submission.

"They haven't gotten a building permit," said Pleasantville Building Inspector Robert Hughes. "They haven't come in since their approval."

Hughes said that with many New York area supermarkets closing, including the entire A&P chain, the company may be preoccupied with acquiring newly available stores. However, he said that the approved plans would eventually expire if no action was taken by the applicant.

"I wouldn't be surprised if they came in sometime soon," Hughes said.

Friedman to Leave as Pace President After Next Year

By James Best

Pace University President Stephen Friedman informed faculty and students last week of his decision against requesting reappointment beyond the 2016-17 school year.

Friedman, president of the university since 2004, wrote in a letter to the school community last Tuesday about his love for Pace and the growth he has seen in his time as President.

"I am deeply grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve this university that I have come to love so much over the past 12 years and for the valuable contributions that so many of you have provided during my presidency," Friedman wrote in his letter.

"As a community we have faced and overcome significant challenges. We have come a long way together renewing and strengthening virtually every aspect of the academic, physical, and student life of Pace University, as well as its management and administration, and I am very proud of what we have achieved."

It is not known why Friedman resigned or what his plans are for the future after he leaves Pace. However, Friedman, who could not be reached for further comment last week, stated his time as president and dean of the law school has been challenging and rewarding.

Friedman addressed the people he has



Pace President Stephen Friedman

worked with during his tenure and ensured the student body that they have a solid structure to build upon in the coming years.

"We now have a strong base in Curriculum, strategic initiatives, faculty, and administration that will be a springboard to what I firmly believe will be a truly great future for Pace University," Friedman stated. "My intention is to leave you (students and faculty) a firm foundation on which to build the next layers of growth and success for this wonderful university."

He encourages the community to follow the mission and the mantra that he lives by "Opportunitas."

"It has been privilege to be part of their lives and the life of Pace University."

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Obituaries

Georgia Lehman

Georgia Lehman of Mount Kisco died on Jan. 18 of cancer. She was 84.

A talented theater actress and later an administrator, Lehman was born in Brooklyn on Feb. 22, 1931, to Catherine (Wilchuk) and Michael Boyko, a Brooklyn restaurateur. Lehman's mother died when she was six months old and she was raised along with her brother, Thomas, by her aunt and uncle, Elizabeth and Edward Lalonde, in Phillipsburg, N.J.

Lehman graduated from Douglass College (now Rutgers University) in 1952 and the New York American Theater Wing in 1953. A professional theater actress in the 1950s, she performed in summer and winter stock productions in New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Upon the birth of her children, Lehman had an administrative career, retiring from Swiss Re, a reinsurance company. In retirement, she volunteered at Head Start, the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, Northern Westchester Hospital and the Jacob Burns Film Center. Her love of the arts, and in particular live dramatic theater, was central to her life. She was divorced from the late Lewis W. Lehman, a theater, film and music producer and director.

Lehman leaves her beloved children,

Kristin Ferguson (David) of Toronto, Christopher Lehman (Maureen) of Yonkers and Jennifer Paquette (John) of Denver. She was a loving and devoted grandmother to Jessica Bright (Graham), Tory Ferguson, Alexander Ferguson, Baxter Lehman, Ally Lehman, Michael Paquette, Joshua Paquette and John Paul Paquette and a great-grandmother to Jack Bright. She was predeceased by her cherished son, Michael Lehman. Also left to mourn are her daughter-in-law, Denise Lehman, cousin Edmund Lalonde and his daughter Trudy Steinhardt and her family.

Lehman's family is grateful to the doctors, nurses and technicians at Mount Kisco Medical Group and Northern Westchester Hospital who provided her with outstanding medicine and compassionate care. We are equally grateful to the nurses of Hospice Care of Westchester & Putnam for their expertise and support in the last days of our mother's life.

The family received friends on Jan. 21 at Oelker-Cox & Sinatra Funeral Home followed by a service and Christian burial at St. Francis Cemetery in Mount Kisco.

In lieu of flowers, and if desired, a donation to a charitable organization where Lehman volunteered would be appreciated by her family.

Angelina Berte

Angelina Berte of Somers and formerly of Pleasantville passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Jan. 24.

She was 86.

Berte was born in North Tarrytown on Jan. 8, 1930, to Antonina and Salvatore Cucciarre. She is survived by her devoted husband, Ben (Sebastian); four loving sons, Stephen, Ben and his wife Cathy, Joseph and his wife Georgianne and Michael and his wife Anne; and seven adoring grandchildren, Benjamin (Andrea), Blake, Brooke, Jacqueline, Stephen, Isabel and Jack. She was predeceased by her brother, Anthony Cucciarre. She will also be missed by a wonderful and loving extended family.

Berte attended White Plains High School and was an accounting clerk at Bank of New York and later at the

Mount Pleasant School District office. She loved sports of all kinds and her favorite pastime was attending her sons sporting events. Berte loved baking and was an active participant in the pleasant seniors of Mount Pleasant and the Mount Pleasant Italian American Association.

She will be remembered as a selfless, kind, quiet woman who cherished nothing more than being in the company of her family and friends. The best way to describe her true personality would be to say that the attention and praise of this tribute would make her uncomfortable in spite of how deserving she is.

Visitation was held Jan. 27 at Beecher Flocks Funeral Home in Pleasantville. A Mass of Christian Burial was on Jan. 28 at Holy Innocents Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne.

Riccardo Tedesco

Riccardo R. Tedesco Sr. (Ricky) of Thornwood died on Jan. 24 at White Plains Hospital Center.

He was 83.

Tedesco was born on Jan. 10, 1933, to the late Eustasio Tedesco and Maria Romano in Montesarchio, Benevento, Italy. He was a retired self-employed master plumber and developer in Thornwood.

Tedesco is survived by his devoted wife, Doris (nee Bouffard) Tedesco; his loving children, Laurie Uher of West Harrison,

Lydia (Robert) Nioras of Rye Brook, Andrea Olive of Norwalk and Ricky (Lisa) Tedesco Jr. of Thornwood; his six cherished grandchildren, Nicole Tedesco, Robert Nioras, Richard Uher, Richard Nioras, Victoria Nioras and Logan Olive; four sisters; and two brothers. He was predeceased by two brothers and three sisters.

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

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Community Beneficiary of PCTV Studio Equipment Upgrades

By Martin Wilbur

For about 15 years, Pleasantville Community Television (PCTV) has provided the village and surrounding area with a presence and quality that many public access studios can only dream about.

But in the ever-changing world of electronics and technology, equipment upgrades seemingly can't be done often enough.

To keep up with the need to bolster its operations with state-of-art equipment, PCTV has recently added four new cameras – three Panasonic XA25 HD professional camcorders and a loaner from Panavision, a Sony Cinealta hdc-f950 with Panavision lenses. There's also a switcher to help provide high-definition capability to the studio and its productions. The improvements will provide the public with a better facility and increase efficiency for Station Manager Shane McGaffey to allow more time for the pursuit of private clients.

"It has upgraded our studio, so it's now more attractive to clients," said Juliette Saisselin, chair of the PCTV board. "So as part of our private video services, we can now offer a much more up-to-date studio rental as well as equipment rental."

During the past couple of years attracting private clients has become a goal to boost the station's revenue as public funding for PCTV has diminished. But while offering

the professional services helps to pay the bills, there is still a focus on serving the community, McGaffey said.

Community members can rent the studio for individual projects or hire McGaffey to assist them. The improved facility will also give more opportunities for local high school students to participate in internships with top-end equipment. PCTV will continue to schedule tapings of shows by local residents.

McGaffey said that the new equipment puts PCTV on par with any television studio – public or commercial.

"It's better for the public because the quality's higher and it helps to subsidize, or should help to subsidize, the public part with private dollars because we're a facility that can do a lot of cool things," McGaffey said.

Previously, it would take McGaffey typically 90 minutes to two-and-a-half hours to edit a half-hour public access show that had been taped in the studio. He would have to replay the tape from each camera in its entirety. With the new high definition equipment, that can be done simultaneously, he said.

McGaffey will also save time for outside shoots. When he would videotape the Pleasantville Music Festival, for example, he would have to arrive at the studio about five hours before the start of the event to disassemble the equipment, transport it to



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

PCTV Station Manager Shane McGaffey, with the new Panavision camera that is helping to transform the public access television studio into a state-of-the-art video facility.

equipment upgrades were derived through fundraising efforts, Saisselin said, most notably PCTV's spring gala that has been held the past two years. This year's gala, honoring former Pleasantville mayor and county legislator John Nonna, is scheduled for Saturday, Apr. 16 at the Rich Mansion in White Plains from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

"People are now actually seeing the money that they've been helping to donate and what's been done," Saisselin said.

Another portion of PCTV's upgrade – a reconfigured website – will be unveiled that same night, she said. The site, which was last updated in 2009, will be more user-friendly with improved graphics.

Currently, there are more than 2,100 shows that can be viewed on the PCTV website, www.pctv76.org., part of a vast and constantly growing video library of life and events in and around the village, McGaffey said.

Despite the fiscal challenges, PCTV has been able to steadily enhance the services it offers, and Saisselin and McGaffey hope more people will learn of its capabilities and utilize the studio.

"It's another feature about Pleasantville that we can say really differentiates itself from other villages and towns in Westchester," Saisselin said. "It's a unique asset and resource to the community and it's a really useful thing for people to access here."

the festival and set it up there. He would go through the same routine in reverse afterwards.

Now, McGaffey can take the older equipment for outside events and doesn't have to spend time taking apart what's in the studio.

"It's a really cool system," McGaffey said. "It can stream live, we can go out live like before, but we couldn't stream live from our switch before."

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Police Blotter

Pleasantville Police Department

Jan. 26: A village resident reported he had received a call from a person claiming to be an IRS agent who told him he owed \$3,000 and asked them to make a payment over the phone. The resident did not give the caller any personal information. Instances of similar scams have been reported by law enforcement agencies across the state. Actual IRS agents will never ask for payment over the phone,

police said.

Jan. 27: A 21-year-old Brooklyn man was arrested at 2:13 a.m. outside Art of Wine on Bedford Road and charged with exposure of a person, a violation, after being caught urinating in public. He was issued a ticket.

Jan. 29: A 26-year-old Pleasantville man was arrested at 12:57 a.m. on Bedford Road and charged with driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor. He was issued a ticket.

Mt. Kisco Man Sentenced After Conviction on Drug Charges

A 40-year-old Mount Kisco man was sentenced last Tuesday to seven years in jail on his conviction last year for cocaine possession in Bedford.

Wayne Brown, a St. Mark's Place resident, was found guilty of two counts of third degree-criminal criminal possession of a controlled substance and one count of fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, both felonies, according to the Westchester County district attorney's office. Brown was also convicted on the misdemeanor charge of criminally using drug paraphernalia in the second degree.

