Gardens’ Revised Housing Plan

By Martin Wilbur

Representatives for the owner of Armonk’s Mariani Gardens submitted an updated residential plan for the site that sharply increases the number of smaller units but North Castle officials were hesitant to embrace the change last week.

In June, Mark Mariani, owner of the nursery and the four-acre parcel at 45 Bedford Rd., pitched a 43-unit luxury rental plan with 16 one-bedroom apartments along with six two-bedroom units, 16 three-bedroom units and five four-bedroom residences.

On Oct. 3, the applicant submitted a revised 49-unit proposal to the town that calls for 34 one-bedroom apartments, 10 units with two bedrooms and five townhouses, a three-bedroom unit and four others containing four bedrooms.

Project planner Rob Aiello said the rotation of the large “C Building,”

Helping Others Stay Healthy

County Executive George Latimer signs into law Westchester’s recently approved Earned Sick Leave bill outside The Village Bookstore in Pleasantville last Friday. Under the new measure, employees accrue a minimum of one hour of earned sick time for every 30 hours worked or roughly 200 hours for a full-time employee to earn one day. Officials estimated that about 36 percent of Westchester’s workforce fails to accrue sick leave, particularly those who work in retail and food service or as home health care aides.

New Castle Releases Tentative 2019 Budget, Complies With Cap

By Martin Wilbur

The Town of New Castle last week released its $41.9 million tentative budget for 2019 that easily complies with the state’s tax cap but calls for a tax rate increase of 2.25 percent.

Under the proposed plan, the tax levy increase for next year stands at 2.32 percent, or nearly $485,000, more than $557,000 under the town’s 2019 ceiling, said Comptroller Robert Deary. It is the eighth consecutive year that New Castle has compiled with the cap since it was instituted by the state.

The average taxpayer, would currently expect to pay an additional $165 in town taxes next year, according to Town Administrator Jill Shapiro’s budget message. “It provides the services our residents expect and continues our efforts to dramatically restore our infrastructure to conditions our residents deserve.”

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The town’s tax rate is based on the budget’s tentative $22.4 million general fund and Highway Department budget of $5.36 million. It does not include the various special districts. A carryover of about $486,000 – the amount of money New Castle was under the line and holding tax increases to responsible levels without exceeding the tax cap,” Shapiro wrote in her budget message. “It provides the services our residents expect and continues our efforts to dramatically restore our infrastructure to conditions our residents deserve.”

The carryover of about $486,000 – the amount of money New Castle was under the cap last year – and a robust growth factor of 1.065 gives New Castle plenty of leeway under the cap, Deary said. If the town would raise taxes by the allowable contingencies with an eye to the bottom line and holding tax increases to responsible levels without exceeding the tax cap,” Shapiro wrote in her budget message. “It provides the services our residents expect and continues our efforts to dramatically restore our infrastructure to conditions our residents deserve.”

No. Castle Officials Leery of Mariani Gardens’ Revised Housing Plan

By Erin Maher

Bedford Rekindles School of Choice Option for Mount Kisco Students

By Martin Wilbur

The Bedford Board of Education will again consider alternatives for Mount Kisco Elementary School students whose parents decided to opt them out of the Dual Language Bilingual Education (DLBE) program to attend another school in the district.

District officials are weighing whether to allow the single-language classroom students, in what are also referred to as traditional class settings, to attend one of Bedford’s four other elementary schools.

Another alternative is to offer the single-language curriculum at the school if there are enough Mount Kisco Elementary students whose parents decide to opt their children out of the DLBE program.

After the board announced on Sept. 26 that they would be investigating the newly-implemented integration policies to provide traditional classroom students at Mount Kisco Elementary a more equitable experience, the discussion continued last Wednesday evening with the board searching for a permanent solution to the challenges facing the DLBE program.

Although district officials last school year decided to try integrating the traditional students with the DLBE students, some parents said the strategies included just 30 minutes twice a week with the dual language students.

Since 2015, Mount Kisco Elementary, which has a large number of students from Spanish-speaking families, has offered parents of children in grades 1-4 who attend the school the choice of a single-language curriculum or enrolling in the DLBE program after their child finishes kindergarten.

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once again raised the possibility of an option referred to as "school of choice" that Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christopher Manno had presented last year. That alternative would have had Mount Kisco's traditional class students transferred to West Patent Elementary School. However, the option was strongly opposed by West Patent parents.

Ultimately, the board decided on new program integration procedures at Mount Kisco to provide traditional class students an equitable school experience.

"This is not about choosing another school," said board President Colette Dow. "It's about choosing a program."

Officials said if there are enough children for two 16-student traditional classes per grade, then they would remain at Mount Kisco Elementary. If there aren't enough students opting out of the DLBE program, then traditional class students would be able to attend other elementary schools in the district.

It wasn't mentioned which school or schools could be attended by Mount Kisco students who have opted out of the DLBE program.

Board members noted that in order to have a plan in place for 2019-20, they would need to have parents decide soon whether their children will be part of the program. A preliminary Dec. 31 deadline was mentioned.

While no concrete decisions or options were made or presented, Dow pleaded that it was imperative this be done in a timely fashion.

"Implementation to be fair, must be made as quickly as possible," she said.

The discussion concluded with the board requesting a priority implementation timeline from the administration if the district pursues school of choice.

Mount Kisco Elementary School parent Chris Graham, an outspoken critic of the current traditional classroom model, said he was happy the board is taking steps in hopes of rectifying the matter.

"I appreciate the board looking into the school of choice option again," said Graham. "My three kids would contribute to any of the schools in the district, and ought to have that opportunity."

In April 2016, the district reviewed the program amid complaints from parents of children in the single-language setting about being segregated from their peers and failing to receive an equal elementary school experience.

The board ultimately decided last year there would be enhanced efforts to provide additional experiences for them at Mount Kisco Elementary School.

More discussion on the issue is anticipated at the Oct. 24 meeting.

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$1,042,000, the tax rate increase would stand at close to 5 percent, he said.

"We typically have one of the highest growth factors," Deary said. "Last year was also very high, which I think was part of the reason why we had so much carryover."

Despite being well under the cap, total spending will jump by close to $2.7 million. Deary said the majority of that spending increase is as a result of more than $3.8 million in debt service the town will pay next year, a rise of nearly $1.6 million over 2018. Much of that is a result of the $18 million the town borrowed this year; about $14.1 million of borrowing is for the downtown Chappaqua infrastructure and streetscape plan and related expenses. Debt service on the $18 million amounts to $1,785,000 next year.

Two new positions have been included in the 2019 tentative budget – one laborer each for the Water Department and the Parks Department, Deary said. The Parks Department laborer’s top task will be grass cutting from spring to fall on town property. That employee would be used for snow removal once it is necessary, he said.

Each of the two new laborer positions pay $47,182 with another $33,000 combined in benefits.

Deary said the town is initially setting aside $700,000 for road paving and has typically added money as the year progresses, reaching upwards of $1 million in that area.

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Bipartisan Group Creates Movement to Reclaim Political Center

By Anna Young

As the division in political ideologies continues to deepen in the United States, an organization dedicated to finding common ground is seeking to place a bipartisan option on the presidential ballot in 2020.

Members from the No Labels movement outlined their goals for governing from the center through bipartisanship in the House of Representatives and the presidency during a forum last Thursday at the Katonah Village Library. No Labels chief strategist Ryan Clancy cited Congress as a major problem, but suggested much bigger problems stem from President Donald Trump.

Clancy noted how in the last two years Democratic and Republican leaders have moved farther away from bipartisanship to either show their loyalty or hatred for Trump. That's not what the country needs right now, Clancy said.

"As we sit here today and look out at the next two years, it's very depressing to think about what looks like is coming down the pike," Clancy said. "Because what looks like is coming down the pike is two years of President Trump destroying and denigrating his opposition."

He said No Labels is currently exploring integrating a bipartisan presidential ticket as a path to national unity. Clancy added that the group is researching and polling the idea in New Hampshire but would likely need a candidate from a Democratic primary running as an independent, third party or spoiler campaign to agree to the movement.

Along with the presidency, Clancy said No Labels recently launched The Speaker Project campaign over the summer, a movement which called for using the election of a new speaker in January as leverage to make rule changes that force Congress to be responsive to more bipartisan legislation.

A month later, members of the Problem Solvers Caucus released their own agenda. The caucus is a 48-member group sponsored by No Labels that is evenly split between Republican and Democrat officials who promote bipartisan initiatives. Their Break the Gridlock package aims to reform the rules in the House that will ensure bipartisan legislation.

Provisions include electing a speaker that is a representative of all members of the House; increasing accountability and transparency; establishing a fast-track procedure with several specific parliamentary changes that would enable bipartisan legislation and amendments to receive priority consideration on the House floor; and encouraging and rewarding consensus driven governing.

The proposal would also eliminate the motion to vacate, which allows a single lawmaker to force a vote on ousting the sitting speaker. The proposal would instead require one-third of the House to sign a public petition to force such a vote. The proposal also prohibits members from adding amendments to legislation under a “closed rule” system.

The caucus is encouraging House members who agree to the package’s provisions to sign a pledge that states they will support a speaker who also supports the movement. Clancy said those who sign the pledge will receive a “No Labels seal of approval” that notifies voters of their intentions moving forward.

In a divided Congress, which Clancy believes the Nov. 6 election will produce, he is confident that the small group of members can create big changes if they stick together.

“This is not as crazy as it sounds,” Clancy said. “There is a precedent for it.”

For more information, visit www.nolabels.org.

Ryan Clancy, chief strategist for No Labels, outlines a plan last week in Katonah to support officials and office seekers who govern from the political center and look to promote bipartisanship.
which would contain 20 of the one-bedroom units and the 10 two-bedroom residences toward the back of the parcel closest to Route 22, and a slight reorientation of the smaller structures would increase the percentage of open space to nearly 45 percent.

It would also require no construction within a deed restricted area. The restriction was discovered this summer. The site would also remain in character with the Bedford Road Historic District.

Furthermore, the number of bedrooms is reduced under the revised plan from 96 to 73, which lowers the requirements for water and sewer service. There would also be about 5 percent less building coverage and a 20 percent reduction in floor-area ratio.

"By modifying this, we have a large greenspace along Maple Avenue where we have the deed restricted area and by modifying the locations of the buildings we're also able to accommodate additional greenspace between each of the proposed buildings," Aiello said.

A few weeks after the original plan was unveiled, a nearly 40-year-old deed restriction surfaced. It appears the agreement was to protect the sightlines for nearby Wampus Brook Park and serve as a buffer, said Town Attorney Roland Baroni.

North Castle Town Board members, who would decide whether to rezone the property from Nursery Business to a residential multifamily zone, quickly voiced their skepticism of the latest iteration. Councilman Stephen D'Angelo said if he had seen the newest plan first, he wouldn't have been nearly as receptive, suggesting it may not be as high quality as what was originally proposed.

"They were talking about five-digit (monthly rents) at these properties and now we're looking at one-bedroom apartments," said D'Angelo. "It's a big change."

Councilman Barry Reiter added that the difference in the makeup of the units would also change who lives at the site.

The applicant's attorney, Anthony Veneziano, said Mariani has grown to prefer the revised plan.

"I still think it's going to be a high-quality project, the rents are going to be substantial," Veneziano said. "A lot of that is going to be there but it is noticeably different."

Aiello mentioned, for example, that some of the one-bedroom units would be as large as 1,400 square feet. However, Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto said that residents had warmed to the original plan. She asked Veneziano whether the applicant shied away from it because of the deed restriction. Officials have a responsibility to make the right decision regarding this property, DiGiacinto said.

