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Anti-Gun Violence Demonstration Planned by Rivertown Students

by Robert Kimmel

When clocks read 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, hundreds of students in the rivertowns will demonstrate their support for tougher gun laws and their sympathy for the victims of the Parkland, Florida school massacre last month.

Sleepy Hollow and Irvington High School students anticipate leaving their classrooms and spending 17 minutes, most likely outside on school grounds, as an expression of their protests before returning. The 17 minutes represent the number of Parkland high school students and teachers shot to death by a 19-year-old former student.

Students at Hackley are also expected to participate in what is described as a national school walkout, mobilized to protest gun violence in the aftermath of the Florida killings and driven by the rising anger over almost 300 school shootings in this country during the past five years.



County Executive George Latimer stands with students and residents at anti-gun demonstration in Tarrytown last month.

The demonstrations are being described as the greatest single protest ever to engage students across the nation. Local district superintendents, school principals, and teachers have been meeting with student representatives to organize protests that will

take place in Parkland, Florida. Events such as these have an impact that reverberates far beyond the boundaries of any single community. It affects us all in different ways, ways which are often hard to define or describe."

be both secure and effective. School authorities, for the most part, are in accord with the students' requests to demonstrate in some manner.

In a letter posted by Chris Borsari, Tarrytown School District Superintendent, he wrote, "As a father, superintendent, and human being, I was deeply disturbed, saddened, and frightened by the tragic and incomprehensible events which

Regarding the student walkout, Borsari later told *The Hudson Independent*, "It is a great opportunity for kids to learn about how you can protest things in a democracy, non-violently." He explained that students had reached out to Sleepy High School Principal Dr. Tracey Smith to discuss the demonstration, "and if the kids want to do this, and it is something voluntary, they can. I would hate to say 'no' to kids when it hits so close to home for every kid in America." Borsari noted that there was continuing dialogue about it with teachers and the principal, among a leadership group, and with the Student Council.

The Middle School students had approached their principal as well to protest in a different sort of way, Borsari said. Whatever is decided upon for both schools, he said it should be "as meaningful as possible, safe and supervised."

"We are talking to students and faculty in regard to the protest," said Dr. Kristopher

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Washington Irving Fifth-Graders Learn Scholarly Ways – With the Help of the Rockefeller Archives

by Barrett Seaman

The long corridor of the Washington Irving School's main floor was lined end to end with poster displays—each attended by a neatly-dressed fifth grade student, ready to explain to visitors (most of them parents and other relatives) what his or her project was all about. Each display followed the same format: the center panel was labeled "Target Question" and included both the hypothesis and the conclusion. The left-hand panel was labeled "Process," outlining step-by-step how the student reached a conclusion, while the right-hand panel listed "Sources"—primary, secondary and tertiary, and in some cases the flash cards the students used to record their sourcing.

Even for these honor students, selected for teacher Elizabeth Hickey's Challenge Class, this was pretty heady stuff. For 45 minutes, five days a week over six weeks, these students



One of 34 fifth-graders who displayed projects at Washington Irving School.

delved into the world of scholarly research on the subjects of immigration, tenement life and the impact of philanthropy in New York City more than a century ago. What made their projects even more remarkable was that they had access to primary sources, stored in nearby

Pocantico Hills at the Rockefeller Archives Center (RAC), the nation's premier repository for historical materials from not only the Rockefeller family's own prodigious charitable activities and organizations but also from many of the nation's other major philanthropies such as the Ford Foundation, Social Science Research Council, the Russell Sage Foundation, Asia Society and Trilateral Commission. (See box, page 14.)

To narrow the scope of the students' research, teacher Hickey and Marissa Vassari of the RAC, provided them with more than a dozen documents related to the chosen topics. Several of them were letters written to John D. Rockefeller Sr. or his son, who would carry on the family's philanthropic activities well into the 20th Century. They were very direct and personal solicitations

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“What do you think should be done to prevent another school shooting?”