A two-month investigation by county police and the Northern Westchester Drug Task Force culminated last

February and led to Brown's arrest. Three plastic bags containing more than 500 milligrams of cocaine hidden in a black balloon on Brown's lap were seized when he was arrested in his car at the ShopRite parking lot on Bedford Road in Bedford.

Last Feb. 25, law enforcement authorities, after extensive surveillance, executed search warrants on the defendant, his car and his basement apartment at St. Mark's Place.

When police searched Brown's



Wayne Brown

Jan. 30: A 24-year-old Pleasantville man was arrested at 12:47 a.m. on Memorial Plaza following a traffic stop. He was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation and issued a ticket.

North Castle Police Department

Jan. 22: Report of a dispute on Denim Place at 9:08 p.m. A caller stated that her husband and a friend of his are fighting in the basement and are possibly intoxicated.

residence, they discovered more than an ounce of cocaine beneath a shelving area in the basement, which was worth about \$5,000.

They also found 1,000 empty glassine envelopes, meant for packaging cocaine for street sale, as well as \$5,273 in cash. County police used a K-9 to aid in the search.

An investigator from the Westchester Intel Center procured a Facebook image that proved to be a critical link in the drug seizure.

The responding officers reported that the situation was under control upon arrival.

Jan. 22: A caller reported at 9:32 p.m. that he found a vehicle in front of his house on Brett Lane with front end damage and an injured person possibly in the back seat. Officers are responding.

Jan. 24: Report of a grand larceny no Washington Place East at 5:39 a.m. A resident reported that someone has stolen her snow blower from her vehicle.

Jan. 25: A caller reported at 12:28 a.m. that two males were involved in a verbal dispute near the exit of Nick's Corner Market on North Greenwich Road, possibly as a result of a car accident.

Jan. 25: An illegal dumping incident was reported on Main Street at 9:59 a.m. The complainant stated that a couch was illegally dumped in the parking lot of his business. The merchant added that the incident was captured on surveillance video.

Jan. 25: Report of a dispute between a female and a male friend at a North Broadway residence at 1:55 p.m. The complainant stated that the male subject threatened to blow up the house. She is upstairs and he is downstairs at this time and there was no physical contact. The responding officers stated that the matter was civil in nature and that the parties have separated for the day.

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SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

No. Castle Delays Zoning Decision on Old Mt. Kisco Road Project

By Martin Wilbur

A majority of the North Castle Town Board remained undecided last week about whether to rezone about three acres off of Armonk's Old Mount Kisco Road for 16 age-restricted condominiums.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro and council members Barbara DiGiacinto and Stephen D'Angelo said they were grappling with the pros and cons of developer Frank Madonna's revised plan that would house the roughly 1,900-square-foot units in one large building in the center of the property.

Following a range of comments from residents during last week's public hearing on whether to increase the building from two to two-and-a-half stories and to increase setbacks, some officials grappled with various issues, including visual impact and whether the one structure would be in character with the area.

Madonna had previously been approved for 14 townhouses in five separate smaller structures, which he can still pursue. However, those units would be built closer to the property's perimeter, potentially making screening more difficult to achieve and having a greater impact on neighbors' views.

DiGiacinto said the computer generated visuals for the one-building

proposal appear fine and most of the measurements regarding pavement coverage and footprint point toward that option, but she was still struggling with whether a two-and-a-half story, 30-foot-tall building for a residential neighborhood in Armonk is appropriate.

"I'm just not sure about the size of this building," DiGiacinto said. "It if is part of the Route 128 landscape, so to speak, it does go along. I'm just not sure and I just think that if I supported this and it turned out to be a monstrosity, I would feel horrible that I was part of it."

Schiliro said he has struggled to weigh the public benefits, most notably Madonna's pledge to connect eight Old Mount Kisco Road residents now on septic to sewers at entirely the developer's expense and bringing more senior housing to town, compared to the project's visual impact. Madonna's other proposed nearby project, where he has asked for an increase in zoning density to increase from four to six single-family lots, would bring sewers to the eight other houses on the street.

While three board members are still considering the plan, councilmen Barry Reiter and Jose Berra had opposite views on the proposal.

Reiter said after walking the site last week and reviewing the plans he was satisfied that with increased setback, smaller footprint and Madonna agreeing to a conservation subdivision the revised project is superior. The one building would be between 30 and 50 feet from the property line, while the townhouses were approved with a 10- to 15-foot setback.

"I feel like that corridor (along Route 128) from the Town Center to David Chens's, I think the way it's presented here, if it's built the way it's shown, should fit in very nicely," Reiter said.

But Berra said he saw no compelling reason to support construction of a large structure extending into the residential neighborhood.

"I think you're going to drive by that and say 'Whoa' several times, many times," Berra said.

He also said he was opposed to a project with condominium taxation after the town had already approved townhouses with fee simple taxation. North Castle would be losing \$70,000 by permitting Madonna to switch plans, from \$220,000 to \$150,000 in property taxes.

Residents who spoke during the hearing raised several issues, from neighborhood character to the impact

it would have on the narrow Old Mount Kisco Road. Multiple houses on the street are over a century old or are approaching that age.

Wampus Avenue resident Linda Fernberg said her house would be dwarfed by Madonna's project.

"We don't live in McMansions. We love living here and this project is like putting a square peg in a round hole," Fernberg said. "It just doesn't seem to belong there."

Resident Mary Brigante said she thought that the offer to build sewers for homeowners smacked for bribery.

But Old Mount Kisco Road resident Craig Usted said of all of Madonna's iterations, the one-building plan with greater setbacks and more robust screening is the best for the site.

"The townhouses being so close to Old Mount Kisco Road, like I said, you'll never be able to shield them and they're not going to fit with the older homes," Usted said.

Madonna and his attorney, Kory Salamone, said by building in the center of the property the elevation is lower, helping to further screen the structure.

The town board adjourned the hearing to a future date.

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Some advisors tell you to get 10 or 20 original death certificates, but for most people this usually is way more than what will be needed in most cases. You can always get more if you need them by contacting the Town Clerk in the municipality of where the death occurred.



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Editorial

Grade Crossing Improvements Must Be Kept in Public Discussion

For anyone who has ever taken a Metro-North train to and from Manhattan, the tragedy last Feb. 3 in Valhalla was an unspeakable event that will never be erased from our memory.

It could have been any commuter who chose to sit in that first car, maybe because it would be a shorter walk to the exit at the person's home station or because at Grand Central sometimes the back cars of a train fill up first, especially during the evening rush hour.

The first anniversary of the fatal accident at the Commerce Street grade crossing is a valid reason to reassess what has been done so far by policymakers and the heavy lifting that still needs to be done. Although there is much we still don't know about the accident, at least not until the National Transportation Safety Board releases its final report, in general, grade crossings where motorists must actually drive over the rails are inherently dangerous.

In a Monday conference call with area congressional representatives Nita Lowey and Sean Patrick Maloney, Federal Railroad Administration Administrator Sarah Feinberg didn't sidestep the question when asked what has been done to make Commerce Street safer. She bluntly replied that so far no changes have been made with the equipment or with the crossing since the crash.

But that is not for an absence of will or complacency. As Feinberg also correctly pointed out, equipment upgrades cost big sums of money, millions of dollars, in fact. To build overpasses or underpasses that have been advocated for in some areas, it will cost "millions and millions."

There are more than 5,000 grade crossings in New York State alone – although many of them are likely in sparsely populated areas – and there are probably improvements that can

be made at most of them. With so many issues facing the state and the nation, only the crossings that are the most dangerous will likely receive the attention.

What is critical is for elected officials and the public to keep the issue of grade crossing safety and potential improvements in the forefront of the public's consciousness. Throughout the course of our history, progress and improvements have been made following tragedies and catastrophes. We learn from mistakes, and that needs to continue to happen here.

There can never be a consolation to the friends and family of those who perished last Feb. 3. What we can do is remember them and say a prayer for their families: Walter Liedtke, Eric Vandercar, Robert Dirks, Joseph Nadol, Ellen Brody and Aditya Tomar.

High School, College Students Sought for Mobile App Development Bowl

High school and college students can put their skills to the test and compete against the area's best young techies in the second annual Westchester Smart Mobile App Development Bowl.

This year the contest – a partnership between Westchester County and Pace University's Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems – challenges students to put themselves on the "MAAP" by creating "Mobile Apps for Aging Populations." Apps are being sought that improve an aspect of daily life for people 65 and older, especially in areas where their needs are neglected or underserved.

"We know Westchester has some of the brightest young minds, and we want to push them to even new heights," said County Executive Rob Astorino. "Last year's competition was phenomenal, with more than 150 students competing from across the tristate area. I can't wait to see what they come up with this year."

Cash prizes, paid internships and a collection of high-tech gear are all up for grabs for the winners.

According to the United Nations, more than 21 percent of the global population will be 65 or older by 2050, compared to 11.7 percent in 2013. This means that economies and societies must adapt to the needs of the aging population. The hope is that the contest will empower both generations to become productive and thriving members of their communities and economies.

Students must compete in teams (two-person minimum). More than one team from the same school is permitted.



The awards ceremony at last year's inaugural Westchester Smart Mobile App Development Bowl. Teams of high school and college students have until Feb. 12 to register for this year's competition at Pace University.

Students may form and register independent teams without school affiliation. Students can also register as individuals and Pace will assist them in forming a team.

Once registered, teams will be notified of important dates, including a kickoff pep rally at the County Center. Guidance and support will be made available throughout the competition by Pace, including free technical resources, instructions and workshops.

In the spring, a panel of expert judges will score and determine the top mobile apps. Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded during an event at Pace University's Pleasantville campus.

Last year's challenge attracted more than 150 students from high schools and colleges across the tristate area. The focus last year was on creating apps for

Alzheimer's and dementia patients.

"Pace is proud to once again partner with Westchester County to mobilize high school and college students to help aging populations with technology and help prepare the next generation of technology leaders and innovators," said Jonathan Hill, interim dean of Pace's Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems.

Registration is requested by Friday, Feb. 12. To register, visit <http://www.pace.edu/seidenberg/mobile-app-development-bowl-2016-challenge/> registration (<http://bit.ly/appbowl>) or e-mail MobileAppContest@pace.edu with questions. There is no entry fee.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities for the Mobile App Development Bowl, contact Deth Sao at 914-773-3706 or e-mail dsao@pace.edu.

Relocated Mt. Kisco Sports Braces for Modell's Competition

By Neal Rentz

Mount Kisco Sports has been a fixture in the village since it opened on South Moger Avenue in 1997.

While soaring rents may have forced owner Rob Bernstein to recently move to another downtown storefront on East Main Street, Bernstein ultimately thinks he's better off, with the store more noticeable in its new location and in close proximity to other sports and activity-related businesses. The relocated Mount Kisco Sports is next to a yoga studio and a boxing and karate facility.

"It's more visible (with) better parking, next to Bicycle World, which is a phenomenal retailer," said Bernstein, a North Salem resident.

"We just have a lot of great neighbors here and there's a lot of great energy right here in Mount Kisco," he added.