"I think that this is probably the most important gateway into our town," she said.

Veneziano responded that initially they sought a way around the restriction but when the project's professionals started working on the revised plan, Mariani took a liking to it.

"So there was a sense that it might be a difficult process (with the deed restriction) and then when they started to run in this direction – the lead principal makes decisions pretty fast – and within hours to days the project had morphed into more of the newer plan," Veneziano explained.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro said looking at the revised proposal feels as though the applicant is "shoe-horning" the units into the remaining space available.

Although it is less in keeping with the recently revised Comprehensive Plan and density remains an issue, Schiliro asked the representatives to keep refining the proposal.

"You've got five different opinions here," he said. "I'm not sure we're ever going to get a project that the whole board is enamored with but there is probably a project that a majority of this board would probably be very happy with and willing to move forward on."
Pleasantville Grapples With How to Tackle Coyote Issue

By Anna Young

A spiraling number of coyote sightings in Pleasantville forced village officials last week to devise suitable course of action to deal with coyote encounters in the community.

The Pleasantville Village Board discussed several scenarios to help the public, including when it’s appropriate for the village to pay for the cost to trap an animal. Officials also suggested hosting educational forums with experts to provide additional insight.

“The challenge we confront is how to go forward with a policy that identifies when we would support trapping,” Mayor Peter Scherer said. “There’s the unclear line between an animal that feels like it’s gotten too close to people and an animal that is actually a threat.”

With an uptick in reported coyote sightings in the village over the last two months, officials invited Kevin Clarke, a wildlife biologist for the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), to speak with residents on Oct. 2.

During the forum, he said spotting coyotes is a trend that residents should become accustomed to with an increase of wildlife filtering into the Hudson Valley. He advised dog owners never to leave their pets unattended in a yard and for them to be walked on a short leash. He also recommended residents carry an air horn or whistle or carry a stick when they take their dogs out on walks. If a coyote approaches, they should make themselves appear to be aggressive to get the attention off their pets and scare the coyote away.

He also stressed that residents should keep their cats indoors and recommended residents erect a six-foot fence to keep coyotes out of the yard. The DEC will only issue a permit to a homeowner or municipality to remove a coyote if it exhibits threatening behavior, Clarke said.

While officials grappled with who would pay the cost of trapping a coyote, Trustee Joseph Stargiotti said the village has the responsibility if the DEC confirms the animal is a threat.

“We have a fair number of people asking for our help because they’re afraid of coyotes,” Stargiotti said. “As a village we owe it to our neighborhoods to help them with situations like this.”

Police Chief Erik Grutzner said he is currently working with a resident who was issued a permit by the DEC to trap an aggressive coyote. He said the animal trapper has hung cameras in the neighborhood and set up traps that will be checked every day.

Village Administrator Eric Morrissey said the expert suggested leaving the traps and cameras in place for three weeks. It will cost $835 a week to trap the coyote, Morrissey said.

“I’m happy to support us spending the money to help a neighborhood,” Stargiotti said.

Trustee Nicole Asquith stressed the need for additional outreach. She suggested a panel of experts provide residents, officials and the police department with the information they need to coexist with coyotes. With more education, she said the board can create a prevention-based policy, which she asserted is the best approach to resolve the issue.

“I think education is such an important piece of this because if people don’t learn how to fend them off and give them a clear signal to stay away, we’ll continue to have problems,” Asquith said. “We have to plan for the future because we’re all adjusting to this.”

While Scherer and Trustee Steve Lord agreed that research and education is an important component, Stargiotti said most residents just want the coyote removed from their property.

“There are people who are not going to want to go to those things and learn,” he said.

Scherer said the board would research and analyze neighboring coyote policies and consider a plan at the next meeting.
**Ex-P’ville Administrator Dwyer to Serve in Interim Role in No. Castle**

By Martin Wilbur

Former Pleasantville Village Administrator Patricia Dwyer will serve as North Castle’s interim administrator and help the town with its search for a permanent replacement.

On Wednesday night, the Town Board voted unanimously to retain Dwyer and her consultant firm, Sourced Municipal Solutions, LLC, to help the town with various tasks until a new administrator is hired. Under the terms of the agreement, Dwyer will be paid $85 an hour.

Supervisor Michael Schiliro said Dwyer was available as early as last Thursday to assist the town and to get acclimated to North Castle in the next few weeks, although she will not have a regular presence as interim until Nov. 5.

“It's sort of hours as needed, so she won't be here 40 hours (a week),” Schiliro said. “She's concluding a project in Pelham right now where she did the same thing. She's just finishing up that program and they're about to have a new hire as a permanent position, so she'll put in some time as needed over the next couple of weeks.”

Dwyer retired from Pleasantville last March, capping a 31-year career as an administrator in Walden, Orange County, and two separate stints in Pleasantville that sandwiched a six-year stay in Mount Kisco.

The need for an interim materialized after the Town Board opted against extending former administrator Joan Goldberg’s contract, which expired at the end of last month. The town has been operating without an administrator since Sept. 4 when Goldberg was escorted out of Town Hall.

There was no estimate given about how quickly officials would like to find and hire the permanent administrator.

Last month, the board hired former comptroller and director of finance Dawn Donovan to help the town during its budget preparation process, something that Goldberg assisted with during her six years as administrator. Donovan is assisting North Castle despite continuing to serve as comptroller in Eastchester.

**Chappaqua Names New Seven Bridges Assistant Principal**

By Anna Young

The Chappaqua Board of Education appointed a Putnam Valley educator last week to serve as the new assistant principal of Seven Bridges Middle School.

Nicole Mangiere was appointed during the board’s Oct. 11 meeting following a month-long interview process that attracted more than 100 applicants for the position. She will begin in Chappaqua on Nov. 26.

Mangiere will fill the vacancy created by Gregory Stiefel, who left Chappaqua to become principal of Tuckahoe Middle School. Longtime educator Lisa Kor has been serving as interim assistant principal.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Ackerman said Mangiere’s colleagues described her as a passionate educator and an engaged instructional leader who dedicates herself to supporting students and staff in their daily learning.

“Nicole possesses an extensive knowledge of curriculum, assessment and instruction, and values the importance of collaboration and teamwork,” Ackerman said. “Given her public school, charter school and Teach for America experiences, she will be a fantastic addition to our school leadership team.”

Mangiere is currently serving as assistant principal at Putnam Valley Middle School. She began her career in 2008 where she taught third- and fourth-graders at the Theodore Schoenfeld School in the Bronx.

Two years later, she joined the KIPP Academy in New York City, where she was a learning specialist and later served as the academy’s director of leadership development and grade-level chair.

Mangiere received her degree in communications with a minor in education from Cornell University. She holds two master’s degrees from Bank Street College, one in childhood general and special education and the other in leadership for educational change. She currently is pursuing her doctorate in educational leadership at Manhattanville College.

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Mt. Kisco Approves New Mountain Avenue Cell Tower Lease

By Neal Rentz
The Mount Kisco Village Board recently approved a lease that would allow a 114-foot cell tower on 2,500 square feet of municipally-owned land on Mountain Avenue.

Mayor Gina Picinich said the MTA will take space on the new cell tower that will be built by New Singular Wireless to replace the current 85-foot structure with Crown Castle International Corp. An additional application will need to be submitted to the village to allow the tower to be constructed, Singleton said.

No. Castle Airs Concerns Over MBIA Property at Scoping Session

By Martin Wilbur
The North Castle Town Board closed the public comments on the scoping session last Wednesday for the proposed office park redevelopment project at 113 King St. but will allow written comments on the proposal until Oct. 26.

A partnership called Airport Campus has proposed building 173 units of multifamily rentals, the effect on emergency services and traffic, the impact on the town in conjunction with other proposed projects in Armonk and the impact on the school population as key concerns.

With the possibility of the seven-story building reaching as high as 85 feet, that structure would be far taller than anything in the area, said Councilman Jose Berra.

"Right now, you don’t see any tall buildings," Berra said. "One of my concerns is whether there’s any impact in that direction because I think it’s nice not to see anything standing out there."

The applicant’s attorney, Mark Miller, said while the zoning would permit an 85-foot building, the seven stories above grade would likely be about 75 feet.

Traffic impacts on both Armonk and North White Plains must also be studied, Berra noted.

Councilman Stephen D’Angelo urged the partnership to study whether a similarly sized hotel, proposed for a portion of property that had once been part of IBM’s complex, can successfully co-exist.

“My concern is all of a sudden we have two hotels, they’re both half-empty and neither one can support itself,” D’Angelo said.

There was just one speaker from the public that stepped forward to comment last week. North White Plains resident Ed Lobermann questioned whether the additional housing is needed in town.

“I just want to please have you think about the long-term aspect,” Lobermann said. "Is that what we really want in that area, these additional developments that are a short-term solution to the economy and our tax rates and so forth? But I don’t think it’s worth the long-term effects that I can see happening.”

The comments from the scoping session will be used to develop the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

WHERE IN THE WORLD? By Edward Goralski
Travel Trivia. The quiz this week is based on questions from Travel Trivia, a daily trivia game you can play right in your email inbox. “Every day you’ll learn interesting facts about unique destinations through short and interactive trivia questions.” Enjoy your travels!

1. In which country is the city of Casablanca located?
   A) Tunisia  B) Libya  C) Morocco

2. What city adopted the Goodyear Blimp as their official city bird?

3. What river flows through Albuquerque, N.M.?  
   A) Rio Grande  B) San Juan River  C) Colorado River

4. Which airline has the largest fleet?
   A) American  B) United Airlines  C) Lufthansa

5. What is the windiest city in the world?
   A) American Airlines  B) United Airlines  C) Lufthansa

6. What sits atop Germany’s highest peak, Zugspitze?
   A) American Airlines  B) United Airlines  C) Lufthansa

7. What is the deepest river in the world?
   A) Amazon River  B) Missouri River  C) Congo River

8. What two countries does the Haskell Opera House straddle?
   A) Sweden and Norway  B) Ukraine and Belarus  C) USA and Canada

ANSWERS:
1. C. Casablanca is the largest city in Morocco and
2. A. Denver
3. B. San Juan River
4. A. American has nearly 1,500 planes in service
5. B. Seattle
6. C. Zugspitze is the highest peak in Germany
7. C. The Amazon River
8. C. Sweden and Norway

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Residents Brainstorm on Future of Mt. Pleasant’s Hamlets at Workshop

By Neal Rentz

Mount Pleasant residents provided ideas to improve the Hawthorne, Thornwood and Valhalla business hamlets last week during a second Comprehensive Plan update public visioning workshop.

The roughly 50 residents who attended the Oct. 9 meeting at the town’s Community Center in Valhalla divided themselves into groups to brainstorm and give the town’s consultants ideas to incorporate into the revised plan. During the exercise, each group listed one of the hamlets’ strengths, its current challenges and where improvements may be made.

Tiffany Zezula, deputy director of the Pace University Land Use Law Center which is assisting town officials with the update process, said the ideas provided by residents would be compiled by the town’s consultants. The information will be placed on the town’s website and distributed to residents via e-mails.

Strengths in Thornwood included the Four Corners, the area near the old train station that has a firehouse and post office and the Thornwood Town Center while some of the significant challenges are flooding, traffic and unkempt properties.

Residents listed constructing more sidewalks, creating public commons spaces, new transportation options, bike pathways and the development of more senior housing as potential opportunities.