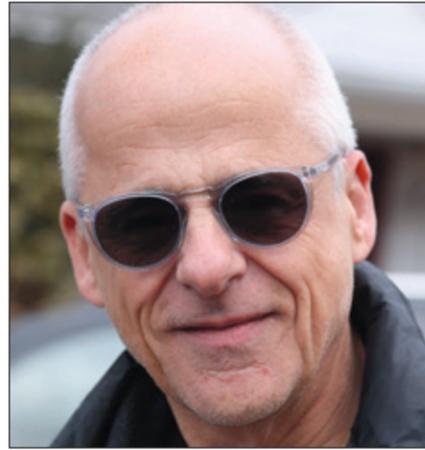
Marty Annicchero
Tarrytown

“More security and maybe metal detectors.”



Kimberly DeJesus
Tarrytown

“I think we need better gun control, and, in the meantime, we need at least one armed police officer in the schools to protect our kids.”



Paul Rinaldi
Tarrytown

“I don’t know what the answer is, but it isn’t more guns.”



Peter Bartlett
Tarrytown

“Comprehensive gun reform.”

Irvington and Tarrytown Schools Reviewing Security Measures

by Robert Kimmel

In the wake of the Florida school shooting, and recent similar tragedies, school district leaders in Irvington and Tarrytown are reviewing existing security measures within their schools.

“Over the last five-and-a-half years, we’ve instituted a number of new security enhancements that include revised emergency plans and practicing drills on a regular basis,” Irvington Superintendent Dr. Kristopher Harrison said. “We have hired security guards at each of our schools; however, we are actually in the process of reviewing all of our practices and we anticipate major enhancements throughout this year.”

Harrison explained, “During the past couple of months at the Board of Education meetings we’ve talked about our initial planning for a capital bond project that would be focused primarily on enhancement of safety features at all of our facilities, with a particular focus on our middle school and high school campuses.”

“We have a standing district safety team,

which meets three to four times a year, and is made up of district employees, administrators, teachers, representatives of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow Police departments,” Tarrytown School District Superintendent Chris Borsari explained. “Security is something which we proactively plan for and consider daily.” He also noted that the district engages professional security consultants.

“We also conduct numerous and varied drills throughout the year to teach our students, staff, and parents about our emergency procedures and use each to observe and acquire critical feedback. We have single points of entry now in every school,” Borsari continued. He enumerated other measures which include “a security guard at every building which usually means that at each entry point there is a student management system where we scan their ID’s and match them with a data base registry; we have a Safety Resource Officer there... and multiple security cameras.”

The Tarrytown Superintendent also noted, “We have numbered our doors and made 911 accessible from every dis-



Photo by: Sunny McLean

Police presence at schools such as Washington Irving in Tarrytown has become commonplace.

trict phone. I think that we are going to be looking more at other safety things such as our internal doors. We have been focusing on external doors.”

Borsari said John Paulding, and Washington Irving schools are installing security vestibules at entry points and that the

Morse school is expected to follow with a similar installation.

While Hackley administrators were reluctant to comment on specific aspects of its safety procedures, it did state, “Security guards are among the many measures in place on campus.”

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Alleged Sexual Assault Victims Speak Out Against Irvington Voice-Over Coach

by W.B. King

In an ongoing chorus, a growing number of women have alleged that voice-over actor/coach and Irvington resident Peter Rofe sexually assaulted them; fifty-five complainants, thus far, have accused the owner of PDR Voice-Over Coaching of sexual assault. Several contacted *The Hudson Independent* and agreed to tell their stories publicly.

"He touched me incredibly inappropriately multiple times in the guise of helping me get into character. He tried to kiss me. He said it was a 'sexy read' and I had to be ' uninhibited,'" said Heather Costa, recounting a late 2008 voice coaching session with Rofe at his Manhattan studio located above The Strand Bookstore on 12th Street and Broadway.

For roughly two months, Costa, now 36, worked with Rofe. He had been highly recommended. She said he was often inappropriate after sessions, asking about her sex life, and, unprovoked, he would detail his sexual escapades. During one session, he got too close for comfort. At the time, Costa, now a Los Angeles-based voice-over professional, recently had a baby with her husband. She initially wrote Rofe off as "forward and a flirt."

She reluctantly continued to work with Rofe for a short time period because she paid a significant amount of money for her demo reel that he was producing. She was also fearful that if she said anything about his behaviors he would taint her reputation in the industry. Additionally, during certain sessions an engineer would be present, so the alleged assaults were sporadic.

"At this point, my brain was not telling me I was assaulted. My brain was telling me something awful happened. I knew it was wrong," said Costa. "I didn't tell my husband. I was embarrassed."