Bernstein's move comes at a time when he is bracing for the arrival of Modell's, the large sporting goods chain that is scheduled to move into the former Border's space down East Main Street this spring.

He was somewhat reluctant to talk about comparisons, in part because he's not entirely familiar with all the merchandise Modell's sells.

"I'm not sure that I'm going to do anything really that different," said Bernstein, who spoke out against Modell's



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Rob Bernstein, owner of Mount Kisco Sports, which opened in the village in 1997.

during planning board meetings last year. "I'm still going to continue to give 100 percent to the customer."

Bernstein said a hallmark of his business is the individual attention his customers receive, particularly with tennis and running shoes.

"There's a lot of nuances in both sports where you need professional advice and that's what we offer," he said. "We also offer the same thing in baseball and soccer. So we specialize in mostly those four sports and that's what we do very,

very well. It's like having specialty stores in one location."

Bernstein, who played baseball and tennis growing up, said for many years he was in the tennis pro shop business

"That was a natural progression from me being a tennis player and then an instructor," he said. "And then I just went into business instead of going in the career path of being a tennis instructor or a coach."

Whatever the immediate future holds, Bernstein knows how to run a successful sporting goods store, and with the help of his staff, will continue to give customers

the best service they can provide.

"I'm the owner, I put everything into this store," he said. "My staff is extremely, extremely knowledgeable. They can give answers to every product that we sell. How it fits. How it's cut. What's better, what's not better. What's going to fit you better."

"I'm still going to just go about my business the same way. However we have to react to other retailers being in the marketplace we'll react."

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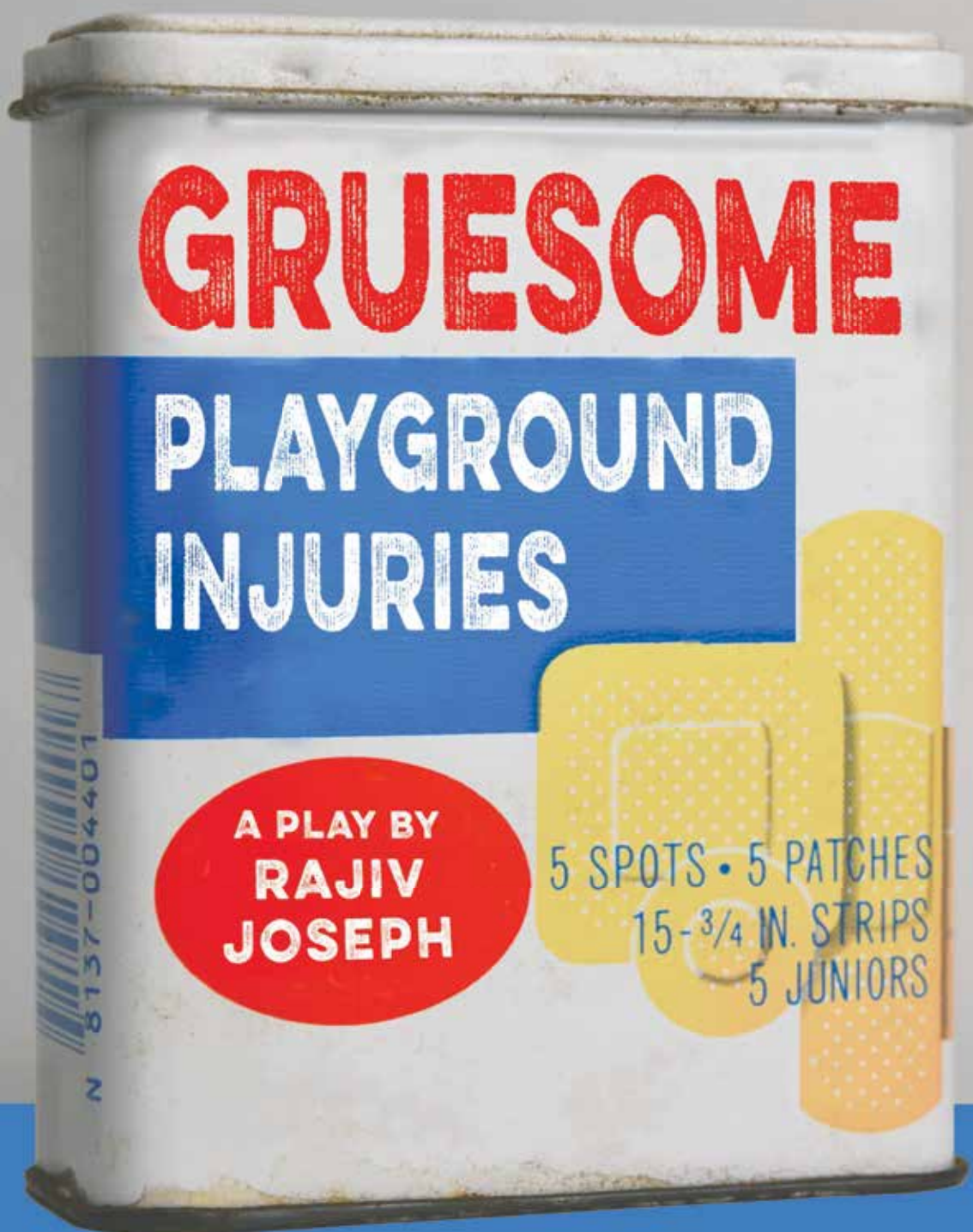
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The Allure of Red However or Wherever Used

It never occurred to me as a 16-year-old that I was making a strong statement. Given the first opportunity to decorate my own room, I chose a really bright red for the walls.

My mother waited until I was in my thirties to finally tell me that she always knew I was "different," so she would make allowances for me, no matter what I wanted to do. Also, it gave her a good story to tell for many years about how, when that house was put up for sale, prospective buyers in that conservative little southern town would enter the room and say, "Wow!"

But let's face it, red elicits a dramatic response, no matter where or how it is used, from lipstick to a power tie. Remember the dress Scarlett O'Hara wore in "Gone with the Wind" after the scandal broke of her indiscretion with Ashley Wilkes? Or the color of the flocked walls in Belle Watling's bordello? Always red, right? Even the names of various shades of red evoke drama, some even bordering on immoral: Scarlet, Lust, Flame, Crimson, Wine, Oxblood.

Because red is so bold and captivating, it must be considered carefully and sometimes it is not always the best choice



By Bill Primavera

for a room. I once owned a contemporary home in Putnam County with an open floorplan that flowed beautifully. The walls of the entry, living room, dining room and kitchen were originally painted an off-white with a pinkish cast to it. When I sold that property, the new owners decided to add dramatic color to the living room, which they painted a Tuscan gold, and the dining room a bright red.

When I visited them, I found that visually the space seemed to have been reduced to half its size because both those colors can tend to draw a room in. But

because the eye is drawn to red, painting the wall at the end of a long hallway in red can be a good idea.

Benjamin Moore tells us that its Facebook fans pick bedrooms and bathrooms as their favorite rooms to paint red. That surprised me. I would have expected to find dining rooms and kitchens on the list since the color is said to both grab one's focus (think stop signs and fire engines) and stimulate the appetite.

Research conducted at the University of Rochester by psychologists Andrew Elliot and Daniela Niesta concluded that the color red makes men feel more

amorous toward women. Is it any wonder that the color has been adopted through the ages for Valentine's Day and lustfully for red-light districts?

When it came time to redo the saltbox wing in my historic home, the flooring that had replaced the originally wide planked flooring probably sometime in the late 19th century was very lackluster. Rather than refinish it, I decided to paint it a glossy bright barnyard red and it transformed the room dynamically.

If you're more conservative and not ready to commit wholly to red, it can be used effectively as an accent, pulling it in through draperies or furniture. Because red is so visually arresting, even one small red piece can transform a room. It can be used in playful ways, such as on stair risers, the interior of a bookcase or china cabinet or the legs of a table.

It's not just the primary color but there are literally hundreds of reds, from high-octane orange tinted tones to subtler old-fashioned purplish shades like burgundy, maroon and brick that can evoke more traditional environments.

I once had a small, nondescript mudroom that came with green patterned wallpaper when I bought the house, but was transformed when I stripped the paper and painted the walls with a bright brick red paint. In my basic black and white kitchen, the perfect

touch was added when I painted the kitchen counter stools Chinese red.

In several instances, I have taken red outdoors. For many years, I've been recommending that every front door should be painted red for its feng shui attributes and have gone so far as to recommend a particular shade: Benjamin Moore Burgundy. And, on my back patio, one cast iron side table provides a nice focus to all the other pieces by standing out in red.

There is a local story I love to tell that's connected to the reason that barns across America are painted red. I recently was involved in the sale of what I call the Crayola Building in Peekskill. It was there in the latter 19th century that Binney & Smith, the company that first made Crayola crayons, mixed the iron oxide pigments for the red paint that proved to be a good preservative.

It makes you want to find out why people go out and paint the town red, rather than some other color.

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Asia Gonzalez-Dent Hairstylist, Bedford

By Martin Wilbur

As a freelance hairstylist, Asia Gonzalez-Dent visits women in communities throughout Westchester to help them look and feel their best.

Twice a month Gonzalez-Dent spends the day in a far different setting but the goal remains the same.

On those days she travels to the Walter Hoving Home, a faith-based residential rehabilitation program in Garrison, Putnam County, volunteering to cut and style the hair of women who are former prostitutes or have battled alcoholism or drug addiction and are trying to get their lives in order.

"It's a labor of love, it's something that I feel really positive about," said Gonzalez-Dent, a nine-year Bedford Village resident who operates her mobile salon service Lift Hair Studio. "The old adage of whom much is given, much is required, I feel like it's only right."

On a typical visit to Walter Hoving, which houses up to 70 women, Gonzalez-Dent may work on the hair of 10 to 15 residents who have signed up for her services in advance.

The idea came as a result of a bible study class she has attended at Hillside Church in Armonk. Associate Pastor Beth Graham, who teaches the class, and formerly ran the parenting program at Walter Hoving, approached Gonzalez-Dent about volunteering.

A short time later Gonzalez-Dent, 48, and her husband, a veteran NYPD captain, attended a fundraising gala for the home in the city and was impressed with the organization. It also runs similar residences in Las Vegas and Pasadena, Calif.

She thought she could make a difference and worked with Walter Hoving Program Director Beth Greco to organize a makeshift salon that was little more than a table, chair and mirror.

"The idea for me was as a woman, if you don't feel good about how you look - they're already low with their self-esteem - and if they're coming in there feeling demoralized and they then don't look good, that can really block them from healing or receiving the help that they need," Gonzalez-Dent said.

On Feb. 27, she will open a small but



full-fledged salon at Walter Hoving, believing that it will continue to help lift the residents' spirit and plans to visit weekly. Bible study classmate Jennifer Cassidy helped Gonzalez-Dent locate contractors for the build-out and Greco helped supervise the work with her.