In Valhalla, the Kensico Dam Plaza and various historic areas were recognized as strengths. Residents cited the lack of access to playing fields and a need for a new bridge over the Branch Brook as weaknesses. Opportunities for Valhalla include creating a commons space for the public and finding ways to maintain its small-town feel.

Hawthorne’s strengths included playing fields that are child friendly, Berger Hardware, which regularly gives back to the community, and the annual Mount Pleasant Day. Weaknesses include areas of Route 141 that are run down and inadequate parking for non-commuters.

Opportunities for the hamlet that were mentioned last week are creating additional parking, building sidewalks, the potential for mixed-used development near the Metro-North station, plantings to help beautify the area and implementation of a streetscape program.

Director of Planning Pat Cleary said the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee and the town’s consultants have created a series of potential goals for the town in the revised plan that fall under four key categories.

Stability, value and character of residential areas, providing housing types to allow residents to remain in Mount Pleasant as they age, revitalizing the hamlets with mixed-use development, adequate parking and improving connections between the hamlets are the main goals in the Built Environment category.

In the area of economic development, Cleary said goals include enhancement of the town’s economy by focusing on successful business districts diversifying the permitted uses in the hamlets’ commercial business districts; the future of the town’s existing office parks; revising zoning and land use regulations so the town may host significant medical and biotech facilities; and maintaining a stable tax base.

Cleary said preservation, protection and management of natural resources is a key goal under environmental concerns along with design development to minimize energy and water consumption and wastewater production. For all new projects, green building and sustainable design principals should be used, he said.

Utilizing watersheds as fundamental underlying planning areas and assuring that floodplains are not impaired by development so they may continue to provide benefits are also critical.

Under the category titled social environment, Cleary said proposed goals include public health planning, striving for equality of town services, recognizing vulnerable populations’ needs, particularly in disaster planning, and reinforcing the town’s cultural identity with museums, libraries and music and art.

The previous public visioning workshop was conducted in May. Town officials are hopeful to have the draft of an update Comprehensive Plan completed by spring.
Police Blotter

County Police/Mount Kisco

Oct. 10: Report of an unresponsive man in his seventies at his Amuso Drive residence at 10:43 a.m. The man was subsequently pronounced dead by paramedics of apparent natural causes.

Oct. 11: Police responded to a residence on Barker Street at 9:44 a.m. after a home health aide reported that her client was not answering the door. The client, who had overslept and did not hear her aide knocking at the door, was awakened by officers.

Oct. 11: Detectives arrested a 25-year-old South Salem man at 3:41 p.m. and charged him with menacing another person with a handgun during a road rage incident last month. On Sept. 20, a motorist reported that a man pointed a gun at her on North Bedford Road. The suspect was taken into custody at his home by detectives from the General Investigations Unit and charged with second-degree menacing, a misdemeanor.

Oct. 11: A motorist reported at 4:11 p.m. that his car was damaged by a hit-and-run driver while parked near 92 S. Moger Ave.

Oct. 11: A man flagged down an officer on South Moger Avenue at 9:33 p.m. to report that his teenage daughter, who suffers from anxiety and depression, had become upset and left home without permission and he was trying to locate her. A sergeant found the girl at Lexington Avenue and Smith Street and transported her to Northern Westchester Hospital. The teen's parents were notified to proceed to the hospital.

Oct. 12: Police assisted an elderly woman at 12:51 p.m. on Bolits Street who reported she was feeling weak and ill. She was taken by ambulance to Northern Westchester Hospital.

North Castle Police Department

Oct. 5: Report of a possible problem with the railroad crossing gate at Virginia Road at 11:51 p.m. The caller stated that at about 11:15 p.m. she waited at the railroad crossing for about 10 minutes but no train came through and the gate did not return to an upright position.

Oct. 6: A subject arrived at headquarters at 6:40 p.m. to drop off a .22-caliber starter pistol she found in her home. She no longer wanted the firearm in her residence.

Oct. 7: Report of a vehicle driving south in the northbound lane of Route 120 at 10:46 p.m. The vehicle turned left and then drove south on Route 120. The caller was unable to provide a vehicle description. The responding officer stated that the vehicle was apparently gone on arrival.

Oct. 9: An Annadale Street resident reported at 12:12 p.m. that there was a coyote in front of her house. The responding officers stated that the animal ran into the wooded area and is away from residences. Police monitored the area for the remainder of the tour.

Oct. 9: The Fire Department pager reported at 9:38 p.m. that a small fire had occurred at a Leisure Farm Drive residence but it was extinguished by the homeowner. The fire department was dispatched for further investigation. The responding officer reported that the fire department confirmed the scene was safe.

Oct. 10: Report of criminal mischief on North Broadway at 9:49 a.m. A call was received at the desk reporting a broken window in the past at the business. The responding officers secured photos and written depositions.

Obituary

Joseph Donato

Joseph Donato of Thornwood died on Oct. 11. He was 70.

Donato was born on Sept. 8, 1948, to the late Luigi and Maria Donato in Marcellinara, Italy. He was a self-employed landscaper in Westchester and later worked for Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne. He was an avid gardener.

Donato is survived by his devoted wife, Caterina Donato, of Thornwood; his loving children, Michael Donato of Thornwood and Maria (Brian) Grasso of Mohegen Lake; and his two brothers, Frank (Judy) Donato of Pleasantville and Saverio (Talia) Donato of Milano, Italy.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Oct. 14. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Innocents Church in Pleasantville on Oct. 15 followed by interment at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Greenburgh.

County Jail Inmate Pleads Guilty to Assaulting Corrections Officers

An inmate at the Westchester County Jail pleaded guilty last Thursday in connection with two assaults on corrections officers nearly a year ago.

John Wooten pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree assault, a Class D felony. Wooten was being held at the jail on a felony criminal mischief charge committed at 25 Operations Drive in Mount Pleasant on Dec. 19, 2017, at the time of the assaults.

The two separate attacks on the corrections officers occurred in late December and in January.

Joseph K. Spano, commissioner for Corrections, said the handling of these two assaults demonstrates the ongoing collaboration among Westchester’s law enforcement community.

“Today’s plea sends a strong message – assaulting any member of our correctional staff is unacceptable and will be dealt with swiftly,” Spano said.

“It will also carry serious consequences for all state prison sentences.” Wooten, who faces up to seven years in state prison on each charge, is scheduled to be sentenced on Nov. 14.

—Martin Wilbur

Pleasantville Crossword Puzzle Contest Set for Friday

The 21st annual Westchester Crossword Puzzle Contest to benefit the Pleasantville Fund for Learning will be held this Friday, Oct. 19 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Westchester Table Tennis Center in Pleasantville.

The event will feature unpublished Monday through Thursday puzzles from The New York Times, selected and edited by Pleasantville resident and New York Times crossword editor Will Shortz, who will oversee the contest.

Prizes will be awarded to the top solvers overall as well as the best junior (25 and under), senior (60+), rookie, Pleasantville resident and doubles pair. Prizes will also be awarded to one randomly selected correct solver of each puzzle.

The cost is $40 for a solo solver or $50 for a doubles pair, which includes a wine-and-cheese reception immediately following the contest. All money raised goes to the Pleasantville Fund for Learning.

The Westchester Table Tennis Center is located at 175 Tompkins Ave. in Pleasantville. Sign-up can be done at the door.
Veteran, Trumpeter Tell Story of Recovering From War Trauma

By Martin Wilbur

When Staff Sgt. Jaymes Polling returned from combat in Afghanistan for the last time in December 2013, he wasn’t overly concerned about his transition back to civilian life.

But that changed one night while at his father’s house in Cleveland.

“I was walking around my dad’s house and a helicopter flew over,” recalled Polling who served for years, including three tours with the 82nd Airborne Division. “I had a physical reaction to that. I kind of found myself in this full-blown adrenaline rush but I was just standing on the street and it was around midnight. I was obviously worried about it afterward. How can I get control of this? Is this going to be my new norm? Where do I go from here?”

That’s not an unusual occurrence for veterans but talking about it is. For many, seeking and finding help is an even bigger hurdle.

About two years ago, Polling was introduced to Cleveland area jazz trumpeter Dominick Farinacci, who was putting together an album at the time. The producer suggested that Farinacci include the piece “Soldier’s Things” by Tom Waits, which the trumpeter wanted to speak about the military, Farinacci wanted to speak.

Since September 2017, they have collaborated on a show called “Modern Warrior Live,” where Polling serves as narrator of his stories.

He is accompanied by Farinacci’s score that is a blend of the blues, R&B, jazz and gospel. Farinacci’s trumpet is enhanced by a full rhythm section, percussion and several vocalists. The show also consists of multimedia images.

On Wednesday, Oct. 24, the pair bring their powerful production to the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center in partnership with the Mental Health Association (MHA) of Westchester.

Farinacci said they wanted to convey the critically important message of veterans’ struggles to a wide cross-section of the public and destigmatize the personal and emotional problems. Since last year, they have given more than 30 performances to audiences his story of returning to civilian life and recovering from trauma at war during a performance of their riveting production of “Modern Warrior Live.” The show can be seen on Oct. 24 at the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center.

That is where he met Polling and they found a connection. It gave Polling the impetus to start writing about his experiences from enlistment at 17 years old to deployment to his struggle with the life-altering memories of war when returning to civilian life at 26. Farinacci then began writing music to go with his stories.

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Coalition Submits Letter to IRS to Fight SALT Deduction Cap

By Anna Young

A growing coalition of municipalities and school districts partnered to challenge proposed regulations created by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that would prevent residents from deducting state and local taxes (SALT) on their federal tax returns.

The Coalition for the Charitable Contribution Deduction, comprised of close to three dozen Westchester municipalities and school districts, submitted a letter to the IRS before the deadline for comments requesting the proposed regulations be withdrawn. The regulations would deny a full charitable deduction for donations to the charitable funds.

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale), who spearheads the coalition, said it was necessary to protest the IRS’ actions with the potential threat to taxpayers struggling to remain in their communities.

“Charitable reserve funds serving a public mission and encouraged by tax credits have proven to be a critical tool for taxpayers and local governments alike,” Paulin said. “These proposed regulations break IRS precedent and undermine the effectiveness of the new charitable fund established.”

The coalition is comprised of Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk counties and 34 Westchester school districts and municipalities, including New Castle, Bedford, Ossining, North Salem, Lewisboro and White Plains. Local school districts include, the Pleasantville School District, White Plains, Ossining, Briarcliff Manor and Old Westbury.

The Brewster Central School District in Putnam County has also joined the coalition.

The submitted letter takes aim at the legal reasoning and abandonment of past IRS precedent that underpins the proposed regulations. The group hopes to persuade the Treasury Department and the IRS to withdraw the regulations and preserve full deductibility for voluntary contributions.

“This letter reminds the IRS that they do not have the authority from Congress to upend longstanding principles of tax law and, in the process, harm so many New Yorkers and the local governments and school districts that serve them,” Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains) said.

If the proposed regulations become final, the coalition, which is currently working with the law firm of Baker McKenzie, is threatening to file a federal lawsuit.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said the proposed regulations will significantly harm county residents. Roughly 38 percent of taxpayers would be negatively affected by the SALT proposal and could see an estimated 25 percent increase on their federal taxes.

“While the federal government claims only 5 percent of the nation will be impacted by the new limits on charitable deductions, we know here in Westchester that is not the case,” Latimer said. “These regulations will hurt our working families, our property values and our way of life.”

The new federal tax code signed into law last year by President Donald Trump puts a $10,000 cap on SALT deductions. State lawmakers passed legislation in March that was designed to help residents who were disadvantaged by the new federal tax law. This allowed municipalities and school districts to set up charitable reserve gift funds to which taxpayers would contribute to government or school districts instead of paying their property taxes.