"Would it be Cool if You Didn't Say Anything?"

The Hudson Independent was unsuccessful in trying to contact Rofe's last known attorney, Andrew Miltenberg, for comment. While the New York City Police Department has publicly stated it is investigating allegations against Rofe, Irvington's Chief of Police, Michael Cerone, said there isn't an open case on Rofe, and added that the department has "no comment" on the allegations related to his Irvington studio. Rofe's website, www.pdrvoicecoaching.com, is no longer in operation.

According to Voiceover Universe's website, Rofe, 50, is a professional voice actor and voice-over coach. He cites clients such as Advil, AT&T, Exxon, General Motors, Verizon, Pizza Hut and Pepsi, among countless others.

"I've been a voice-over and stage actor for 20-plus years and have been one of New York's most sought-after voice-over coaches and producers," Rofe wrote in the "about me" section of his profile. "I have

produced hundreds of some of the best voice-over reels in the industry, and most of my clients have signed with top voice-over agencies and have landed lucrative work in all areas of voice-over."

When Sara Asselin was a 23-year-old aspiring actress, she signed up for Rofe's voice-over sessions at his Manhattan studio. An agent told her that Rofe was the "gold standard" in voice coaching. It wasn't until the third or fourth session that a red flag was raised.

"He said we were going to do sexy copy because sex sells," recalled Asselin, adding that the read took place in his studio in a locked room.

"I was reading this copy—something to do with chocolate or decadence—and I looked up. He was about a foot away," she said. What Asselin said she witnessed was a nearly naked Rofe acting inappropriately.



Elizabeth Laime, comedy writer and actor, said she was sexually assaulted by Peter Rofe in 2005 at his Manhattan studio, located above The Strand Bookstore on 12th Street and Broadway.

—Photo provided by Laime

When the traumatic reading was over, Asselin said Rofe stood up and unlocked the door. He explained to her that he was married, and that he and his wife were expecting a baby. He told her she was in no "danger" and asked "would it be cool" if she didn't say anything.

"I said 'yes' and left. I made a deal with myself that it didn't happen and that it wasn't going to be part of the narrative of my career," said Asselin, 37, a theatrical writer and director.

"I didn't tell a single soul for almost 15 years," added Asselin who is married and has two young sons. "When I found out that the rumors of his sexual assault were going around social media—it was like the earth opened up. I thought I was the only one."

Westchester Resident Alleges Victimization: "Would Anyone Believe Me?"

The list of victims includes one Westchester resident who did not want to use her real name. She preferred an alias: Janice. In 2016, Janice was looking to switch careers and had always wanted to try voice-over work. Rofe had recently moved

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Local Immigrants Face Changes and Daily Fears

by Charlene Weigel

Vanessa Merton is tired. Not end-of-a-long-day tired, but rather the deep exhaustion from a day that never ends. Professor Merton directs a small team at the Immigration Justice Clinic of the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. Armed with caffeine and the rule of law, they offer free advice and representation to eligible immigrants seeking to prove their legal status. "Things are massively different than a year ago," said Merton, and not just for undocumented immigrants.

Merton tells the story of Marie (not her real name), a client who went through the immigration court system years ago. Marie has worked legally for over a decade, but now fears being deported. "She had a classic asylum case," Merton said. Before coming here, Marie ran a bakery in Haiti. Government officials demanded that she fire her experienced staff and hire politically connected replacements. She refused. "One night," Merton says, "they drove trucks into her house. Banging and shooting. She threw her children under a mattress. She doesn't know how they made it through the night." Marie had a valid visitor visa, and used it to come to the United States to apply for asylum. Immigration Court granted her a "Withholding of Removal" status, allowing her to stay. Her children are citizens, and she is being sponsored for citizenship. "She's 59 and works as a home health aide for disabled persons," Merton says. "Old, settled cases like hers are being re-opened daily. Many don't even know they have become illegal."