While some people in her position might be hesitant to associate with the residents, Gonzalez-Dent has had no reluctance. She grew up in the melting pot of Manhattan's Lower East Side and encountered people with some of the same issues as the Walter Hoving residents.

It was also a way she and her husband could stress the importance of community service to their nearly 11-year-old son.

"We want to instill in him a sense of service and make him aware he's really quite lucky and not everybody is quite as lucky," Gonzalez-Dent said. "We came from humble beginnings and we want to remind him in as positive a way as possible that there are people out there who need help."

Volunteering is nothing new for Gonzalez-Dent. She described her father

as a community activist, working with neighborhood youth in the city. Since moving to Westchester, Gonzalez-Dent has opened her home to children who have mothers incarcerated at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility for weekly visits in the summer and is a volunteer at the Ken Hamilton Caregivers Center at Northern Westchester Hospital.

A cosmetology school graduate, Gonzalez-Dent said she was naturally drawn to fashion as a child, someone who would always style her friends' hair. While she took some college courses, it was beauty and fashion that she was most passionate about.

Gonzalez-Dent worked for various hair salons, then opened her own in Astoria, Queens. Although she recently discontinued that establishment, she still rents a chair at an Astoria salon on weekends where she maintains plenty of customers. It also helps her keep a connection to the city.

Moving forward, Gonzalez-Dent hopes to expand the services she provides to Walter Hoving's other locations. As important as improving the residents' appearance, she also makes sure she exhibits compassion and serves as a non-judgmental sounding board for them.

"I not only try to help them look better, but I let them know that somebody cares and is listening," she said.

For more information on the Walter Hoving Home or to donate, visit www.walterhovinghome.org.



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Business of the Week

Chappaqua Station
Chappaqua

By Colette Connolly

Part of Chappaqua's Metro-North Railroad station has been turned into a popular spot around town thanks to local couple Peter and Erin Chase.

In the fall, the Chases opened Chappaqua Station restaurant, a farm-to-town café that aims to put the spotlight squarely on the region's sustainable food sources. No strangers to the hospitality industry, the Chases have been involved in the development of more than 40 restaurants and bars in the U.S. and abroad.

Peter Chase said he is enthusiastic about offering good, wholesome food at affordable prices while involved in the county's farm-to-table movement.

"We wanted to create a restaurant that would offer something more healthful," said Chase, a New Jersey native. "And we felt we had the ability, expertise and knowledge to create food from local ingredients."

The Chases have partnered with longtime business associate and Chef Alan Ashkinaze. Many elements of the restaurant's menu have been culled from Ashkinaze's vast experience working in top-notch establishments, including Milleseme in New York City and The Waldorf Astoria.

The trio has been careful to retain the

charm of the former commuter waiting area in the town-owned building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It includes a refurbishment of the original ticket booth and retention of its vintage benches.

The room is decorated entirely in oak, with exquisite architectural details that add to the ambience. There is a definite European feel, including the addition of classic French bistro tables and chairs.

Adding to the décor is a collection of black and white photographs from local photographer Francesco Mastalia. Chase said the display will be replaced every month with the work of local artisans, farmers, educators and sustainable lifestyle lovers, part of the restaurant's "It Takes a Village" concept.

The restaurant is conveniently located near the Saturday outdoor farmer's market, providing Ashkinaze a wide selection of fresh fruits, vegetables, cheeses and dairy products.

Offering some of the best restaurant prices in Westchester, diners can choose from healthful and inventive salads starting at \$7, some of which are dairy or gluten free. They include the orzo salad with heirloom tomatoes, black olives and cow's



From left, restaurateurs Erin and Peter Chase, owners of Chappaqua Station, with chef Alan Ashkinaze.

milk feta cheese; the couscous and quinoa salad with Chappaqua Farmer's Market grilled vegetables; the kale and shaved Brussel sprout salad, dried cranberries, toasted sweet walnuts and Champaign citrus vinaigrette; and the curry roasted cauliflower salad with raisins, pine nuts, capers and peppers.

Ashkinaze's entrees include his signature grilled chicken, grilled salmon, filet mignon and tuna tataki, seared rare with sesame-ginger vinaigrette.

The restaurant also serves up a few "indulgences," - beef sliders with various toppings, hot dogs and the tried and trusted grilled chicken sandwich.

There is also a cheese and charcuterie section, a selection of artisanal cheeses from the tristate area as well as French favorites like the Fromager d'Affinois, a double cream

soft cheese, and Brebiset, a creamy cheese made entirely from ewe's milk.

Cured Italian meats are also available. There are dishes such as Cacciatore, a blend of Italian salami with caraway, coriander and red chili; Saucisson Sec, a French salami with garlic and black pepper; and Finocchiona, an Italian salami with fennel seed and garlic.

Chase said Ashkinaze's \$12 flatbreads are among the restaurant's most requested items. The Culinary Institute of America alum creates a smorgasbord of delicious options that blend ingredients such as fig marmalade, Maytag blue cheese, almonds, arugula, sausage, broccoli rabe, tomato and mozzarella that are sure to satisfy any palate.

Chase said his new restaurant is attracting an array of customers, from the busy morning commuter who stops for coffee or tea and a freshly baked muffin or croissant to those seeking a salad, entrée or dessert for lunch or dinner.

"We wanted people to feel comfortable," Chase said.

The restaurant carries a wide selection of wine, beer and hand-crafted cocktails created by mixologist Eben Klemm. Enjoy jazz every Saturday night at the restaurant. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased on Eventbrite.

Chappaqua Station is located at 1 Station Plaza in Chappaqua. It is open daily, except for Sunday. Call 914-861-8001 to make a reservation for the Saturday night jazz sessions. For more information, visit www.chappaquistation.com.

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Scars Revealed in Arc Stages' 'Gruesome Playground Injuries'

By Arthur Cusano

Pleasantville's Arc Stages will debut its professional company Next Stage's second production this Friday.

In "Gruesome Playground Injuries," written by Pulitzer Prize finalist Rajiv Joseph, Doug and Kayleen meet at the nurse's office in their elementary school. Over the next 30 years, the "scar-crossed" lovers repeatedly cross paths, brought together by both physical and emotional injuries.

As final preparations wrap up, director Ann Shankman and Adam Cohen, Arc Stages' artistic director, said the play will focus on one couple and their misadventures.

"It's about love and damage and regret, and why we hurt the people we love," Shankman said. "It tracks them through their damaged, incredible love for each other."

The play features just two actors, Emily Jackson and Doug Goldring, who play the same characters over three decades, from ages 8 to 38. However, the acts are not always in chronological order. Shankman said Joseph wrote it that way intentionally.

"He said we remember our past emotionally, we don't remember things chronologically," she said. "We remember things in sort of an emotional prism, so to speak."

Not only will the two actors carry the



Emily Jackson and Doug Goldring in the two-actor Arc Stages' production of "Gruesome Playground Injuries," which opens Friday night in Pleasantville.

entire play, they will do so without ever really leaving the stage. The changes from act to act will be seen by the audience.

"They do their costume changes on stage, they do their makeup on stage. He (Goldring) does all of his injuries on stage," Shankman said. "The audience sees them track their lives. The audience will see everything."

Shankman said she was very impressed by the two actors.

"There is what they call an 'actor's chop,' that you need to do this kind of material," she said. "They're incredibly emotionally available, they're physical people, they're fearless. They are very easy to direct, these

two."

The theme of a relationship that may or may not heal all wounds was something that struck him as unique about the play, Cohen said.

"He's accident prone, but at the same time he heals all the time, and she's always there when it happens," he said.

Cohen said he is proud of the production's high quality, and looks forward to seeing audience reaction.

"I'm excited for people to come in and see it, regardless of their take on the play," said Cohen. "They're going to get a night that they're going to remember."

Shankman and Cohen agree that the show's content is likely safe for older teens, but Cohen said parents with questions can contact him for more information.

Next Stage, which debuted last year with the John Cariani production "Love/Sick," operates under a small professional theater contract with Actor's Equity,

Cohen said. There are also several local residents involved in the production who oversee costumes and lighting. The actors were cast after long auditions.

"We audition in the city and we get thousands of submissions," he said. "We see hundreds and hundreds of people and then two people get cast. That's the business; it's crazy."

The 75-seat theater is one of several programs at Arc Stages. Others are the growing Educational Stage and Community Stage, which will perform "The Secret in the Wings" by Mary Zimmerman in April. Auditions for that show are already underway.

Arc Stages is also planning to launch an adult educational stage in the near future.

There are plans to create a second theater in the company's leased workspace on Wheeler Avenue once fundraising is completed. A fundraising gala for the company is held in April.

Performances of "Gruesome Playground Injuries" will be held at 8 p.m. at Arc Stages, located at 147 Wheeler Ave. in Pleasantville. Shows will be held Feb. 5, 6, 12, 13 and 18-20. There will also be a 2 p.m. matinee on Feb. 14. Tickets are \$36 for adults and \$28 for students and seniors and can be purchased by calling 914-747-6206 or at www.arcstages.org.

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The Restaurant Examiner

Bao's to Observe Chinese New Year With Authentic Dishes

By Jerry Eimbinder

Eight recipes, centuries old, will be used at Bao's Chinese Cuisine in White Plains this year to celebrate the Year of the Monkey.

"These dishes have a special meaning to the Chinese as well as a long association with Chinese New Year," owner May Tan said.

The holiday officially arrives next Monday, Feb. 8, but many Chinese will celebrate it for a longer period by eating food believed to bring good fortune. Anyone born in a Year of the Monkey is believed especially susceptible to misfortune.

Bao's holiday dishes will be offered from Feb. 7-22, which marks the end of the 15-day Chinese Spring Lantern Festival. Most of the dishes will then be retired for a while, possibly for the rest of the year. The restaurant's regular menu will also be available each day during the holiday celebration.

The Year of the Monkey occurs every 12 years. Some Chinese consider the monkey as having a mischievous nature; hence the hope to ensure good times by eating food believed to bring good fortune.

Bao's Chinese New Year's dishes are:

1. Fortune Fish: Comes with fresh vegetables and seaweed (\$22.95).
2. Spicy Fish Filet: A lightly breaded fried fish filet with a special spicy Szechuan sauce (\$20.95).
3. Chinese New Year's Delight: Shrimp and scallops served with vegetables in a crispy edible noodle basket and topped with cashew nuts (\$20.95).
4. Seafood Rice Cake: With salted egg yolk (\$18.95).
5. Spicy Roast Duck with Cellophane Noodle Casserole: Includes vegetables (\$24.95).
6. Lamb with Onions and Scallion: Believed to have a powerful influence on happiness (\$24.95).
7. Tom Yum Spicy Seafood Casserole:

Includes lobster meat, shrimp, scallops and vegetables (\$22.95).

8. Mini Meatball, Shrimp, Cellophane Noodle and Vegetable Casserole: This is a preference for eating at family reunions (\$20.95).