In return, they would receive tax deductible credits equal to 95 percent of their donations.

But the IRS issued proposed regulations in August that would severely restrict homeowners from taking advantage of the deduction. Under the proposed regulations, a taxpayer who makes payments or transfers property to an entity eligible to receive tax deductible contributions must reduce their charitable deduction by the amount of any state or local tax credit the taxpayer receives or expects to receive.

Pleasantville Superintendent Mary Foehr Alter said the proposed regulations are illogical, place an undue burden on the states’ ability to provide public education and public services and greatly diminish the federal government’s fiscal responsibility.

She said officials have a fiduciary responsibility to families and taxpayers to explore a voluntary contribution system.

While White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach and Bedford Supervisor Chris Burdick are hopeful the coalition’s concerns will prompt the IRS to withdraw the proposed regulations. North Salem Supervisor Warren Lucas stressed that the law needs to allow full deductions for all individual taxpayers.

“This is double taxation at its worst,” Lucas said. “Taxing people on money they already paid in taxes with no income thresholds protecting those who are vulnerable is bad government.”

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Letters to the Editor

Mt. Kisco Needs Schleimer, Farber to Continue Serving on Village Board

I’m writing to urge my fellow Mount Kisco residents to vote for Karen Schleimer and Jean Farber and re-elect them both to our Village Board of Trustees. With all the rapid changes taking place in our town, we need their experience, skill and dedication more than ever to help build a better town for all of us.

Trustee Schleimer has served as the advocate for the peoples’ interests on our Village Board for years, using her formidable legal skills to examine every important document, check every expense and ask the hard questions about official action (and inaction). Not only has she been our watchdog on the Village Board, she has also been an effective advocate for seniors, minorities, women and environmental conservation.

Deputy Mayor Jean Farber has served as the voice of reason during the recent tumultuous period in our town, working hard to forge fair compromises between opposing interests and effectively supporting sensible solutions. She has also been a leader in the village’s cultural renaissance, as a cofounder of the Mount Kisco Arts Council and as a tireless supporter of our library, volunteer fire department, historical society and other key community organizations.

Karen and Jean have served our town with distinction for years and I urge you to give them the opportunity to do even greater things for Mount Kisco.

John Rhodes
Mount Kisco

4MK Has Provided Mount Kisco With New Much-Needed Lift

4MK was founded to find candidates who are literally For Mount Kisco, transcend any semblance of national politics, and more generally, bring some new ideas and energy to reinvigorate Mount Kisco. Voters should continue the progress in the past year and vote for Gina DiLeo – 4MK on Nov. 6.

My wife and I moved to Mount Kisco almost 15 years ago, attracted to its diverse and vibrant community. But the 2008 recession took a toll. Store vacancies became rampant. Home prices stagnated. Overcrowded housing was not addressed.

The town had become somewhat stale. Sometimes all you need is leadership change to find new perspectives and concepts. There’s a renewed sense of “can-do” spirit that is permeating through the community. Efforts are well underway to improve and beautify the streetscapes. Plans were accelerated to replace water mains to piggyback on Con Ed’s efforts to save paving costs. “The Big Little Village” rebranding campaign was launched.

Business outreach has been strong, with new businesses finally starting to fill the downtown vacancies. Mount Kisco is truly open for business. A strong downtown economy benefits every taxpayer.

4MK is working hard to give Mount Kisco the best chances to adapt and prosper. Gina DiLeo will listen to all constituents and concerns as Mount Kisco plans for the future. Her opponents’ pitch is primarily “Vote the Democratic line.” That’s exactly what 4MK is against. Vote for the best candidates. That’s why I’m voting for Gina DiLeo and Jean Farber.

Keith Ferguson
Mount Kisco

Farber’s Dedication, Sound Judgment a Critical Asset for Village

Jean Farber, Mount Kisco deputy mayor and trustee, should be re-elected on Nov. 6. The public sees her as a dedicated and enthusiastic leader, who supports many civic activities in town. She is a founder and key supporter of the Mount Kisco Arts Council and a keen supporter of the volunteer fire department, the Conservation Advisory Council and the historical society, among other organizations. She supports the activities and needs of our senior residents. She gives open and public support to so many functions, including new businesses and individual residents’ concerns and initiatives.

What the public does not usually see behind the scenes is a thoughtful, intelligent trustee at work on complex issues and difficult decisions. Ms. Farber asks the questions that need to be asked when we address the manager’s proposed budgets, when we consider troubling real estate issues, when tricky personnel considerations arise and when we take the advice of lawyers on the most controversial issues in town.

In the trustees’ work sessions, she is a dedicated colleague, carefully analyzing every detail and working with board members and managers to arrive at the best solutions for the many actions that require attention. She is highly engaged and decision-oriented in every discussion, and above all, she exercises wise and sound judgment on every subject. That is a rare quality.

She is exactly the trustee that Mount Kisco residents should keep on our board.

The ballot papers are tricky. Readers should know that they can choose any two out of three candidates for trustee. Anybody voting for Gina DiLeo can also vote for Ms. Farber, even though they are on the same vertical line on the ballot.

Peer F. Grunthal
Mount Kisco Village Trustee

DiLeo Exhibits Leadership in Abundance and Would Serve Mt. Kisco Well

Election Day is fast approaching and voters residing within the Village of Mount Kisco will be soon be faced with choices regarding who should fill Mount Kisco’s village trustee positions. I write to introduce voters to my friend and candidate running on the 4MK party line, Gina DiLeo. Gina, a lifelong resident of our village, has my full support because she has what it takes to be a trusted and dedicated village trustee who will work tirelessly to serve and support our community.

No one can doubt Gina’s dedication to public service in her personal and professional life. She has been an active member of the Mount Kisco Volunteer Fire Department for over 25 years. During her tenure with the department, she served in numerous leadership capacities. While Gina currently serves as a commissioner and the department’s secretary, she previously sat on the Board of Directors, served as a vice president and was a member of the 9/11 Memorial Committee, which was instrumental in planning, funding and erecting the 9/11 memorial adjacent to the library. She has also volunteered to serve as a Girl Scout troop leader and volunteer for the Alzheimer’s Association and Burn Care Everywhere Foundation.

The Village of Mount Kisco needs trustees who are involved, knowledgeable, transparent and willing to make tough decisions. Gina’s ability to tackle issues and her proven track record of leadership exemplifies what our village should expect from its trustees. As a Mount Kisco resident for more than 40 years, I support Gina DiLeo for trustee and hope you will too.

Katherine Valvano
Mount Kisco
DiLeo, Farber Provide a Positive Step Forward for Mount Kisco

The candidates for Mount Kisco village trustees shared their views at a candidates’ forum on Oct. 3. The personalities and views of the candidates were very evident as they answered questions.

In addition to years of service as a volunteer firefighter, Gina DiLeo brings fresh perspective and extensive leadership experience. Jean Farber’s positive impact on the community is evident in the work she has done as a contributing member of the Mount Kisco Arts Council. Both spoke with great enthusiasm about the positive path forward for our community.

In sharp contrast, Karen Schleimer was “saddened by the direction in which our community was heading.” I, too, am saddened, but by Trustee Schleimer’s caution that Mount Kisco is headed to a place that she nor her family find attractive. In the last 10 months, the village has experienced a revived energy that is visible and encouraging. Notable highlights include low housing inventories; significant reductions in vacancy rates within the business district; implementation of an Adopt-An-Area program beautifying the downtown; establishing a parking task force to optimize visitors’ experience; creating a marketing committee to brand our village; and undertaking a Comprehensive Plan process that engaged the community to create a strategic plan for the future.

A watchdog is a reactive role. I view the role of trustee as a proactive position where a leader brings forward ideas that positively impact the quality of life in our community. I want a trustee that engages different constituencies to define a path to get to yes rather than passively sitting back and always saying no.

The residents agreed that last year’s change in leadership was a vote for a path forward based on a clear vision. Let’s keep the momentum moving in a forward direction. I will be casting my votes for Gina DiLeo and Jean Farber.

Eileen Polese
Mount Kisco

Murphy’s Apathy on Women’s Reproductive Rights is Appalling

It is no longer a question of whether or not one voted for Trump. That election is long over. The question is whether or not one is satisfied right now, today, with the agenda that is being inflicted on us from Washington.

With the recent confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, the war on women is alive and well, and also for those at the very local districts, both in my town and Mount Kisco.

Schleimer’s Tough Questions, Attention to Detail a Big Plus for Village

As a 29-year Westchester County resident (North Castle), lifelong New Yorker and a 50-year political activist, I follow with great interest the goings on about my town and my extended community of the immediate neighboring locales. I have campaigned for national and state-wide candidates, and also for those at the very local districts, both in my town and Mount Kisco.

It is with unwavering confusion and disappointment that I have not seen anything in your publication regarding Trustee Karen B. Schleimer’s candidacy – nor an endorsement for her, for the Village of Mount Kisco Town Board. I read the online version daily and the printed version on publication day.

Ms. Schleimer is a woman who, even before her first election in 2012, had fought tirelessly for the village – she is a protector of not only the town, but also most especially, its citizens. Ms. Schleimer is a “keeper” of the integrity of the business that runs the village. As an experienced attorney, she reviews all of the town’s expenses going over the bills with a degree of intensity that we could use at the federal government.

She reads every contract and proposal that is submitted and has been known to refuse to vote on issues unless and until she has covered the ground thoroughly, becoming fully aware of what the issues are.

Ms. Schleimer asks the tough questions – again, not only of those presenting propositions but also of those who sit on the board with her, and additionally, of those coming in with occasionally controversial complaints or suggestions. She is a strong challenger, taking nothing at face value, which is the most important asset a person representing the people can have in the current political climate.

I can’t imagine a better, or more accomplished, skilled and educated candidate for re-election.

I ask for your endorsement of her and I hope to see your message in these pages soon. The election, as you know, is only about three weeks away. The voters deserve your attention, and this election warrants your support in favor of a candidate whose heart and soul are in the job.

Ellen Fuhrer Salomon
North Castle

Harckham Campaigning on Important Issues While Murphy Slings Mud

State Sen. Terrence Murphy’s Trump-like lies and baseless smears have begun.

While his opponent, Democrat Pete Harckham, is campaigning on important issues like access to affordable healthcare, infrastructure improvements, codifying women’s reproductive rights into New York State law, holding the line on taxes, protecting the environment, passing the Child Victim’s Act and keeping citizens safe from gun violence, Murphy has resorted to mudslinging to distract from his own miserable record.

When you have few accomplishments other than helping to hold up important legislation – legislation that would improve the lives of your constituents and every New Yorker – it’s easy to resort to attacking your opponent, even if you have to lob slanderous lies to do so.

Pete Harckham is an honorable candidate with a long history of legislative achievement and integrity. The Hudson Valley needs an experienced state senator to pass important legislation rather than oppose it, who puts the citizens of his district first rather than himself and who can be trusted to tell the truth.

On Nov. 6, let’s elect Pete Harckham to the state Senate and send our current senator, who spews lies and slurs, packing.

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A comfortable mattress is critical to happy, healthy living

As a thankfully busy realtor, I operate best with a good night's sleep. Sometimes that can be elusive.

Some years ago, there was a television commercial for Sealy, the world's largest mattress manufacturer that made me smile each time it ran. Its slogan was "No Matter What You Do in Bed, Sealy Supports It."

It reminded me of the first story I heard about mattresses—"Princess and the Pea." Even as a naive child, I thought, "Yeah, right, she could feel that pea under 20 mattresses!"