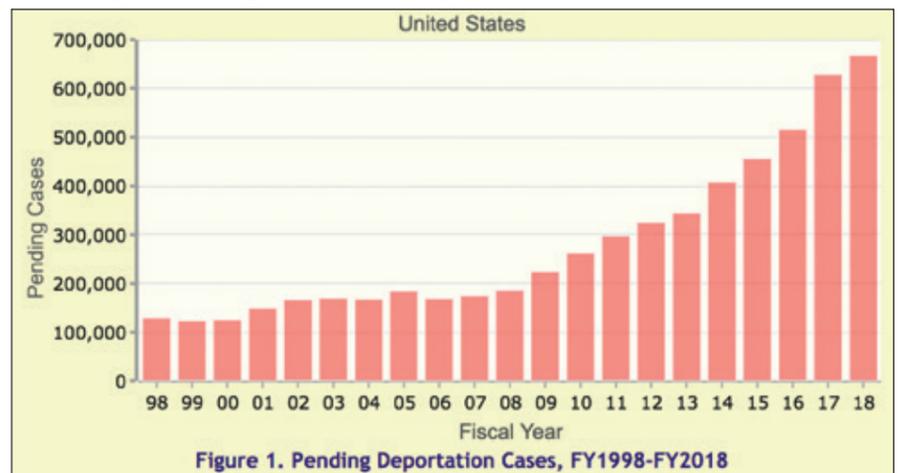
These re-opened cases are being added to an already crowded court calendar. At the end of 2017, 4,789 Westchester residents were awaiting immigration hearings, part of a national backlog of over 667,000 cases. In Greenburgh alone, 321 residents are waiting an average of 3.2 years for their cases to be processed.

To Merton, this docket is a sign of "the endless struggle to get the federal government to follow its own laws." Some people being deported have legal status; some are even citizens. She describes one 17-year-old boy who cried out to her in a detention center. "Lawyer! Lawyer! They are going to deport me. I don't know how this can be happening." The boy's father, an American citizen who had raised him here, had recently died. Born in Guinea, his birth certificate listed only his mother's name. Merton had "a video of him delivering the eulogy at his father's funeral. Innumerable affidavits. Finally, I said we're going to exhume his father, do DNA testing, and you're going to pay for the whole thing. Only then did the court agree he was a citizen. It would have cost him over \$15,000 if he could even find a lawyer to spend seven years on one case." Merton worries about the hundreds calling her clinic that she cannot help. She knows that some of those callers have, or could prove, legal status but may be deported without a lawyer.

Increasingly, a lawyer is no guarantee of an orderly process. In January, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) issued new guidelines expanding the ability to make arrests at courthouses, including of people appearing for their legalization hearing. Westchester County District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr. reacted to this change, "We need members of the immigrant community to feel they can be fairly processed and be willing to come forward as both witnesses and victims of crime. If they cannot feel confident in their treatment in our courts, justice will not be served."

Willingness to come forward is also a major concern of local law enforcement. President Trump has raised the profile of MS-13, a brutal gang preying on youth from El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. Town of

Backlog of Pending Cases in Immigration Courts as of December 2017



Source: Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, Syracuse University

Greenburgh Police Chief Chris McNerney said that, while there may be residents of Greenburgh associated with the gang, none have been identified. He believes "community partnership is key. If we have open lines of communication with the people we serve, who likely can identify a gang problem before law enforcement, it will improve our chances of eradicating the problem before it gets established." Open communication is the best immunization for a healthy community.

Greenburgh is not the only police department pursuing this best practice approach. Carola Otero Bracco, Executive Director of Neighbors Link, a non-profit organization working with immigrant families, praises the Westchester County Police Department. "Someone's status is not important when public safety is at risk. A gas leak for example," said Bracco. "The Westchester Police have worked for years to build relationships and trust. Six police officers participated in our five-week parent education class alongside immigrant parents and their teens. We provide cultural awareness training at the Police Academy. It makes such a difference."

County Executive George Latimer agreed, citing the need for confidence around the information shared with all County departments. Latimer considered strengthening immigrant protection by executive order, but believes the Board of Legislators will pass more lasting protection. The Board is gathering input on how local law enforcement can work with ICE and other federal

agencies within the framework of federal immigration law without creating fear in the immigrant community.

That fear is not confined to those without legal status. The non-immigrant community has been impacted as well. "I get so many calls from upper middle-class households to save the person who has been raising their kids for the last 20 years," said Merton. "Working hard, paying taxes, no run-ins with the law. Makes zero difference." She sighed, "The complexity of the truth. People say 'Do it legally. Get in line.' There is no line. There is a confusing system of rules based on relationship, employment and a limit per country."