"For individuals having financial worries and seeking a prosperous year, Fortune Fish is thought to be especially advantageous," said Tan, a White Plains resident who lived and worked in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia before coming to the United States.

A special Malaysian New Year's celebration salad will be offered Feb. 7-8 as an appetizer; it can be shared by up to four people.

Tan said its ingredients are traditionally topped with raw fish but cooked shrimp can be substituted on request. The salad includes mango, fish roe, jicama, carrots, lettuce, bean sprouts, blueberries and more.

Bao's is also known for a cook-it-yourself dish called Shabu Shabu, cooked by the customers on their tables using small portable gas stoves with dual cooking pots. The ingredients are delivered to the table in an array of small plates.

An ultra-potent Chinese rice wine called Er Guo Tau will be available for the hearty.

"It will make your hair stand on end," Tan warned. She suggested customers consider drinking it by the shot rather than the glass.

Alcoholic beverages to be offered include Tsing Tao (Chinese beer), Heineken, Coors Light, Sapporo and Amstel beer, Chinese rice wine, sake, a coconut mojito martini, a French martini made with vodka, Chambord liqueur and pineapple juice (\$10). The Milo Dinosaur, a chocolate drink for children, will also be offered.

Free strawberry-flavored, chocolate-coated hard candy will be available to



The Malaysian New Year's celebration salad, one of many special menu selections to celebrate the upcoming Chinese New Year at Bao's Chinese Cuisine in White Plains.



The dining room at Bao's Chinese Cuisine.



Strawberry-flavored, chocolate-coated hard candy is a free treat on the counter to take home during Chinese New Year at Bao's. Packaged Chinese cake, at lower left, is available for purchase. The oranges are a symbol of good luck.

take home.

Bao's Chinese Cuisine was renovated last year. The dining room's interior was completely redone with new ceiling tiles, tables, chairs, carpeting and colorfully decorated walls with bold Chinese letters. Also new is the stainless steel-walled kitchen, cooking equipment, freezer and a decorative water fountain.

Bao's Chinese Cuisine is located in the White Plains Mall at 200 Hamilton Ave. in White Plains. It's open from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Friday and 12 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information, call 914-682-

2016 Wine & Food Festival Tickets on Sale

By Jerry Eimbinder

Tickets for the 2016 Wine & Food Festival, to be held June 9-11 in White Plains and Valhalla, are now on sale.

The three-event program features the Burger & Beer Blast on Thursday, June 9 at Kensico Dam Plaza, An Evening With Westchester's Tastemakers on Friday, June 10 at the Ritz-Carlton in White Plains and the Grand Tasting Village on Saturday, June 11 at Kensico Dam Plaza.

The Burger & Beer Blast, scheduled for 6 to 10 p.m., will have attendees vote to determine which one of the roughly 30 participating local restaurants takes home the top prize. There will be beef burgers, lamb burgers and cheeseburgers. Beer, wine and spirits can be paired with the burgers. There will also be music and dancing. Individual tickets cost \$75 and a 10-ticket pack sells for \$700.

Fifteen Westchester County chefs will team up to prepare food for the Evening With Westchester's Tastemakers on June 10 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Dishes will be paired with wine and spirits. Tickets cost \$125 (general) and \$175 for VIP status, which includes 5:30 p.m. entry.

An assortment of wines and food



JERRY EIMBINDER PHOTO

A scene from last year's Wine & Food Festival, a three-day celebration that will take place in June in Valhalla and White Plains.

samples from 60 restaurants will be offered at the Grand Tasting Village, scheduled from 12 to 5 p.m. on June 11. Tickets cost \$75. Chef demonstrations will be held at 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m.

The festival is conducted by Westchester Magazine. A portion of the recipes will be donated to Friends of Westchester County Parks and the Food Bank for Westchester.

For more information and for tickets, visit www.showclix.com/event/wineandfoodfestival2016.

Via Vanti! Introduces Prix-Fixe Espresso Lunch

Via Vanti! in Mount Kisco began offering a daily \$11.99 prix-fixe lunch last Tuesday that includes a cup of soup, a main course and a free espresso. Customers can select a crispy pizzette, a grilled panini or a salad as the main course.

Three different pizzettes are available including the Michelangelo, a combination of Italian sausage, roasted red and yellow peppers, mozzarella and gorgonzola. The panini choices are

eggplant with mozzarella, lemon rosemary chicken with spinach, cheese and olive spread and sausage and pepper with smoked mozzarella. Four salads are also on the menu.

The espresso lunch is available from noon to 3 p.m.

Via Vanti! is located in the Mount Kisco train station at 2 Kirby Plaza. For more information, call 914-666-6400.

—Jerry Eimbinder

Happenings

We're happy to help spread the word about your community event. Please submit your information at least three weeks prior to your event and include the words "Happenings Calendar Submission" in your email subject line. Entries should be sent to Martin Wilbur at mwilbur@theexaminernews.com.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

The Golden Age of Radio and Television. Richard Knox will cover a wide range of popular radio and television shows from 1935 to 1965, including classic comedies, variety shows, mysteries and westerns as well as famous personalities. Come relive your favorite shows through an interactive quiz on TV and radio theme songs. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd. Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Master Networker Meeting. Join this high-energy interactive membership network of learning-based, service-oriented entrepreneurs and business leaders. Come be a guest any Wednesday to learn more about this world-class business training and referral program. Mount Kisco Coach Diner, 252 E. Main St., Mount. 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: Contact Julie 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. For all fitness levels. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. Every Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. Info: Contact Peggy at 914 960-4097.

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

Pleasantville Garden Club. Doug DeCandia, a talented farmer and the Food Growing Project coordinator at the Food Bank for Westchester, will talk on "Gardening in Tune With Nature." DeCandia will discuss practices that promote biological, mineral and physical health of soil and plants as well as nutrient-dense vegetable gardening. All welcome. Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, 400 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10:15 a.m. Free.

Westchester Postpartum Depression Support Group Meeting. Local peer-to-peer support group to get together and chat judgment free. Led by esoteric healing practitioner Bernadette Bloom. Expect Natural, 774 Bedford Rd., Bedford Hills. 10:15 a.m. Free. Info: Contact Lauren O'Sullivan at losullivan18@yahoo.com.

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. 10:15 a.m. \$20. Every Wednesday. Info: Contact Peggy at 914 960-4097.

New Mommy Meet-Up. A great way to get out of the house, meet new friends and enjoy time with your baby. For babies up to eight months old and their moms. Rompere Indoor Playground at World Cup Nursery School and Kindergarten, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 10:15 to 11 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday through June 24 (except holidays). Info: Contact Kim Bremer at 914-238-9267 ext. 20.

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

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

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

Blood Drive. The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive to help replenish supplies. All blood types are needed, especially those with O, AB, B negative and A negative. Pace University, 861 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointment requested. Info and appointments: 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

Mind Games. A fun way for seniors to help stimulate their minds and improve cognitive functioning – memory, visual recall, problem solving, focus and speed and spatial reasoning – by playing group games. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center boardroom, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-

3937 or e-mail ewoods@pmhc.us.

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

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

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

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.

Win-Win: How to Run a Successful Secondhand Clothing Sale. Americans send 10.5 million tons of used clothing and textiles to landfills and incinerators every year. Learn how to host a great sale – and give some of your clothes a new life. Co-sponsored by the Lower Hudson Sierra Group. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. Refreshments at 7 p.m. Program at 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Take Charge of Your Health Wellness Lecture Series. A three-session series led by Dr. Michael Kennis. St. John's Episcopal Church, 8 Sunnyside Ave., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. \$10 requested donation. RSVP required. Info and RSVP: E-mail office@stjohnspleasantville.com.

Thursday, Feb. 4

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

Preschool Storytime. This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and

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

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

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

Bereavement Support Group. For those who have lost a spouse. Led by Bereavement Coordinator Bess Steiger. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 2:30 to 4 p.m. \$10 per session suggested donation. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3325 or e-mail bsteiger@pmhc.us.

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

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

Friday, Feb. 5

Zumba With Amy. Low-impact Zumba for the older active adult or beginners. Ladimax Sports & Fitness, 1 Commerce St., Valhalla. (The Cliffs complex). 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Drop-in rate: \$10. Every Friday. Info: 914-643-6162 or e-mail olin.amyj@gmail.com.

Zumba With Amy. Low-impact Zumba for the older active adult or beginner. Addie-tude Dance Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11 a.m. Drop-in rate: \$12. Every Friday. Also Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Info: 914-643-6162 or e-mail olin.amyj@gmail.com.

"Gruesome Playground Injuries." Arc Stages presents this work by Pulitzer Prize finalist Rajiv Joseph for the final show in the inaugural season for its professional company, The Next Stage. A story of scar-crossed lovers who meet again and again, brought together by injury, heartbreak and their own self-destructive tendencies. Arc
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A Roundup of Westerns Coming to the Jacob Burns Film Center

By Neal Rentz

Westerns were an introduction to film and television for a young Jonathan Demme.

Now the acclaimed filmmaker's passion for the genre is being showcased at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

"Saddle Up Saturdays With Jonathan Demme" will be held every Saturday from Feb. 6 through June 11. Each week's screening begins at noon.

Demme, who won the Academy Award for best director in 1991 for "The Silence of the Lambs," is a former member of the Burns' Board of Directors and is the host of the ongoing "Rarely Seen Cinema" series at the film center.

"Westerns were my first window into movies, an art form that quickly gobbled up my imagination and put me on the road that led to a life of making movies as well as watching them," Demme wrote on his Jacob Burns Film Center blog.

His affinity for westerns deepened as a teenager, and by his early twenties, Demme was thrilled to see how many of the directors that he admired had introduced him to film, including Sam Fuller, Anthony Mann, John Sturges, Delmer Daves and Sydney Pollock.

"(They were) my heroes, these makers of the finest of westerns, the noblest of genres," Demme stated.

Classic traditional westerns will be



JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER PHOTO

Charlton Heston stars in Sam Peckinpah's "Major Dundee." The 1965 film will open the "Saddle Up Saturdays With Jonathan Demme" western film series on Feb. 6 at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville.

shown featuring superstars like John Wayne and Gary Cooper to more recent films, including the 2007 remake of "3:10 to Yuma" directed by James Mangold and starring Christian Bale and Russell Crowe.

While Demme chose the 18 films for his series, the arrangements to obtain the movies was the responsibility of Jacob Burns programmer Andrew Jupin.

Screening the westerns on Saturday afternoons is a throwback to decades ago

when moviegoers would often spend a day at the movies watching double features, he said.

Jupin said so many respected directors made westerns because they were popular in the past and were "a place where people got their start" as filmmakers.

The series opens this Saturday, Feb. 6 with Sam Peckinpah's "Major Dundee," which was originally released in 1965. Charlton Heston portrays the title

character, a former Union cavalry officer who oversees a prisoner of war camp in New Mexico.

Another Peckinpah film, "Ride the High Country" (1962), starring western veteran genre stars Joel McCrea and Randolph Scott, concludes the series on June 11.