But during my lifelong experimentation with mattresses, some delightfully comfortable and others deplorably torturous, I fashion myself somewhat an expert on them. Today, I might run a close second to the princess about being finicky.

For my first apartment in New York City, I bought an inexpensive mattress from Macy's, and, as I recall, it was the superstore's own brand. Although inexpensive, it was dreamily comfortable. When my future wife came to my apartment for the first time, I showed her my antique sleigh bed, bragging that I probably had the most comfortable mattress ever.

"Why don't you give it a try?" I asked. She refused. Things were different back then. There is evidence that people have been seeking softer sleeping surfaces for more than 10,000 years. Since the Egyptian Pharaohs had beds of ebony and gold, it is assumed that they devised something soft to place in them, but common people simply slept on palm bows heaped in a corner.

By Roman times, mattresses were placed on top that provided comfort. Placed individually suspended, with materials patented the "pocket coil." A coil was placed inside a pocket made of cotton and rubber. In 1900, James Marshall invented and patented the "pocket coil." A coil was placed inside a pocket made of cotton and individually suspended, with materials placed on top that provided comfort. By the 1930s, innerspring mattresses with upholstered foundations gained the prominent position they still enjoy.

Futons were introduced in the 1940s, foam rubber mattresses appeared in the 1950s, followed by waterbeds in the '60s and airbeds in the '80s. But most of us still rely on innerspring mattresses.

In selecting a mattress, you might consider the suggestion of the International Sleep Products Association that you spend at least 15 minutes lying on it. Then again, you might not. The last time I bought a mattress, I tried six different models and can't imagine that I would have spent an hour-and-half dozing off at Sleepy's.

The primary choices in selecting a mattress are the degrees of firmness and the size. Much of the firmness debate is solved by the new options for adjustability, even for each side of the bed.

Then there is the question of how big the mattress should be. Widths range from 39 inches for a twin to 76 inches for a king. Lengths range from 75 to 84 inches. While the square footage of homes and the size of bedrooms are shrinking, anyone sharing a bed may think twice about diminishing the size of the bed proportionately. If you share a double bed with a partner, you have as much personal sleeping space as a baby in a crib.

Then there's this story from when my wife took her 88-year-old mother to buy a new mattress. The salesman noted that it came with a 20-year guarantee.

"At my age, I only need a five-year guarantee," my mother-in-law replied. "Can I get a better price for that?"

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By Colette Connolly

There’s a new Asian bistro in the Thornwood Town Center and its owners, Sammie and George Li, are excited to share the restaurant’s unique cuisine with the community.

Tobi Asian Bistro, a 130-seat restaurant which officially opened its doors Oct. 1 and celebrated an Oct. 7 grand opening, is similar in many ways to the high-quality fare the couple has been serving at Tengda Asian Bistro in Katonah for the past decade.

The restaurant, which takes its name from the Japanese word “tobi,” meaning to fly, specializes in sushi and hibachi cuisine.

The kitchen is led by head chef Felix Kam, who has 25 years’ experience, including five years at the well-known Edo Japanese Steak House in Port Chester. George Li, a trained sushi chef, will lend a hand if needed, but spends most of his time overseeing the business.

Customers are guaranteed the full hibachi experience when they visit Tobi Asian Bistro, said Sammie Li, who manages the front-of-the-house operations. Only the best meat and seafood is served, including chicken tenderloin, fresh scallops and black Angus steak.

“We believe delicious food is all about fresh ingredients and fantastic cooking skills,” said Sammie Li. “And at Tobi Asian Bistro, we have them all.”

The new hibachi dinner menu includes tobi clear soup, salad with homemade ginger dressing, a flaming shrimp appetizer, vegetables, noodles and white or fried rice.

Diners can choose from a number of solo meat and seafood dishes or a combination of both from the hibachi menu. Popular combinations include chicken tenderloin and shrimp; filet mignon and shrimp; shrimp and scallop; the Seafood Triple, which consists of lobster, shrimp and scallop; and the Tobi Triple, which includes Angus steak, chicken and shrimp.

There is also a children’s hibachi menu for kids 10 and under. Side orders of fried rice or noodles, shrimp, scallop, steak or chicken are also available.

Included in the menu are some of the sushi dishes that have been popular at the Katonah restaurant, such as appetizers blackened salmon carpaccio and the Tobi Tartar (spicy crunchy tuna or salmon, guacamole and balsamic vinegar).

Other tasty appetizers from Tobi’s Sushi Bar are the Yellowtail Jalapeno (cilantro, yuzu dressing and chili sauce); the tuna dumpling (spicy blue crab with mango and tobiko wrapped with fresh tuna); and the sushi taco (tuna, salmon or yellowtail, onion, jalapeno, tomato and mustard soy sauce).

Various platters are also available at the sushi bar. Those include the spicy roll platter, the veggie roll platter, the Imperial Sashimi, Omakase, which is the chef’s daily inspiration, in addition to other delicious options.

Tobi’s special main course dishes include the crispy duck, pan seared tuna, grilled shichimi filet mignon, XO Chilean sea bass and Thai Red Snapper, among others.

Regular appetizers available in addition to hand rolls, the chef’s special rolls and Poke bowls.

There’s a well-stocked bar at Tobi Asian Bistro. It includes a variety of French, Italian and Spanish wines along with spirits and beer.

“We really care about the details and believe in serving our customers the way we like to be treated ourselves,” Sammie Li said.

A catering service and takeout is available at Tobi Asian Bistro. There is no delivery service at this time.

The restaurant is located in the Thornwood Town Center at 1008 Broadway in Thornwood. The restaurant is open Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday there is no service from 3 to 5 p.m. On Sunday, the hours are 3 to 10 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling 914-495-3365. For more information, visit www.tobiasianbistro.com.
Songwriter DioGuardi Provides Young Talent Chance to Shine

By Martin Wilbur

Kara DioGuardi’s time as an “American Idol” judge in 2009 and 2010 may have been relatively brief but it gave her the impetus to do something special to help young people.

The Grammy-nominated songwriter and Westchester native has used her experience from the show and in the music industry to launch a vocal competition featuring young talent in New England where she now lives and in the tristate area through the nonprofit organization Inspired Nation DioGuardi co-founded.

In both locations, Inspired Nation’s vocal competition not only showcases promising young talent and provide them with important direction but the events raise money for local charities that help youngsters in need.

Paramount Hudson Valley in Peekskill will be the venue for the second annual Tri-State Rocks on Sunday, Oct. 28, where 12- to 21-year-olds will be competing for small cash prizes and a Berklee College of Music summer sessions scholarships, where DioGuardi also teaches.

“It gave me the idea to put together a nonprofit to celebrate youth,” said DioGuardi of her time on “American Idol.” “While I loved being on the show I wish I had more contact with the contestants. I wish I had been able to give them more feedback and help them with their artistic vision.”

She is able to use her knowledge and her success in the music industry to provide that feedback and help shape tomorrow’s performers.

Inspired Nation also provides a platform to youths to express themselves and chase their dreams, DioGuardi said.

“I just realized that there were so many fine artists out there that they use music to convey their thoughts about the world and that there is a certain power that you have,” she said. “I think they’re underserved in the sense that they don’t really have platforms to tell their stories and they have a lot of great things to say, and especially since they’re going to be inheriting the world, let’s listen to them.”

There is still time for contestants from the tristate area to enter and be considered for the show, DioGuardi said. The deadline for submissions is this Monday, Oct. 22. Anyone interested must submit a videotape of a performance of either an original song or a cover. The video must be no longer than 90 seconds and should be an individual performance with no backing from musicians.

Finalists will be selected on Tuesday, Oct. 23 and notified by e-mail for inclusion in the Oct. 28 show at the Paramount. DioGuardi will be one of the judges along with Atlantic Record President Pete Ganbarg and Leslie Stifelman, the music director of the show “Chicago.”

“Vocal ability is probably the number one thing, but (also) presence, performance and personality,” DioGuardi said of what judges are looking for.

Of equal importance are the four organizations that will split the proceeds from the event. Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital in Valhalla, Sunrise Day Camp in Pearl River, Art Start in New York City, which brings creative workshops to children in homeless shelters, and Kids Helping Kids, an outfit that encourages middle school and high school students to create community service projects, will be the beneficiaries.

Last year’s event raised about $55,000 for the participating charities.

DioGuardi said she’s looking forward to the show because it brings the community together to appreciate young talent while helping great causes.

“You know what it is, it’s a family-friendly show,” she said. “So it’s a really great thing for anyone in the area.”

Tickets to Tri-State Rocks are $20 and $30. VIP tickets go for $100. DioGuardi said there are donor tickets available for those who would have difficulty buying tickets. Show time is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. The Paramount is located at 1008 Brown St. in Peekskill.

For more information on the show, including tickets, and how to submit entries for consideration, visit www.inspirednation.org.

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**P’ville Farmers Market Apple Pie Contest Postponed to This Saturday**

Because of inclement weather last Saturday morning, the Phelps Annual Apple Pie Contest at the Pleasantville Farmers Market was postponed until this weekend, Oct. 20.

The market looks forward to welcoming contestants with their apple pie or apple dessert. If you have not yet registered, there is still time at www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.com. Only amateur home bakers are permitted to enter. Junior chefs 18 years and under are welcome.

The three categories that will be judged are the all-from-scratch two-crust apple pie, the all-from-scratch one-crust apple dessert and the all-from-scratch apple pie by a junior chef.

Bring your pie or dessert and the $5 entry fee to the Pleasantville Farmers Market on Memorial Plaza by 9:45 a.m.

Entry fees support the market’s scholarship fund, annually awarded to a graduating Pleasantville High School student on the basis of community service in environmental stewardship, education and leadership. You could win bragging rights for a year and an abundant gift basket.

For more information on the contest, e-mail bessie@pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

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**Armonk Shelter, Local Business Partner to Find Dog a Home**

A two-year-old dog who spent almost 500 days since she was born at Adopt-A-Dog in Armonk will soon have a home.

Pet care services provider Canine Company has offered a special adoption package valued at more than $3,000 to find a permanent home for Thumbelina, a 42-pound bull terrier mix. The company also launched a campaign to share the dog's story via social media.

"Thumbelina will make an awesome pet for some family," said Kelly Dugan, adoption coordinator for Adopt-A-Dog. "She has the looks, the personality and the smarts. She loves climbing in a lap for a snuggle with her human friend as much as she loves playing with other dogs."

In addition to covering Thumbelina's adoption fees, Canine Company will provide her adopters with a fully installed Invisible Fence® Brand system, at-home obedience training, two visits from its mobile grooming van and a go-home goodie basket filled with toys and treats.

For more details on the adoption package, visit Canine Company's Facebook page.

"Thumbelina is such a great catch, we can't believe she's been waiting so long to be adopted," said Renee Coughlin of Canine Company. "While Adopt-A-Dog has taken wonderful care of her, she needs a forever home. We hope this adoption package will encourage the perfect family to come and meet her."


Adopt-A-Dog was established in 1981 to save, socialize and secure loving homes for unwanted or abandoned dogs. Today, it has a staff of 15 and houses between 35 and 40 dogs at its Armonk shelter. It is licensed by the New York State Department of Agriculture as a not-for-profit Animal Adoption and Rescue Organization.

Canine Company has been helping families keep their dogs and cats healthy, safe and happy for 35 years. Based in Wilton, Conn., the company serves pet parents across New England, New York and New Jersey with the Invisible Fence® brand systems, Manners dog obedience training and mobile grooming and pet sitting in select markets.