There may be no line, but there is a common theme. When Jose (not his real name) comes to the Immigration Justice Clinic, his hands and face are always dirty. He works three jobs: sorting and dismantling garbage for recycling, dishwashing at a restaurant, and a 4:45 a.m. shift moving pallets with a forklift. "He is so exhausted," said Merton. "He looks 75 but he's only 45." Somehow, he made time to raise two children who have done well in school, speak fluent English and give back to the community. Despite the dust from his never-ending work, his face glows. His son has received Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and is graduating from high school. Merton worries for Jose, but said, "He doesn't care. For so many, it's about the children. I guess that's what I heard from my own family going way back. The quintessential American story."

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Sleepy Hollow Donates Retired Fire Truck to Haiti

by Elaine Marranzano

A retired fire truck belonging to the Village of Sleepy Hollow is bound for Haiti – a gift from the village to the island nation struggling to rebuild after the devastating 2010 earthquake.

The donated “ladder truck” – the kind that comes to get you if you are stuck on the eighth floor during a fire – was purchased

new by the village in 1995 for \$500,000. It was taken out of service in 2016 due to rust on the undercarriage.

“It would have cost about \$100,000 to repair, and we knew we would never get that money back,” said Sleepy Hollow Fire Chief John Korzelius.

After failing to sell at auction, the truck was destined for the scrap heap until Korzelius met Haitian native Paul Desdunes, a New York State Trooper working out of the Tarrytown department.

According to Desdunes, who lives in Pomona, NY, Haiti is poorly equipped to fight fires in Port Au Prince, the nation’s capital, where tall buildings are springing-up as part of ongoing recovery efforts.

“Haiti’s fire department is very small, and we don’t have the equipment to fight fires in the high-rise buildings,” said Desdunes. “This truck will create a sense of security and save lives. We are very grateful for the donation.”

Logo on retired fire truck now being used in Haiti.



The ladder truck, formerly part of Sleepy Hollow’s five-truck fleet, will be driven or towed to the Brooklyn docks and transported to Port Au Prince on a ship owned by the Haitian government. Sleepy Hollow will incur no transportation costs.

“We are really pleased that a truck that served us well over the years will not be scrapped, but rather be put back into use,” said Sleepy Hollow Mayor Ken Wray. “That is thrilling.”

This is not the first time that Sleepy Hollow’s cast-off firefighting equipment has found new purpose. After Hurricane Sandy, an old Sleepy Hollow pumper truck was donated to the struggling community of Broad Channel, Queens whose own truck was underwater. It’s still running to-

day. Written on the side: Donated by the Village of Sleepy Hollow, NY.

“Donating this ladder truck is a way, way better plan of action than selling it for a couple thousand dollars,” said Korzelius. “I believe where it’s going, it’s going to be worth gold.”

Sleepy Hollow’s volunteer fire department has 50 active members, three pumper trucks, one ladder truck and a rescue vehicle equipped to function “like a rolling tool box.” A replacement ladder truck, already on-order at a cost of \$1 million, will be delivered in the near future. A temporary, used ladder truck, costing approximately \$20,000, has been filling in until the new truck is ready.



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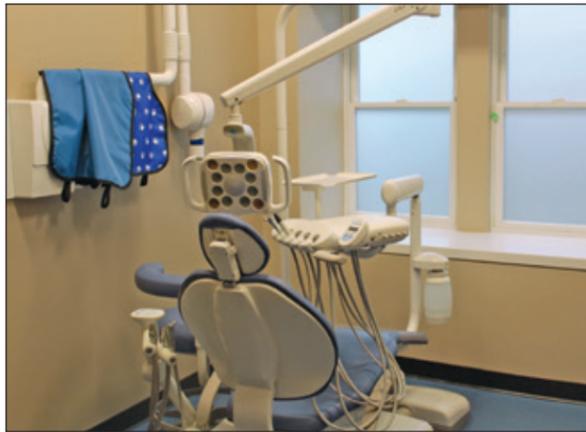


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Open Door Unveils New Larger Location in Sleepy Hollow



L to R: Lidyamar Ruiz, Sleepy Hollow Practice Administrator, and Lindsay Farrell, President and CEO of Open Door Family Medical Centers, pose inside one of the medical exam rooms in the facility in Sleepy Hollow; One of the four dental operatories available to patients.