Jupin said one of his favorite films in the upcoming series is "Johnny Guitar," the 1954 film directed by Nicholas Ray that stars Joan Crawford and Sterling Hayden, scheduled for March 5. The color film was recently digitally restored.

"That's a fantastic movie," Jupin remarked.

Jupin said he particularly admires the movies included for the only double feature of the series, two 1966 films directed by Monte Hellman and starring a young Jack Nicholson - "The Shooting" and "Ride in the Whirlwind." Nicholson wrote the screenplay for the latter.

Despite oversized home television screens, Jupin said westerns are best viewed on a theater's big screen to fully appreciate them.

Several movies in the series are on 35-millimeter film, which brings a more natural and realistic feel as opposed to digital movies, he said.

The Jacob Burns Film Center is located at 364 Manville Rd. in Pleasantville. For more information, including ticket prices and schedules, call 914-747-5555 or visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

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Stages, 147 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. Adults \$36. Seniors and students: \$28. Also Feb. 6, 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20. Info and tickets: 914-747-6206.

Saturday, Feb. 6

Pleasantville Farmers Market. The Pleasantville Farmers Market is the largest year-round farmers market in Westchester, and the one voted "Best of Westchester" in 2014 and 2015 by the readers of Westchester Magazine. With over 40 vendors participating in the indoor market the delicious good time continues every Saturday. Pleasantville Middle School, 40 Romer Ave., Pleasantville. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday through March. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Chappaqua Farmers Market. Bringing 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. First Congregational Church of Chappaqua, 210 Orchard Ridge Rd., Chappaqua. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through April. Info: Visit www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org.

Teatown's Hudson River Eaglefest. Featuring viewing of eagles at various points along the river. This year there will be local musical acts performing in the Eaglet Stage tent, including a performance by Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter Tom Chapin, food offerings from RiverMarket Bar and Kitchen and Wobble Café and children's activities and storytelling in heated tents. About 25 participating environmental organizations will be on hand. Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Advance ticket sales: Adults (12 and over) -- \$13. Children (6-11) -- \$8. Children (under 5) -- Free. Day of event: Adults (12 and over) -- \$15. Children (6-11) -- \$10. Children (under 5) -- Free. Info and tickets: Visit www.teatown.org.

YMCA Camp Open House. Come meet staff, learn more about the programs and enroll. Information will be available for Camp Funkist, a co-ed, non-competitive summer camp for children four to 14 years old; Gymnastics camp, a co-ed program for children six years old and up; and summer programs for the developmentally disabled. YMCA White Plains and Central Westchester, 515 North St., White Plains. 10 to 11 a.m. Free. Info: 914-949-6227 or visit www.ywcaawpcw.org.

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

Adult Salsa Class. Addie-Tude

Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11 a.m. to noon. Free. \$12. Every Saturday. Also Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Info: 917-215-1720 or visit www.addie-tude.com.

Teaching Trails: A Community Path for Environmental Education. Join guided trail experience through the woodland forest. Discover who left that track, which tree makes the best animal home or which plant makes its own heat. 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.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

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. 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.

Family Fun Day at the YMCA. Featuring a juggling and magic show with Ned Gelfars. There will also be crafts, games and fitness fun. YMCA White Plains and Central Westchester, 515 North St., White Plains. 12 to 2 p.m. \$4 per person or \$15 per family. Info: 914-949-6227 or visit www.ywcaawpcw.org.

Family Saturdays @ the Lab. Learn about green screening, explore an augmented reality sandbox and make your own claymation stop-motion film! Jacob Burns Film Center educators will be on hand to guide visitors through an experience like no other. Jacob Burns Film Center's Media Arts Lab, 405 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 1 to 3 p.m. Free. Meets the first Saturday of the month. Info: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Chinese New Year Celebration. Family-friendly activities commemorating the beginning of the Year of the Monkey. Includes an art paper-cutting workshop for all ages and members of Kwan's Kung Fu from Peekskill will perform a traditional Lion Dance, believed in Chinese culture to scare away evil spirits and to bring good luck. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-738-2525 or visit www.pelhamartcenter.org.

Marc Berger Performs. Enjoy a live performance by singer/songwriter and storyteller Marc Berger, who will perform songs from his CD "RIDE" and share stories of his experiences traveling in the American West. Berger has performed at the South by Southwest Festival in Austin, Tex. and has opened shows for Bob Dylan and many others. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or visit

www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Victorian Valentine's Tea and Craft Party. Experience local history and take a whimsical look at Valentine's Day in Victorian times. Activities will include making Victorian-style Valentines and "Tussie-Mussies," or small bouquets of colorful flowers typically given as gifts and signs of romantic affection. There will also be tea and a variety of snacks served. For children up to 12 years old. Horace Greeley House Museum, 100 King St., Chappaqua. 2 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact Cassie Ward at 914-238-4666 or e-mail director@newcastlehs.org.

Faith, Food and Friends. A weekly gathering that includes prayer, song, discussion and dinner for all. Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 197 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 5 p.m. Free. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.emanuelelc.org.

"The General." RiverArts will present Buster Keaton's legendary masterpiece. The film will be accompanied by jazz pianist and pioneering silent film musician David Arner. To help provide a window into Keaton's sympathetic depiction of a Southern Confederate train engineer, there will be an introduction and post-screening discussion with Dr. Dionne Bennett. Andrus on Hudson Auditorium, 85 Old Broadway, Hastings-on-Hudson. 7 p.m. Adults: \$10. Children: \$5. Info: Visit www.riverarts.org.

Sunday, Feb. 7

Arctic Fest: Wings and Wolves. Master falconer Brian Bradley of Skyhunters in Flight will present the feathered ambassadors that call the high arctic home and will do a flight demonstration. Guests will also visit resident arctic gray wolf Atka and the other ambassador wolves, including the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Includes hot beverages. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. Noon. \$20. Space limited; pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit www.nywolf.org.

Surviving in Winter. Learn how to survive in the cold and, weather permitting, learn how to build an igloo. Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-428-1005.

Chinese New Year. An early start to Chinese New Year celebrations! Learn about the Zodiac animals and meet some of the center's own Zodiac residents. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Greenburgh. 2 p.m. Members: \$5 per person. Non-members: \$8 per person. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Argentine Tango Dances. Great music and dancing on a 3,500-square-foot dance floor. Enjoy a pleasant time with friends. Refreshments served. Broadway 26 Dance, 26 Broadway, Hawthorne. 3 to

6 p.m. \$12. Also the third Saturday of each month from 8 p.m. to midnight. \$16. Info: 914-725-3023 or 914-484-5101 or e-mail sampelayo@optonline.net.

Camerata Chamber Players' Winter Interlude Romantic Period Favorites. Enjoy a mid-winter festival serving up a repertoire of beloved "strictly for strings" compositions from the Romantic Period. Violinist Victor Lioni is the founding creative force behind the Camerata, serving as its music director and conductor since its inception in 1986. Lioni is also the conductor of the Westchester Youth Symphony, which calls Westchester Community College main campus home, and a member of the Metropolitan Opera. Westchester Community College's Classroom Building, Room 200, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 3 p.m. \$20. Seniors: \$18. Students: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit www.sunywcc.edu/SmartArts.

Westchester Philharmonic Friends & Family Concert. A family friendly concert featuring opera star Dawn Upshaw, a multiple Grammy Award winner and Mount Vernon resident, and the Westchester Philharmonic conducted by Ted Sperling. Upshaw and the Philharmonic will perform the hauntingly lyrical "Three Songs" by Osvaldo Golijov. Sperling will also offer concertgoers a guided tour to the works being performed, which will include Mozart's iconic overture to "The Marriage of Figaro" and a full orchestra arrangement by Yoon Jae Lee of Mendelssohn's beloved "Octet." The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 3 p.m. \$30 to \$97. Students 17 years old and under get in free with an adult admission. Info and tickets: 914-682-3707 ext. 10 or visit www.westchesterphil.org.

Young Artists 2016 Opening Reception. The public is invited to the opening reception of this 33rd annual exhibit featuring more than 400 artworks by high school students from Rockland, Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess and Fairfield counties. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St. (Route 22), Katonah. 3 to 5 p.m. Pay what you wish. Exhibit continues through Feb. 21. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 5 p.m. Info: 914-232-9555 or visit www.katonahmuseum.org.

JourneyDance™ Classes for Adults. JourneyDance is a joyful yet powerful dance practice that offers guided imagery and easy movement suggestions resulting in your unique dance expression. A 75-minute class consists of a JourneyDance flow followed by a gentle yoga and relaxation sequence. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 4 p.m. \$20. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: E-mail claudiayogadance@gmail.com.

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Con Edison, Boys & Girls Club Train Future Civic Leaders

Con Edison is giving back to the community by supporting children through nationally acclaimed civic advocacy and leadership programming at the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester in Mount Kisco.

The club's mission is to inspire and enable young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. Its programming is based upon civic advocacy and leadership utilizing a comprehensive, proven curriculum that starts in preschool and continues through high school.

Con Edison's support will enable the Boys & Girls Club to continue signature advocacy and leadership programs such as Youth of the Year, an award program recognizing teens based upon academic record, public speaking and civic commitment; Youth for Unity, a program teaching kids to combat racism and promote diversity; Keystone and Torch Clubs, where teens have an opportunity to develop leadership skills, receive mentoring and learn the importance of volunteering in their community; and Marlins Volunteer Swim Instruction



Some of the local students who attend the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester in Mount Kisco and participate in advocacy and leadership programs.

where nationally ranked swimmers teach youngsters, who might not have otherwise learned to swim, an essential life skill.

CEO Alyzza Ozer explained that civic leadership and advocacy programming is the club's key differentiator; 87 percent of the children state that based upon their experience they plan to dedicate time and resources to their communities. More than 90 percent of the Boys & Girls Club current staff is club alumni.

"In the Leadership Program, [my son] learned new skills and had new experiences," said Elizabeth Napo, a mother of a teen in the Summer Leadership Program. "[He] learned to try new experiences without fear of ridicule

or ostracism [and] now has a new sense of himself – a sense of his dignity and worth as well as his ability and talent."

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The Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester is located at 351 Main St. in Mount Kisco. For more information, call 914-666-8069 or visit www.bgcnw.com or www.facebook.com/BGCNW.

Gullotta House to Host Two Mega Events Next Week

Gullotta House, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, The Look by Melissa and Operation Prom will present Charity Couture, a night of fashion and fundraising on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at The Briarcliff Manor, 25 Studio Hill Rd. in Briarcliff Manor. A \$100 ticket will provide hors d'oeuvres, champagne and wine, a fashion show, silent auction and shopping with eight high-end vendors such as Chanel, Hermes and Christian Louboutin.