Two-year-old Thumbelina has spent almost her whole life in a shelter. Now, Adopt-a-Dog has partnered with Canine Company of Wilton, Conn. to find her a home.
Samhain: When Two Worlds Merge on Oct. 31
By Brian McGowan

A recent article in a religious publication described Halloween as an event deeply rooted in Christian tradition.

Grafting might be a better term, implying that any Christian tradition associated with the occasion is an applique on something much older, much as a tree bearing fruit may be grafted onto the trunk of an older tree, one whose fruit was very different and equally vibrant.

True, the term in use today — Halloween — signifies the Eve of All Hallows, and the first of November is rightfully celebrated as All Saints Day, also referred to as All Hallows Day. But let's look more deeply at the roots of the tree, which still may delve deep into the nourishing earth below.

On the Celtic calendar, Oct. 31 is the feast of Samhain (SOW-in, with the "ow" pronounced as in “how”). Well, the feast really spans both the last day of October and the first day of November, since the Celtic day of 24 hours begins and ends at sunset rather than at midnight. Samhain marks the end of the harvest season and the beginning of the Celtic winter, as well as the passing of another year.

We move from the "light" half of the year to the "dark.” It is one of the four major Celtic seasonal festivals, the others being Imbolc (Feb. 1), Beltane (May 1) and Lughnasas (Aug. 1), which was recently addressed in this column as the major of these festivals. Major or not, Samhain, or Halloween, continues to have the most magnetic hold on the popular imagination and has morphed into an almost universally celebrated event throughout the Western world.

At Samhain, the boundaries between our world of the living and the other world, that of the dead, are lifted and free passage is afforded to the spirits inhabiting the far side, whether good or not. It is a time for honoring ancestors, inviting them to the hearth and enlisting their aid in warding off malevolent spirits who might be their unwiling companions, aiming to wreak havoc among the living for the duration of the feast.

One way of doing this would be to don evil-looking garb, bizarre costumes and ghoulish masks to fool evil spirits that someone was already at work spreading mayhem and dismay. Food was prepared, both for the living and the dead. Portions left uneaten would be shared with the less fortunate. A scary night, certainly, but one with great purpose and a stronger chance of calling protection upon oneself and one's family than most others offered.

Enter Christianity and a convenient transformation occurs. November 1 becomes the Feast of All Saints (or All Hallows), and the day after becomes the Feast of All Souls. Why Oct. 31 wasn't similarly commandeered is a mystery but may speak to the depth of its presence in peoples' psyche — strong magic not to be toyed with.

On these days we honor the dead, just as the ancient Celts did. And on the eve of these Christian feasts, the custom of wearing costumes to ward off evil spirits endured, carried to America and other parts of the world with the Irish diaspora, where it has nicely blended with other customs appropriate for a harvest festival and is a solid favorite of young and old alike.

Lastly, if you are looking for some good Irish Christmas cheer (it's never too early to start planning), at least two opportunities are on the horizon. On Dec. 11, at Schoen Hall in New York City, Lunasa takes center stage. They've got other stops as well on a Northeast tour, but that's where I'll be seeing them. On Dec. 22, at Tarrytown Music Hall, Cherish the Ladies graces the stage once again, warming our hearts and feet with music that the band's founding member Joanie Madden promises won't be Celtic Women.

Looking for some cold weather staples to soften your journey into winter? Stay tuned, as Irish Eclectic will soon roll out "the real deal" in Irish baking: brown bread.

Pleasantville resident Brian McGowan was born and raised in the Bronx and is a second, third and fifth-generation Irish-American/Canadian, as his immigrant ancestors followed several paths to the New World. Reach him at brian.m.mcgowan1952@gmail.com, or on Twitter (@BMcgowan52M). To see more of his writing on "things Irish," follow his blog, "Rethinking Irish," at www.rethinkingirish.com.

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Supplemental Summons and Notice

Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises are situated.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Park Place Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-WC1, Plaintiff, against German Bohorquez, if he be living and if he be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, liens, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) and "John Doe" and "Jane Doe," the last two names being fictitious, said parties intended being tenants or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in, or lien upon the premises described in the complaint.

Notice of Nature of Action and Relief Sought: The object of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a mortgage in the sum of $384,000.00 dated March 31, 2005, executed by defendant(s) German Bohorquez to Argent Mortgage Company LLC recorded on May 11, 2005 in Control No. 451190556. Argent Mortgage Company LLC assigned all of its rights, title and interest in the Mortgage by way of an assignment executed July 2, 2013 to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Park Place Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-WC1. The assignment was duly recorded on July 25, 2013, in Control No. 531913817. On July 1, 2008, for valuable consideration German Bohorquez duly executed, acknowledged and delivered a loan modification agreement dated that date, whereby said defendants bound himself/herself in the new principal amount of $367,675.28 with interest thereon in (the "Loan Modification"), covering premises known as 9 South Kensico, Mt Pleasant, NY 10595 (AKA 9 South Kensico, Valhalla, NY 10595 (Section 117.19, Block 1 and Lot 86). The relief sought within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. To the above named Defendants: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an amended order of the Hon. David F. Everett, A.J.S.C., and filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester on 08/20/2018. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Mount Pleasant, County of Westchester and State of New York, Section 117.19, Block 1 and Lot 86, said premises known as 9 South Kensico, Mt Pleasant, NY 10595 AKA 9 South Kensico, Valhalla, NY 10595. You are hereby put on notice that we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. By reason of the aforesaid, there is due and owing to plaintiff the sum of $342,772.75, with interest thereon at 5.90000% per annum from June 1, 2012. Unless you dispute the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, within thirty (30) days after your receipt hereof that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, the Debtor Judgment against you and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to you by the herein Debtor Collector. 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Board of Legislators Approves Funding for Miller House Restoration

By Martin Wilbur

The Board of Legislators unanimously approved $700,000 in spending Monday evening to restore Miller House/ Washington’s Headquarters on Virginia Road, believed to be George Washington’s location during the October 1776 Battle of White Plains. The money will help rebuild the 280-year-old house’s roof, fortify its walls, chimneys and foundations, improve drainage at the site and update systems in the building, among other work.

The board also approved use of another $250,000 from a New York State grant secured by Assemblyman David Buchwald, which will be used to erect a separate, small classroom/visitor center on the property.

The new funding, in addition to a previously approved $1.3 million by the county, will finally move the project forward after well over a decade of inertia. Design work is about 80 percent completed and is expected to be finished in the next few months. Mold abatement and other work has already begun on the site.

“As an educator, I believe that we must continue to maintain the Miller House – not just for current residents but for future generations,” said County Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant), whose district includes the site. “I want to thank everyone involved who made this happen; working together, we have saved a piece of history.

The house was acquired by the county in the early 20th century and it was opened as a park and museum in 1918. But the house has been closed to the public for years as it fell into disrepair. Funding initially was approved to begin restoration back in 2010, but the project was stalled for nearly a decade until now.

In a statement released shortly after the vote, County Executive George Latimer said he was happy to hear that the Miller House will be restored “to its rightful glory.”

“This long-languished project will now enter into the next phase of the remediation work, which includes mold removal, restoration and construction of the visitors’ center announced in April,” Latimer said. “I look forward to the completion of this project so it can once again serve as an educational and historical hub for Westchester residents.”

The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, New York State Register of Historic Places and the Westchester County Inventory of Historic Places. The site is also a Town of North Castle landmark.

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County Board Approves New CSEA Contract

The Westchester County Board of Legislators voted unanimously Monday night to approve a new contract with Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA).

The county’s largest union represents about 3,000 workers, roughly two-thirds of the county’s workforce. The members had been working without a contract for seven years.

CSEA members ratified the deal on Oct. 5.

The contract is expected to cost the county a little more than $37 million in retroactive pay increases this year, although reimbursements from federal and state sources are expected to reduce that cost by $9.3 million.

“Make no mistake about it, this contract is a good deal for both the dedicated workers who make up our county’s workforce and the hardworking taxpayers of Westchester County,” said county Executive George Latimer, who complimented the CSEA for negotiating in good faith.

The new contract has no retroactive pay for 2012 and 2013, annual retroactive 1 percent increases for 2014 through 2017, a 2 percent increase for 2018 and 2019 and a 2.25 percent raise for 2020 and 2021.

Starting in January, employees hired before 2019 will contribute between 5 and 10 percent to their health care premiums depending on salary scale. Employees hired starting in 2019 will contribute 10 to 20 percent. Previously, members did not contribute to their health care costs.

—Martin Wilbur

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF VAST VIDEOGRAPHY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 8/10/18. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Vast Videography, LLC, 24207 Town Green Dr., Elmsford, NY 10523. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCE LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 08/03/18. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of LLC upon whom process is Westchester County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of LLC upon whom process is Westchester County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of LLC upon whom process is Westchester County. SSNY designate as agent of LLC upon whom process is Westchester County. SSNY designate as agent of LLC upon whom process is Westchester County. SSNY designate as agent of LLC upon whom process is Westchester County. SSNY designate as agent of LLC upon whom process is Westchester County. SSNY designate as agent of LLC upon whom process is Westchester County. SSNY designate as agent of LLC upon whom process is Westchester County. SSNY designate as agent of LLC upon whom process is Westchester County. SSNY designate as agent of LLC upon whom process is Westchester County. SSNY designate as agent of LLC upon whom process is Westchester County. SSNY designate as agent of LLC upon whom process is Westchester County. SSNY designate as agent of LLC upon whom process is Westchester County. SSNY designate as agent of LLC upon whom process is Westchester County. SSNY designate as agent of LLC upon whom process is Westchester County. SSNY designate as agent of LLC upon whom process is Westchester County.
Tuesday, Oct. 16
Henna Art. Learn how Henna has been used for thousands of years and applied to the skin. This program uses a natural dye. Henna paste made from plants will be applied to the skin to make a decorative design. Discover how Henna is made and its history. Those who do not wish to have a design on their hand will still learn and work on creating some original designs. Presented by Margie Nugent, an internationally certified natural Henna artist. For youngsters 11 to 15 years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

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

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

Elder Law and Estate Planning & Special Needs Planning. Salvatore M. Di Costanzo, Esq., a leading elder law attorney, and his colleague, Joanna C. Feldman, will answer questions and speak about assisting clients with estate planning, wills, trusts, Medicaid and long-term care planning and related areas of interest. Wainwright House, 260 Stuyvesant Ave., Rye. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/elder-law-estate-planning-special-needs-planning-a-family-conversation-tickets-5062297719.

Chappaqua Library Board of Trustees Meeting. Chappaqua Town Hall, Conference Room C, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779.

Wednesday, Oct. 17
Zumba Fitness. Achieve long-term benefits while having a blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements to engage and captivate for life. For all fitness levels. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 9 a.m. Every Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. Info: Contact Peggy at 914-960-4097.

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

New Mommy and Daddy Meet-Up. Whether it’s your first child or your fifth, this is a great way to get out of the house, meet new friends and enjoy time with your baby. World Cup Nursery School, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 10:25 to 11:10 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-238-9267 ext. 20.


Easy and Fun Remedies for the Aging Voice. Learn and practice daily vocal warm-ups, exercises, singing routines and healthy strategies to help keep your voice fit and long lasting. Led by Gaida Hinnawi, senior speech pathologist and voice rehabilitation specialist. Phelps Hospital, Room, 545, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 10:30 a.m. to noon. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3010.

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 E. 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.mountpleasantslibrary.org.

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

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

Chess Workshop for Young Adults. Come learn chess with the help of guided instruction and supervised play. Included will be the study of strategy and tactics to make you an even better player. For children in grades 5 and up. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Free. Info. Also Oct. 31 and Nov. 14 at the main branch in Pleasantville. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantslibrary.org.