—Photos by Rick Pezzullo

by Rick Pezzullo

It has often been said that good things come to those who wait. That is certainly the case with Open Door Family Medical Centers and its new location at 300 North Broadway in Sleepy Hollow.

After four years of planning and overcoming several obstacles, including some public opposition, Open Door opened the doors to its 12,500-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility, which is twice the size of its 23-year space on Beekman Avenue, at the beginning of March.

"This is something we wanted to do for a long time," said Lindsay Farrell, President and CEO of Open Door Family Medical Centers, during a recent private tour. "Once we got it together we moved pretty fast. We're grateful that

Sleepy Hollow residents and village officials have supported the work of Open Door for more than three decades. We're dedicated to serving low income people. That's why we're here."

Open Door in Sleepy Hollow serves about 5,000 individuals annually, while its six community health centers combined in Westchester and Putnam counties treat more than 55,000 patients. The organization, which has been in existence for more than 45 years, also has six school-based health centers and two mobile dental vans.

"Open Door's model of integrated primary and preventative health care has a demonstrated record of clinical suc-

cess," said Dr. Daren Wu, Chief Medical Officer at Open Door. "Operating out of this larger, state-of-the-art facility will increase our reach and extend our positive impact in the surrounding communities."

Supported by a combination of public and private funding, Open Door offers family medical care, dental care, behavioral health care, and women's health care, including prenatal care, as well as nutrition, wellness and patient advocacy programs. It provides a sliding fee scale to low-income people who might not be able to afford health care and also accepts many insurance plans.

Its spacious new facility, which has a neighboring parking area for up to 40 vehicles that Open Door purchased to help alleviate safety concerns, has 18 medical exam rooms, four dental operatories, labs and counseling space. It also has designated areas for the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and a kitchen for cooking demonstrations.

In addition, Open Door's new home will provide both expanded facilities for the Phelps Family Medicine Residency Program and also the launch of a General Dental Practice Residency Program that Open Door provides in partnership with New York Medical College and Phelps Hospital Northwell Health.

"I'm particularly pleased that the new Sleepy Hollow location expands the capabilities of our residency programs," Wu stated. "There is a critical shortage of primary care physicians in the United States, and yet we know just what a vital role they play in providing cost effective yet high quality care."

"It's worked out well," Farrell said of the residency program, which has been in place for the last three years. She noted that Open Door has hired five of its medical residents from Phelps.

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Tarrytown Shooting Suspect Charged with Second Degree Murder

by Robert Kimmel

The man suspected of shooting to death a 34-year-old Tarrytown woman is behind bars, charged with second-degree murder. Cynell Brown, 28, was arrested at the Port Authority bus terminal in New York City

about 12 hours following the murder of Jessica Wiltse in her home at the Sleepy Hollow Gardens apartments on Route 119.

Tarrytown police sped to the woman's apartment early in the morning on Tuesday, February 27, to find her unconscious and bleeding badly from several gunshot

wounds, and rushed her to Westchester Medical Center where she was pronounced dead.

The police hunt for the suspect, believed armed, and word of the shooting caused the immediate lockout of schools in Tarrytown and Irvington. Elmsford schools soon followed, as did other nearby districts as a precaution.

The involvement of the FBI, which distributed Brown's photo to other law enforcement agencies in the region, led to the suspect's arrest. He was spotted buying a ticket to Wilmington, Delaware by two alerted Port Authority plainclothes officers that evening at the bus terminal. Police reportedly found the murder weapon, a

revolver, in a garbage can near the victim's home.

Brown was returned to the Tarrytown Police Department and arraigned the next day before Justice Kyle McGovern on the second-degree murder charges and sent to Westchester County Jail. He apparently had a previous arrest record in Greenburgh on drug-related charges.

While no specific details have been released about the shooting, it reportedly was preceded by a quarrel between Wiltse and Brown, who had no home address. The dead woman's father, Eric Wiltse, after the arraignment, said he had been called about a dispute between the pair. Jessica Wiltse had two children.

Former SH Middle School Secretary Pleads Guilty to Stealing More Than \$10,000

by Rick Pezzullo

A former Sleepy Hollow Middle School secretary has pled guilty to stealing more than \$10,000 from the Tarrytown Union Free School District.