On Sunday, Feb. 14 from 1 to 4 p.m., the Cortlandt School of Performing Arts will present a live

music and cocktail party to benefit the Gullotta House, which is also taking place at The Briarcliff Manor. The Valentine's Day gala will feature music by Ob-La-Di, Bla-da, the definitive Beatles Tribute Band, along with lavish hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, antipasto, a drink special, raffles, prizes and a silent auction in an elegant mansion. Tickets are \$50 per person in advance, \$80 each at the door.

To reserve online, visit www.gullottahouse.org or call Ray or Carol at 914-402-4250.

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Monday, Feb. 8

Monday Bird Walk. Come birding with the Saw Mill River Audubon. Beginners encouraged. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville. (Meet in main parking area.) 8:30 a.m. Free. Info: 914-666-6503 or visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org.

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.

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

Young Explorers 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 (except Feb. 15). Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.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.

"Sense the Wind." Highlighting ability, not disability, this documentary tells the remarkable story of four individuals who share a unique bond – each is vision impaired and striving to race in Japan's 2013 Blind Sailing World Championship while navigating all the other challenges in life. Followed by a Q&A with filmmaker/producer Christine Knowlton, producer Elizabeth Delude-Dix and composer Richard Martinez. This screening is part of Local Element, an ongoing series which provides a public showcase for new work,

fosters emerging talent and helps build a strong community among area filmmakers. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$8. Non-members: \$13. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Tuesday, Feb. 9

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

Pulmonary Fibrosis Support Group. A monthly interactive support group for people with all types of pulmonary fibrosis. Each meeting provides an open forum for discussion and topics that are pertinent to this disease. Participants who use oxygen may switch to the hospital's supply during the meeting. Light refreshments served. Sponsored by Phelps and the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. Phelps Memorial Hospital Center's Pulmonary Lab, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 12 to 1 p.m.

Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3712.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

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

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

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Super Bowl 50 Culinary Matchups of the Rival Teams



By Nick Antonaccio

We're in the middle of that period of football wasteland. No home team to root for in the postseason and no built-in reason to quaff our favorite wine or beer as we veg out in our favorite reclining chair.

Super Bowl 50 is as anticipated for its off-the-field festivities as it is for its on-field combat. The season has come down to a single game and the glory and esteem it will bestow on one team.

As I pondered this week's column, I thought of the rivalry on the gridiron and began transposing it to the bars and living rooms across the country. Super Bowl Sunday brings together friends and family to indulge in the biggest junk food day of the year. Once a year we indulge guilt-free in those waist-widening, artery-clogging foods and drinks we try to fastidiously avoid all year.

So, what to consume on this traditional National Junk Food Day?

Here are several food facts for Super Bowl Sunday from the National Restaurant Association:

--Forty-eight million Americans will order takeout food. What else will we be

eating?

--Sixty-nine percent will be noshing on salsa, chips and dips and 63 percent will be inhaling chicken wings. In fact, according to the National Chicken Council, 1.25 billion chicken wings will be devoured. They calculate that is enough to put 572 wings on every seat in all 32 NFL stadiums.

Here's a Super Bowl challenge for the best food, wine and beer produced in the two rival football regions, North Carolina and Denver.

Food: As flamboyant, and talented, as Carolina quarterback Cam Newton has been this season, the cuisine of North Carolina seems a polar opposite. Its Southern-rooted dishes are comfort food at its best. Who can resist righteous pulled pork barbecue, topped with Texas Pete's sauce, or mouth-watering fried buttermilk chicken served in the finest restaurants in Charlotte or the Outer Banks?

In Denver, local wild game is par excellence. I've enjoyed Bison sliders and Denver green pepper chili, followed by a roast of wild boar and elk. No Rocky Mountain Oysters for this columnist.

The winner? This decision is as close as I expect the game to be; my nod goes to Denver.

Wine: This is not an easy category. Neither state is particularly famous for its wines. Yet there are a number of gems that

will satisfy the discriminating palate.

The wine industry in Colorado is over 100 years old; there are nearly 100 active wineries. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Riesling dominate production. Top wineries include Balistreri and Zephyr, whose wines are predominantly sold in the local area.

North Carolina, likewise, has an active, yet unheralded wine industry. Over 100 wineries produce award-winning Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Scuppernon (a local white). Seek out Raylen, McRitchie and Raffaldini wines.

The wines of each state are similar to the two teams. Each will seek to take advantage of the other's weaknesses. Viewers can do likewise with a small-production winery that sneaks up on your palate and packs an unexpected wallop. This category is even; the game outcome may be decided on the unexpected.

Beer: This is the most difficult category. Each city overflows with craft breweries - over 150 each, several with national reputations. Just as the craft beer industry is evolving, so too the two teams. Carolina is relying on a new wave of players with self-assured cockiness, just like the surge

of up-and-coming brash breweries in Charlotte and Asheville. Denver has the benefit of an established beer base, while providing fertile ground for building a strong foundation for future success.

Here's a lineup of the most popular beers: Denver: New Belgium, Great Divide and Left Hand, North Carolina: Omega Point, The Event Horizon and Pernicious IPA.

The winner? It's like the quarterbacks: Payton Manning has a long-term reputation for excellence, backed by a Super Bowl ring, versus Cam Newton, representing

the next generation, redefining excellence and popularity, making his big game debut. I have to go with bold and brash.

Whatever your plans are for the Big Day, relax with your favorite junk food, your beverage of choice and enjoy the game.

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John Jay's Third-Quarter Run is Too Much for the Quakers

By Andy Jacobs

Any chance the Horace Greeley boys' basketball team had of earning a big road win last Wednesday evening at John Jay High School disappeared when the host Indians scored the last six points of the first half and then opened up the third quarter with a 15-4 run.

Despite a dazzling display of 3-point shooting from point guard Ben Wolfensohn in the game's final two minutes, the Quakers wound up losing 54-49, dropping to 8-9 with one more week remaining in the regular season.

"I was disappointed because it didn't look like we had as much energy as those guys," said Quakers coach Dave Fernandes afterwards. "I thought John Jay came out and played really hard."

The Quakers' only lead of the entire night came when junior guard Brandon Spiegel drove the left baseline for a basket that gave them a 2-0 advantage 75 seconds after the opening tip. A 3-pointer by Spiegel with 24 seconds left in the first quarter tied the contest at 12 apiece, but John Jay grabbed the lead for good on a pair of free throws by Arron Cruz 22 seconds into the second quarter.

Greeley was still within four points after Will Gregson's steal and layup with 2:50 remaining in the half. Unfortunately for the Quakers, who were playing without Brian Unger and, for most of the game, Jeff Merchant, the Indians closed the second quarter with back-to-back baskets by Charlie Helmes and two free throws from Cruz and opened up a 27-17 lead.

"It's been that kind of season — who's hurt, who's not hurt?" said Fernandes



Horace Greeley point guard Ben Wolfensohn connects on one of the four consecutive 3-pointers he made in the final two minutes vs. John Jay.

about trying to compete with the Indians minus two primary offensive threats. "You know, on any day we can come out and shock someone and play well. I'm trying to get them to be a little more consistent with our level of intensity."

Fernandes spoke to his players at halftime about protecting the ball better, but they came out in the third quarter and turned it over on their first two possessions. John Jay took advantage, getting three consecutive baskets in the opening two minutes to extend its lead to 16 points.

The Quakers' went scoreless for nearly three minutes to start the second half until Spiegel, who had 10 of his 12 points before halftime, finished a fast break with a left-handed layup. They found themselves trailing 42-21 late in the period after a layup by Jake Murphy.

A conventional three-point play by the Quakers' Justin Abrams with 1:08 to go narrowed the John Jay lead to 17 points, but the third quarter ended with Ryan Wanek banking in a 3-point shot as the buzzer was sounding to give the Indians a 47-25 cushion.

"Well, that's just ridiculous," said Fernandes about the buzzer-beater from Wanek. "And Ben was right on the kid. That's the kind of way it goes this year for us."

The fourth quarter began with Gregson scoring an inside basket and then adding two free throws 40 seconds later. But John Jay's lead was still 20 points after a jumper from the top of the key by Rroki Markvkaj with three and a half minutes remaining.

Greeley got a bit of consolation by

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Will Gregson of Greeley powers his way to the basket during the Quakers' 54-49 loss last Wednesday evening.



Jack Baron pushes the ball up the floor in Horace Greeley's game vs. the Indians last Wednesday night.

outscored the Indians 18-3 over the final few minutes. The last 12 points were all provided by Wolfensohn, who caught fire and connected on four consecutive 3-pointers in the space of just 90 seconds. He wound up with a team-high 14 points even though his attempt for a fifth straight trey with the Quakers suddenly within five points caromed off the rim at the buzzer.

"The thing that's amazing," said Fernandes, "is Ben doesn't shoot much during the course of the game. We try to get him the ball, but sometimes he just doesn't get opportunities. But he's got a great shot, as you saw at the end. The point is no quit, and that's how we build."



The Quakers' Justin Abrams fires a jump shot in the first half of last week's road game vs. the John Jay Indians.



Greeley's Ryan Flanagan gets instructions from the sidelines as he dribbles the ball up the court in last week's game.

The Quakers had been trailing by 17 points before Wolfensohn began his Curry-like shooting demonstration and scored the game's final dozen points, nearly turning a lopsided loss into a nail biter.

"I thought in the second half, towards the end, some of the other kids that came in, they brought a lot of energy," said Fernandes. "Of course it wasn't against the first group. But we came back and played hard. It wasn't like we just quit. I'm proud of my guys for that."



Greeley's Brandon Spiegel puts up a left-handed shot in the lane during last Wednesday's game at John Jay.

Panthers' Late Comeback Against Croton Falls Short

By Andy Jacobs

With less than two minutes left on the clock Friday evening, the Pleasantville boys' basketball team trailed visiting Croton-Harmon by eight points and there was no hint that the final 100 seconds would turn into a frenzied finish with the least likely Panther on the court to launch a 3-point shot eventually rising from the right elbow for a last-second jumper that would decide the outcome.

Regrettably for the Panthers, the buzzer-beating 3-point try by Nick Salzarulo bounced off the rim, bringing a disappointing end to their spirited comeback bid. The Tigers, who never trailed all game, managed to escape with a dramatic 40-39 victory and spoil Pleasantville's Senior Night.

"One-point losses are tough," said Panthers coach Chris Welsh after seeing his team's 14-5 run to close the contest go for naught. "And unfortunately for us, this is not the first time this season where we've been on the wrong side of a one- or a two-point loss. But we've got to take it as a character builder, as a way to improve moving forward."

On a night when the Panthers made just 11 of 41 shots from the field and misfired on 19 of their 24 attempts from beyond the 3-point arc, it seemed quite unlikely they would get an opportunity to win at the end. Pleasantville's only points of the first quarter came on a 3-pointer by Patrick McPhee nearly four minutes after the opening tip, and later on almost five minutes elapsed before its first basket of the final period, a trey by Mike Manley.