Look Good…Feel Better. A two-hour workshop that teaches beauty techniques to women undergoing cancer treatment. Includes a 12-step skincare and makeup lesson, nail care techniques, and professional advice on how to deal with hair loss using wigs, scarves, hats, hairpieces and other accessories. Participants receive a free kit of cosmetics to take home. Phelps Hospital’s Radiation Medicine Conference Room, 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 4:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 800-227-2345.


Chapuaqua resident Amy Paul will discuss the centuries-old tradition and value of drafting a written document in which your life lessons, family history and love are conveyed as a guide and source of comfort to your loved ones. Templates to help attendees write their own documents will be provided. Paul is a former corporate attorney who has worked in the nonprofit world. As a trained mediator, she has been awarded a Geriatric Scholar Certificate. New Castle Town Hall Assembly Room, 200 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaquaLIBRARY.org.

Art Series: Andrea del Verroccchio. Born in 1435, del Verroccchio was not only a master artist, skilled as a painter, sculptor and goldsmith, his studio was one of the most important in Italy. In addition to training artists, he created some of Europe’s most important sculptures. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibRARY.org.

Separation/Divorce Support Group. A new group for men and women separated, in the process of separating or post-divorce. Establishes a safe place where attendees can deal with the pain and loneliness brought about by the ending of a significant relationship. This nondenominational group will use the 12 Steps to focus on its members and the choices made to cope and adjust. Lutheran Church of the Redemption, 15 S. Bedford Rd., Mount Kisco, $10. Every Wednesday. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Contact Inle Amiel at 914-980-0898 or e-mail 12stpedivorcegroup@gmail.com or visit www.meetup.com/Mount-Kisco-12-step-Separation-Divorce-Support-Meetup.

Parenting With Joy and Sanity. Are mornings and bedtimes a struggle with your pre-school child? Are you in constant negotiations with your child? Do you worry and stress when your little one isn’t happy? Join Sue Grenier, The Parenting Mentor, for help to make child rearing less stressful and more fun. Learn how to utilize her CLEAR” method (Communication, Love, Empathy, Awareness, Rules and Respect) while raising confident, resilient children. Bring your questions and issues for an interactive and productive conversation. World Cup Nursery School & Kindergarten, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. continued on page 29.
Lake Worth, Palm Beach’s ‘Stepsister,’ a Quick Winter Getaway

Yes, Palm Beach’s upper crust folks look down their noses at their Lake Worth neighbors. They consider it the other side of the tracks.

As soon you board your flight to West Palm Beach, the Palm Beach crowd are easy to spot; they’re the ones in first class. Men wearing blazers and ascots, women adorned in runway fashions, skin pulled tight and bejeweled.

Lake Worth is one of the best kept secrets in Florida for a sunny, fun-filled, long weekend this winter. But if you go, you must stay at the very charming Mango Inn. It’s a beautiful, classic Florida private home built in 1915. With a tropical feel, its intimacy is like escaping to a secluded Caribbean Island, the perfect place to turn off your engines and smell the roses – or should I say the hibiscus.

Full gourmet breakfasts are included, including mango stuffed French toast. The landscaped pool area is its “piece de resistance,” a hypnotic with cascading water fountains. The rooms are beautifully decorated and comfortable.

The spectacular Lake Worth Beach is a 10- to 15-minute scenic walk over Lake Worth Bridge. By car it’s a five-minute drive – or call a taxi for only $5.

Lake Worth’s beach is as lovely as any you’ve been to. Very clean, powdery soft white sand, roaring surf and never crowded. Rent a romantic cabana lounge for two by the hour or the day. You’ll love Benny’s on the Beach restaurant, which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner on the huge Lake Worth Pier. The huge waves breaking beneath you as you dine are breathtaking. Their seafood tastes like it just jumped out of the ocean.

In Lake Worth you can have a fabulous time without renting a car. Take a taxi from the airport to The Mango Inn for $25. A short walk away, you’ll find innovative restaurants, chic cafes, fashionable boutiques, art galleries and antique shops. My favorite restaurant was Suri Tapas Bar on Lake Avenue with an incredible creative selection of tapas. My favorites are Crispy Duck Confit Cigar, which is braised duck with caramelized onions rolled up to look like a fat Cuban cigar, and Scallops Ay Dios Mio, seared scallops over chorizo hash, and prosciutto wrapped baked figs.

If you rent a car, check out The Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach. Make reservations for their romantic massage for two. (It’s costly but you deserve it.) For golfers, there’s Lake Worth Municipal Golf Club. Culture vultures can visit the Flagler Museum. In Palm Beach, be sure to stroll down Worth Avenue, its world-famous shopping street. It’s to Florida what Rodeo Drive is to Beverly Hills.

So even if you were not considering a winter getaway this year, you can consider getting away for a deliciously long weekend in Lake Worth. There are few places as affordable or as relaxing – and it’s still relatively undiscovered and tourist-free. But since The Mango Inn has only 10 rooms and two private cottages, you must make your reservations now. It can be reached at 561-533-6900. (Leave a message if they don’t pick up.)

While strolling down Palm Beach’s fashionable Worth Avenue, you might bump into one of the well-heeled Palm Beach folks you passed in first class when you boarded your West Palm Beach flight in New York, so be sure to graciously nod hello to them and say, in your most pretentious voice, “Excuse me, but what time does the polo match start this weekend?”

Hastings-on-Hudson resident Richard Levy is a former advertising “Mad Man” creative director and now prolific travel writer. He’s also an inventor of innovative new products and is writing and illustrating a new children’s book. You can contact him at RichardLevyTravelWriter@gmail.com.
Free. RSVP suggested. Info and RSVP: 914-238-9267 ext. 20 or e-mail kim.bremmer@worldcupcschools.com.

Community Cocktail Party to Help Reunite Immigrant Families. The New Castle Diversity & Inclusion Committee and the Chappaqua-Millwood Chamber of Commerce are partnering to host this fun fundraising event. All proceeds will be donated to Immigrant Families Together, an organization that works to reunite mothers with their children. Includes international cocktails, wine from Italy and France, sangria, pizza appetizers and finger food. All invited. Aeschop Fabile, 13 King St., Chappaqua. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. $40. Info and registration: 914-325-3623 or e-mail chapmilloc@gmail.com.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Mark Normand. Mark Normand is a fun-loving, New York comedian. His credits include a one-hour Comedy Central special “Don't Be Yourself,” a Comedy Central half-hour special and The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon. Lucy’s Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 8 p.m. $20. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs.com. Type in promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

Thursday, Oct. 18

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

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

Knitting Circle. This group is open to everyone who has an interest in knitting. Live, love, laugh, learn and have fun together during these creative journeys. Come share patterns and ideas and celebrate creative spirits together while enjoying the ancient art of knitting. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays through Nov. 15. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlibibrary.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, 1 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolibrary.org.


Student Loan Repayments Workshop. A representative from the New York State Financial Services office will present this workshop on RE-Payment plans; forbearance; deferment; loan consolidation; rehabilitation; loan forgiveness; how to bring your loan out of default; and how to stop wage garnishment. A Q&A will follow and informational brochures will be provided. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or www.mountkiscolibrary.org.

Tastes of Northern Westchester. The Mount Kisco Rotary Club's benefit will feature food selections from about 10 local restaurants. The event will raise funds for the Mount Kisco Arts Council. Mount Kisco Holiday Inn Drive, Mount Kisco. 6 to 8 p.m. $125. Two tickets: $200. Info and registration: Visit www.mountkiscorotary.org.

Solving the Retirement Income Puzzle. An educational workshop for people approaching or entering retirement of the recently retired. Led by Social Security, retirement income and tax specialist Paul Petrone. Larchmont Public Library, 121 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 7 to 8 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-834-2281 ext. 3.

"Around the World With Waldo." Temple Sharaay Tefila is launching a new travel club to encourage a sense of community, celebrate cultures across the globe and to learn about new destinations. This first meeting features Waldo Carmenate of Delta Vacations as he shares his myriad experiences and travel recommendations. Designed to be an inspiring and fun-filled event. Traditional British pastries and teas as well as wines from the Bordeaux region of France will be served. Temple Sharaay Tefila, 89 Baldwin Rd., Bedford Corners. 7:30 p.m. Free. Reservations required. Info and reservations: E-mail alyssasachar@gmail.com.

Howie Mandel. Mandel has remained a constant force in show business for more than 30 years. He’s executive producer or numerous shows and currently serves as a judge on NBC’s “America’s Got Talent.” Mandel’s versatile career has encompassed virtually all aspects of the entertainment spectrum, including television, film and stage and wrote his funny, frank no-holds-barred memoir “Here’s the Deal: Don’t Touch Me,” which revealed his ongoing struggle with OCD and ADHD and how it has shaped his life and career. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. $26, $58 and $78. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Friday, Oct. 19

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

"The Unsilent Picture." An immersive theater experience through a screening of the original black and white silent film starring Tony Award winner Bill Irwin and directed by Alex Harvey. Accompanied by live musicians and a special effects “Foley artist.” Historic Hudson Valley commissioned the film, which is based on the Washington Irving short story “The Adventure of the Mysterious Picture.” Shot on location in Croton-on-Hudson. Recommended for children 10 years old and up. Philipsburg Manor, 381 N. Broadway (Route 9), Sleepy Hollow. 6:15, 7:15, 8:15 and 9:15 p.m. $18. Historic Hudson Valley members receive a $5 per ticket discount. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 21 and daily from Oct. 25 to 31. Info and tickets: 914-366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

Dinner Discussions: National Refugee Shabbat. A series of Friday evening events featuring a Shabbat Service, dinner and a topic of importance and interest. Tonight, speaker Dan Janesky, a Newsday columnist covering the White House, will discuss the national political scene with an emphasis on immigration policy and refugee-related issues. Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont and Emanu-El, 2 Ogden Rd., Scarsdale. Service at 6:15 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. Discussion at 7:45 p.m. $25. RSVP required. Info: Visit www.sstte.org/upcoming-events.html or contact Dan Alpert by e-mailing brotherhood@sstte.org. RSVP: E-mail programs@sstte.org.

Lecture and Film Clips. “New York on Film” will be screened. Discussion led by librarian Philip Harwood, Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaquailibrary.org.

Friday Night Film - Screening "Buon Giorno, Papa." Life is one big party filled with wild nights and lots of women for a 40-year-old bachelor who's set in his ways. How much will he change when he discovers a daughter from an old one-night stand? This romantic comedy, starring Italian notables Raoul Bova and Marco Giullini, ponders love, life and the importance of friends and family. In Italian with English subtitles. Post-screening discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastilelibrary.org.

Lucy’s Laugh Lounge: Broads and Babes. The ultimate Ladies Night! Broads and Babes is the hottest interactive comedy show. Starring Chrissie Mayr, Samantha Bednarz and their favorite comedians. Interactive games, improvisation, standup comedy and a carnival atmosphere build up to become the greatest girls’ night ever. Lucy’s Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. $20. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs.com.

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Evolution or Revolution? When the World of Beverages Converges

By Nick Antonaccio

Over the past few weeks we’ve explored the science of winemaking. In one column I delved into the evolving creation of four new grape varietals in a French laboratory. Last week I presented the natural science – the evolution of a bottle of wine from the vineyard through fermentation and aging in barrels.