Carol Ressa, 53, of Lake Peekskill, pled guilty to grand larceny in the third-degree as a public corruption crime, a Class C felony, but under a plea agreement will avoid jail time. Instead, when she is sentenced on May 9, she will receive five years' probation, along with being obligated to pay restitution to the school district.

According to Westchester County District Attorney Anthony Scarpino,



Jr., Ressa, a long-time district employee, used her position between October 2011 and March 2017 to steal thousands of dollars. In addition to stealing unauthorized checks drawn from a school district bank account and made payable to herself, Ressa also stole multiple checks and money orders which had been provided to the school district by Middle School students and their families in order to pay for various student activities. Those included class trips, yearbooks, and even school lunches. After stealing these various checks and money orders payments, Ressa deposited the funds into her own bank accounts for her own personal use.

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Trustees Gebler, Gonzalez, Spiro Running Unopposed in Village of Sleepy Hollow Election

by Rick Pezullo

Three trustees in the Village of Sleepy Hollow will be running unopposed for their second two-year terms on Tuesday, March 20. (Voting takes place from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

Rachelle Gebler, Sam Gonzalez and Sandra Spiro were all first elected to the village Board of Trustees in 2016. Gebler and Spiro have both been village residents since 2004, while Gonzalez has called Sleepy Hollow home for the last 25 years.

Each of the candidates recently responded to identical questions posed to them.

Rachelle Gebler



1 Why are you running for reelection?

The past two years have given me an amazing education in how our village government works and really how much is happening in our little community. Now I plan on putting that knowledge to work on initiatives that our residents feel are important in both maintaining the culture of our village and moving us forward to even better things.

2 What do you feel has been your role or you have contributed as a trustee during your first two years on board?

The first job I signed up for as a village trustee was performing public outreach surrounding the new East Parcel project. The East Parcel is the piece of land on the east side

of the railroad tracks at the bottom of Continental Street that will ultimately house a new DPW complex as well as sports fields, performance space and a community center. I met so many residents from different parts of the village during that process and that experience helped me realize how important one-on-one outreach is to understanding the tapestry of cultures and backgrounds that make our village great. It also helped me understand how important it is to make sure the public is engaged in any changes that happen in our community because it is their experiences living here that shape what will be needed in the future.

3 What do you feel have been the board's most significant accomplishments over the last two years?

I feel the biggest strength our board possesses is an amazing work ethic and a diversity of interests. We are very much a working board in the sense that we don't just meet once a week to pass resolutions, but are very active in the community. That's important for understanding current issues in our village that need to be addressed as well as understanding what makes our village a unique and wonderful place to live. Each trustee and the mayor take on a multitude of tasks

from liaising with the developers of the Edge-on-Hudson project, to working with the fire department to understand what equipment they need to keep us safe, to updating our village website to make sure it is easy for our residents to use so they can stay informed. Because our board understands the importance of the work we do, we are able to accomplish a great deal together.

4 What do you feel are the most pressing issues facing the village and what do you see the board focusing on in the near future?

Of course, the Edge-on-Hudson development is foremost in most of our minds. It is a huge project and will be extremely beneficial to our village. In addition, we are in the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) which together we call the Master Plan. Change is inevitable for our village and that doesn't have to be a bad thing. With the help of the Master Plan, we can manage that change in a way that benefits our residents while maintaining the character of the village we all love.

Sam Gonzalez



1 Why are you running for reelection?

Having served for the last two years, I'm in a much better position to serve the community. The last two years have been a significant learning curve on how our Village government operates, how our employees tackle their work and how we as a board form policy to effectively govern the Village. Having this experience, I now have a much better perspective on the priorities we need to focus on and how to solve problems and issues as they arise.

2 What do you feel has been your role or you have contributed as a trustee during your first two years on board?

My focus has been on keeping taxes down by managing village expenses, supporting the identification and hiring of new talent (superintendents) in the village, and ensuring that the Edge-on-Hudson and East Parcel developments are carefully managed and are moving forward. I have also focused on ways to improve the care of Fremont Pond, and I'm working on improving the aesthetic of the Route 9 corridor.

3 What do you feel have been the board's most significant accomplishments over the last two years?

Edge-on-Hudson and East Parcel development progress. This includes the partnership with the LDC. Hiring of leadership in several of our departments, including the new

Chief of Police and superintendents for the Recreation Department and Department of Public Works. I enjoy working to find board consensus on a Comprehensive Plan for the Village's future.