"You know," said Welsh, "on a Friday night, in a crowded gym, sometimes your shots tend to fall a little bit less, which is why we always say we want to focus on



Jack Finnegan dribbles near the top of the key in Pleasantville's home game vs. the Croton Tigers on Friday night.

getting in there, getting to the rim. And, unfortunately, we waited until the fourth quarter to really do that."

The Panthers trailed 8-3 after the first quarter and missed 12 of their first 13 3-point shots. They were behind 17-10 late in the first half before McPhee and Manley finally gave the home fans something to cheer about by making back-to-back 3-pointers from precisely the same spot on the left side of the court 40 seconds apart.

"The whole first half was pretty ugly," said Welsh, whose team, now 7-10 this season, walked off the floor at intermission trailing 19-16. "It's a number of things. There are some Senior Night jitters. There's some guys out there who deserve to be because they've been really integral parts for the program that hasn't necessarily translated to playing time. So they deserve every minute that they got tonight because they're part of our team."

Though the Panthers never led, they did manage to tie the game at 23 apiece following Manley's 3-pointer from the top of the key with 3:50 remaining in the third quarter. A fast-break layup by Jon Carlo Angiolillo on a pass from Manley brought Pleasantville to within 26-25 with 1:18 to go in the period, but the Panthers trailed by three points heading to the fourth quarter when McPhee missed a 3-point shot at the buzzer.

Croton, taking advantage of some sloppy Panther ball handling, scored seven consecutive points to start the final period and build its lead to 35-25. Pleasantville went scoreless until the 3-pointer by Manley with 3:16 left in the game. The Panthers twice narrowed their deficit to five points, first on an Angiolillo put-back with 2:33 to go and then after two free throws by Jeremy Stone 34 seconds later.

But when the Tigers' Eli Reyer took a pass in the lane from Charlie Goldberg and turned it into a conventional three-point play that gave Croton a 40-32 lead with just 1:48 remaining,



Jeremy Stone of Pleasantville tries to dribble toward the lane in the Panthers' 40-39 loss to the Tigers.



Pleasantville's Jon Carlo Angiolillo takes the ball to the basket in the fourth quarter against Croton.

the Panthers appeared all but finished. Their improbable comeback began eight seconds later with two one-and-one free throws by McPhee, who finished with a team-high 12 points.

A Panther steal led to two more foul shots by McPhee with 90 seconds left. After another Croton turnover, Angiolillo was fouled on a drive to the basket and calmly sank two free throws that moved P'ville to within 40-38 with 51.7 seconds on the clock. Just five seconds later, Angiolillo, after a steal, was back on the line with a chance to tie the game.

He made the first, but missed the second, setting the stage for the crazy conclusion to come. The Tigers threw the ball away with 16.5 seconds left, but the Panthers nearly returned the favor. After a wild scramble in the backcourt, McPhee, while sprawled on the floor, fired the ball



Pleasantville guard Patrick McPhee searches for an open teammate in the first half of Friday's game against Croton.



Pleasantville coach Chris Welsh gives instructions to guard Mike Manley and the rest of the Panthers in the fourth quarter vs. Croton.

past midcourt to a wide-open Salzarulo, who was stopped before he could get to the basket.

When the ball went out of bounds, the Panthers were left with 7.3 seconds to take a last shot. Eventually, it was Salzarulo, not one of the guards, who ended up with the ball in his hands. With no time left to pass, he took the ill-fated final shot that failed to drop.

"I don't even know what happened," said Welsh about the last few frenetic moments. "There's a scrum and it squirts out. Salzarulo, yeah, not a ball handler, but maybe could've gone all the way to the rim, had a step. Then, unfortunately, we have a play, we set it up. We get the ball where we want it, we're looking to go and the kid's feet fell out from under him. He slipped. It was a weird sequence for sure."

According to Welsh, no one watching from the stands should have been surprised by the turn of events in the fourth quarter.

"I was talking to Steve Purcigliotti, the assistant coach of Croton before the game, and he said it always seems every time we play something crazy happens," Welsh shared. "Something out of the ordinary. That was it towards the end of the game."



The Panthers' Nick Salzarulo fires a 3-pointer just before the final buzzer in Friday evening's home loss to Croton.

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Joe Rocco of Byram Hills moves the puck past center ice in Friday's win over Mamaroneck Black.

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Jonathan Lattarulo of Byram Hills (center) concentrates on the puck as he falls to the ice in Friday's game at Brewter Ice Arena.



The Bobcats' Robert Lunder awaits the puck during a face-off in Friday's game vs. Mamaroneck Black.



Left: Byram Hills' Robert Bastone blasts a shot from the right point during the Bobcat victory vs. Mamaroneck Black.

Focus on HOCKEY



Michael Sala of the Ice Cats is pressured as he moves the puck across the ice in Sunday night's game vs. the Sabers.



Mt. Pleasant goalie Lucas Van Bramer gets ready to thwart RJ LaSpina of Somers/North Salem on a third-period breakaway.



Mt. Pleasant's Vincent Spaziant controls the puck in Sunday night's game at Brewster Ice Arena.



With an empty net behind him, Kyle Dearborn of the Mt. Pleasant Ice Cats gets set to pass the puck late in Sunday's 5-2 loss to Somers/North Salem.



Horace Greeley's Ed Girardi tries to move the puck out of the Quakers' defensive zone in the third period of Sunday's game vs. Mahopac.



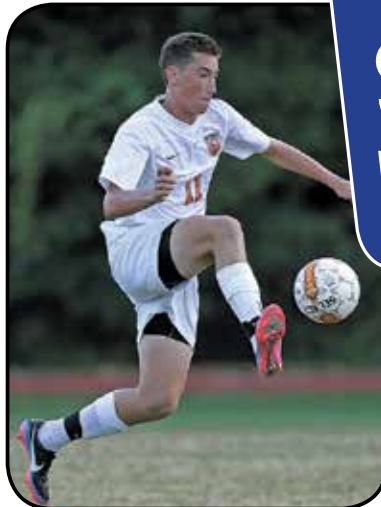
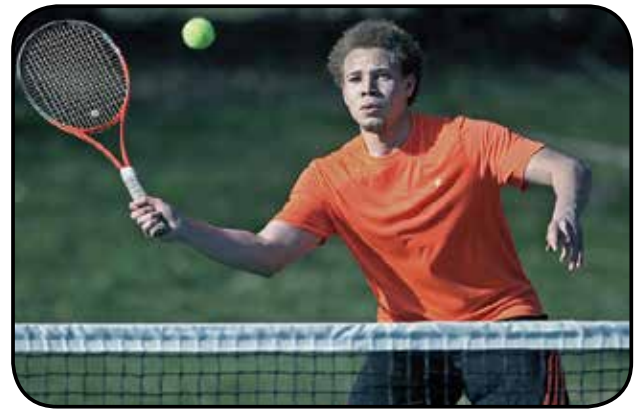
Above: Nick Sloan of Greeley sends a shot on goal as Mahopac's Joseph Geary defends in Sunday's game, won by the Indians 5-3.



Left: Greeley goalie Nick Bright makes a save late in Sunday's game vs. Mahopac at Brewster Ice Arena.



Greeley's Ryan Ruseicki carries the puck toward the goal in the second period of Sunday night's game vs. Mahopac.



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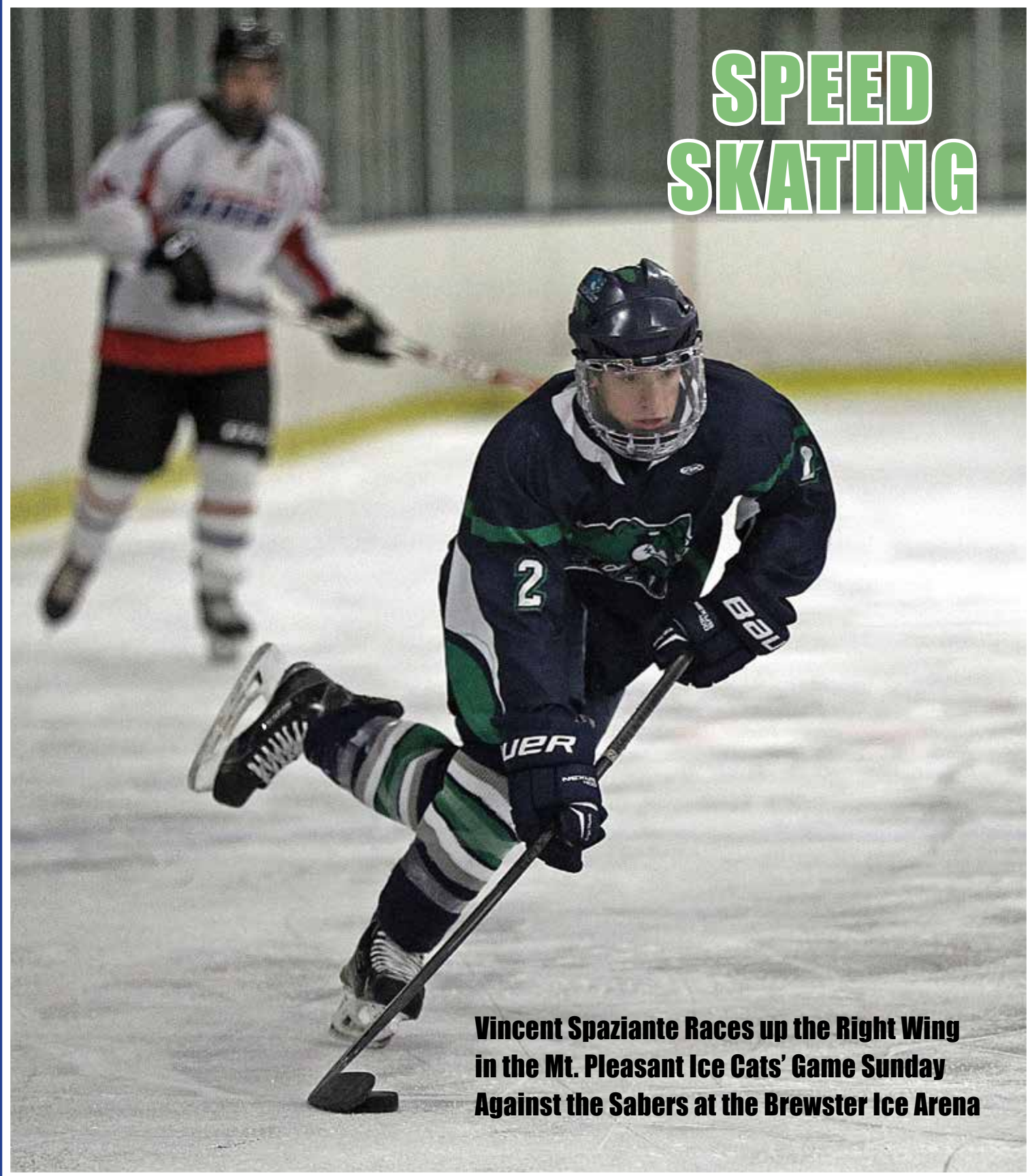


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