I’m beginning to notice the manipulation of natural science and laboratory natural science more and more, including crossovers products in wineries and breweries. There is a natural relationship between the production of wine and that of beer. Both products are dependent in their aroma and flavor on the agricultural profile of the grapes and barley/hops grown for specific traits and characteristics. Both products are crafted in a winery/brewery utilizing various strains of yeast; these will affect the fermentation intensity and duration of the finished product. Both products can be manipulated by the use of the numerous options available for storing and aging the end product, be it stainless steel or wood barrels.

I’m noticing more breweries adopting and adapting winemaking techniques and recently I’ve noticed wineries combining the raw ingredients of the two core components. Much of this is the creativity of young entrepreneurs appealing to a changing demographic desire for new products.

Today’s young adult alcohol consumers are enamored with products that veer from the tried and true of previous generations and are willing to spend their disposable income accordingly. Producers are carefully treading into new territories to satiate this burgeoning predilection.

The crossover of brewing into the arena of wine techniques and production has been on the fringes of the craft beer world for several years. A number of brewers are aging select beers in neutral oak barrels (not possessing any distinct aromas or tannins). Exposure to a wood vessel rather than one of stainless steel allows oxygen and the fleeting aromas of oak staves to impart a unique profile to a craft beer. And they have been very popular, although quite limited in production.

However, several craft brewmasters have advanced this crossover. I read of a beer stored and aged in wood wine barrels fresh from this year’s winemaking. The barrels were still moist with grape juice absorbed by the wood staves, thereby imparting a unique style during beer fermentation. A stout ale with hints of Sauvignon Blanc? Perhaps. Check with your local craft beer reseller.

Another crossover beer product is one in which fermenting barley (or other grain) is mixed in vats with fermenting grape juice, again blurring the lines between the two products. Sold as a beer, this hybrid product is still seeking a core market. A stout ale with clear and perhaps competing characteristics of Sauvignon Blanc? I’m not sure in which type of retail shop it would be sold.

The crossover of winemaking into the previously exclusive domain of beer making is quite recent. Taking a page from craft brewers’ production trends, several wineries are mixing grapes and grain. Hops used in beer production are fermented and then added to fermenting grapes at the winery, resulting in a wine with unique floral aromas and a bit of hoppy bitterness. A Sauvignon Blanc with hints of stout ale? Sounds refreshing.

And crossover hybrids don’t seem isolated to beer and wine. How enticing is the latest offering from Hangar 1: rose wine-flavored vodka? I’ll never know.

Now that my head is swirling from the hybridization and competing aromas and flavors of this emerging beer-wine, wine-beer sub market, I feel compelled to embark on a round of market research to ferret out the crafted, refined products from the lesser, market-hyped offerings. Wish me luck.

Note: I will be hosting a fundraising wine and food pairing event, featuring little-known Italian wines, to benefit A-Home, a provider of local affordable housing. It is Friday, Nov. 9 at the Holy Innocents Church social hall in Pleasantville at 7 p.m. For tickets ($75), contact Barbara Coleman at 914-741-0740 or at bcoleman@a-homehousing.org.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 25 years he has conducted wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick’s credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.
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com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

**Westchester Crossword Puzzle Contest.** The 21st annual contest to benefit the Pleasantville Fund for Learning. The event will feature unpublished Monday through Thursday puzzles from The New York Times, selected and edited by Pleasantville resident and New York Times crossword editor Will Shortz. Contestants may solve individually or in pairs. Sign up at the door. Westchester Table Tennis Center, 175 Tompkins Ave., Pleasantville. 7:30 to 10 p.m. Solo solver: $40. Doubles pair: $50.

"Congratulations," Hudson Stage presents a production of Nick Payne’s award-nominated hit that is a charming, devastating and profound exploration of the universal truth of finding and losing love. A play that balances on the question of "what if" is, at its core, a poignant picture of "what is." Directed by Mark Shanahan. Whippoorwill Hall, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 8 p.m. $40. Seniors and students: $35. Also Oct. 20, 26 and Nov. 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 21 and 28 and Nov. 3 at 3 p.m.

**Westchester Photographic Society Presents: Going Beyond the P Setting in Your Camera.** Walter Kimmell’s inimitable lectures on the technical aspects of photography. Be prepared to laugh and learn. For anyone 18 years old and up. Westchester Community College’s Technology Building, Room 107 (Parking Lot 11), 75 Grasslands Rd. Valhalla. 8 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.wpsphoto.org.

"Fun Home." A story centers around a graphic novelist Alison. When her father dies unexpectedly, she dives into her past to learn. For anyone 18 years old and over. For more information and to register for the contest, e-mail: info@pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org. Rain or shine. The market is a dog-free environment. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 17. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

**Chappaqua Farmers Market.** Locally-raised and produced food to the community creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. Chappaqua train station, Chappaqua. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org.

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

**The Year of the Bird Celebration.** This year has been declared the “Year of the Bird” by the National Audubon Society, National Geographic and many others, including Westchester County. Bronx River Sound Shore Audubon is joining this effort to spread awareness and make the connection between the well-being of birds and the natural world. This program is filled with hands-on activities that are fun and educational for the whole family including a mini bird walk, a feeding of our birds of prey and a discussion about the importance of the Endangered Species Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which have saved countless species from extinction. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 a.m. to noon. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: E-mail Sandy at brsaudubon@gmail.com.

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

**11th Annual Halloween Train Show and Fall Festival.** The train village market, an event of the will be the miniature-railroad layout featuring Lionel Trains in Lasdon Park’s Main House, and similar scale trains traveling past haunted houses, spooky scenes and whimsical dioramas. Step inside the haunted house and explore the rooms where you will find ghosts, witches and a special room with a dragon in his lair. Stroll through rainforest exhibit and meet and greet a “live” dinosaur in the Dinosaur Garden or go to the new children’s maze. Also, food, music, face painting, storybook readings and selected vendors. All proceeds to benefit the Friends of Lasdon. Lasdon Park, 2610 Amawalk Rd. (Route 35), Somers. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adults: $10. Children: $5. Every Saturday and Sunday in October. Info: 914-864-7268 or visit www.westchestergov.com/parks or www.lasdonpark.org.

**Adult Salsa Class.** Addie-Tude Performing Arts Center, 42 Memorial Plaza (lower level), Pleasantville. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. $12. Every Saturday. Info: 917-215-1720 or visit www.addietude.com. Call or visit website because classes are subject to change.

**Ghost Hunter.** Have you ever wanted to meet a real Ghost Hunter? Do you want to hear actual recordings of ghosts captured at haunted houses in and around the Connecticut and New York area? Barry Pirro of ConnecticutGhostHunter.com and a paranormal investigator, has been a consultant for several paranormal TV shows including “Ghost Adventures.” For anyone 12 years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. Free. Info: 914-864-0130 or www.mountkiscolibrary.org.

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

**Opening Reception for “Reflections and Crossroads.”** Betsy Murphy is proud to be an artist. She enjoys creating her work in her home studio in Eastchester and takes great pleasure in sharing her knowledge of fusing glass and the process of making art. This solo exhibit promotes her fused glass art and her understanding of how much art affects her life. Marianne Beck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 3 to 6 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through Nov. 3. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 12 to 5 p.m. Info: 914-834-1117 or visit www.maronmackartistsguild.org.

**Taconic Opera Concert.** Taconic Opera celebrates the opening of its 21st season by bringing together two of the most popular one-act operas ever composed for two performances this weekend: Puccini’s “Gianna Schicchi” and Mascagni’s “Cavalleria Rusticana.” Yorktown Stage, 1974 Commerce St., Yorktown Heights. 3:30 p.m. $32 to $67. Seniors receive a $7 discount on all tickets. Family of four: $85. Students: $15. Also Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 855-888-OPERA (855-886-7372 or visit www.taconicopera.org.

**First Congressional Church of Chappaqua’s Oktoberfest.** This second annual event will feature Esposito’s Bratwurst, Captain Lawrence beer, wines from the church’s oenophile’s cellar, pretzels, cider, live music, a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. The event benefits the mission and outreach work of the church. First Congressional Church of Chappaqua, 210 Orchard Ridge Rd., Chappaqua. 5 to 9 p.m. Adults: $25. Children: $15. Info: 914-238-4411 or visit www.fcc-chappaqua.org.

**Lucy’s Laugh Lounge: Fred Rubino.** Rubino returns to Westchester with Gary Kesher and Chrissie Mayr. Lucy’s Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. $30. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs.com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

**“The Laramie Project.”** The Clocktower Players present this play in honor of the life and legacy of Matthew Shepard, who was murdered in Laramie, Wyo. because he was gay. A percentage of the profits from this production will be donated to The Matthew Shepard Foundation: Erasing Hate through understanding, compassion and acceptance. Irvington Town Hall Theater, 85 Main St., Irvington. 7:30 p.m. $35. Students and seniors: $23. Tickets purchase at the door are $3 more. Also Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-591-6602 or visit www.irvingtontheater.com.

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

**Lea Delaria.** Known for her frank, outspoken politics and big personality, Delaria is not one to shy away from comedy that will bite hard and elicit gales of laughter. Her new show features hits from her latest album, "I’m the One," by David: delaria-bowie-jazz, and shows off not just Delaria’s comic genius but her spectacular vocal range. Purchase College’s PepsiCo Theatre, 753 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase. 8 p.m. $30 to $65. Info and tickets: 914-251-6200 or visit www.
Be Vigilant and Always Make a Revocable Trust Flexible

Change is inevitable and it comes in many shapes and sizes. Death, disability and divorce are three of the most common changes in life that can wreak havoc on an estate plan. If your estate plan is not flexible, there could be unintended consequences.

With the increasing popularity of revocable trusts, whether drafted by attorneys or available for purchase online, too many trusts on the market are poorly drafted and fail to provide mechanisms for dealing with changed circumstances.

For example, there is a possibility that we may fall ill and require care at home or in a nursing home. To avoid exhausting all your assets, it might be prudent to apply for Medicaid eligibility. To avoid this situation, your revocable trust should include language allowing the successor trustee, upon your incapacity, to transfer the trust assets to your children, a spouse or to a trust. By allowing for these transfers, Medicaid eligibility can be achieved.

Another situation that cannot be reasonably foreseen at the time of drafting is the ability or willingness of a successor trustee to act. When drafting, it is wise to appoint multiple successor trustees.

What if the trustees you have selected years earlier, however, have no desire to serve as trustee? Your revocable trust must have proper language allowing for the resignation and appointment of successor trustees.

Often, little time is spent on crafting this type of language. Most trusts simply name the successor trustees with nothing more. If a trustee does not want to serve and there is no mechanism to appoint a successor trustee, court involvement is inevitable.

It’s curious that most estate plans do not contemplate the possibility of a beneficiary becoming disabled. I am often consulted by families of beneficiaries who want to inherit assets from an estate while these beneficiaries are also receiving Medicaid benefits. A Medicaid recipient will likely become ineligible if he or she receives an inheritance. A simple solution is to include a supplemental needs trust in your estate plan. The assets within the supplemental needs trust are protected for Medicaid eligibility purposes.

Commonly referred to as a trigger supplemental needs trust, its provisions would go into effect if a beneficiary is disabled at the time they are to inherit from an estate. Since we have no idea whether a beneficiary will become disabled, I include trigger supplemental needs trusts in all my estate planning documents, including revocable trusts.

Finally, with the divorce rate so high, it may be prudent for your revocable trust to state that upon your death the trust’s assets are to be distributed to lifetime trusts for the benefit of your children. If the assets are distributed to your children outright and your children divorce after your death, it is possible that the inherited assets could be considered marital assets subject to equitable distribution. This could be avoided by using a trust.

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