4 What do you feel are the most pressing issues facing the village and what do you see the board focusing on in the near future?

The Edge-on-Hudson, East Parcel development and the Comprehensive Plan (CP) will continue to be a primary focus for us in the next two years. We need to drive our economic development efforts by partnering with the local Chamber of Commerce, business owners and prospective business investors. Finally, engaging the community to help us find innovative ways to improve housing safety and availability to all of our residents will be an on-going priority.

Sandra Spiro



1 Why are you running for reelection?

For one, I got the bug for local government and was welcomed by the administration and the Board. When you work together with dedicated board members there is no other choice but to use your ideas to make a collective difference and see what is possible.

In the first two years, I took the time to get involved with the administration's select projects by spending time with residents throughout our village. They provided the insight and knowledge to represent their community while keeping the village task at hand.

Equally important is my recent involvement in the Sleepy Hollow Master Plan. I welcomed the responsibility to be part of the core team to see the Master Plan move forward, knowing it would require an investment of time over the next two years to create the continuity it deserves. It's for all these reasons I decided to run for reelection.

2 What do you feel has been your role or you have contributed as a trustee during your first two years on board?

I must say the bar was high knowing what our village needed from the board members to meet the vision Mayor Wray had on the horizon for our community. These were big expectations and right from the beginning my first project was to create a strong marketing strategy. We needed to build a communication plan that was informative, educational and created a two-way conversation on many levels.

It was clear to the Board what was needed and with my network and expertise in digital marketing, I ran with it. While I led the infrastructure development, the content and input came from many, and today our collective efforts created a new Sleepy Hollow website, a quarterly newsletter, and a government Facebook page. With special thanks to a Sleepy Hollow intern, who ran with it for six months, we built content and a strong on-line network. In addition, two websites were created for projects that are very important to the village. The first, the Sleepy Hollow LDC website www.sleepyhollowny.gov/local-development-corporation to support the on-going communica-

tion for the #1 Village project, the East Parcel, and the other, most recently launched, is the Sleepy Hollow Master Plan website www.sleepyhollowconnected.com. None of this would have happened without the Board's own "master plan" to be more engaged than ever with our Sleepy Hollow residents and businesses.

3 What do you feel have been the board's most significant accomplishments over the last two years?

Over and above the infrastructure accomplishments for the past two years we spent a great deal of time understanding the future needs of our village. As a board, we needed to be mindful in setting up our departments to succeed and be ready for the many projects in the pipeline and the increased population – in the next three to five years we will experience a 25% increase in population.

We know our most valuable asset is our village employees. There are many demands being placed on our village to grow and change and to staff appropriately will be key in facing those demands. To date, we have two new Superintendents, added staff to the building department and to the police force, all while holding the line on taxes.

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Tarrytown Urges Water Conservation as Water Tank Repair is Underway

by Robert Kimmel

Repair work on the four million gallon high-service water tank in the southern part of Tarrytown has begun, and the work has been accompanied by some precautionary requests from the village for residents and businesses.

While no water emergencies are anticipated for the large portion of Tarrytown tank services, the village has asked, "... everyone for cooperation to conserve as much water as possible during the peak usage periods." Those hours are described as 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. and again, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The village also notes that users "may experience low water pressure" at times. It asks that, during the peak hours, residents should refrain from activities that consume a large amount of water, citing examples such as "using clothes washers, taking baths, or long showers, and washing cars." Businesses and others using large amounts of water also have been asked to reduce their consumption.

Surrounded by trees, off Carriage Trail and Roundabend Road, east of 620 South Broadway, the high-service water tank has been a reservoir for the needs of village residents and businesses for about 50 years. According to the Department of Public Works, the repair on the tank could last for as long as several months, but may be completed sooner.

Water will still be flowing into the water system and to all of the village's approximately 2,500 service connections, but it will bypass the tank being repaired. Tarrytown regularly uses two

tanks to maintain a reserve of water for approximately 12,000 people. In addition to the four-million-gallon tank being repaired, there is a 900,000-gallon low service tank off Neperan Road, north of Sunnyside Avenue. Water from the Catskill Aqueduct is pumped into the system from the village's pumping station on Neperan Road where it is first chlorinated and treated chemically in a break tank before being sent to the holding tanks.

Were there a water main break, other emergencies, or "super high demand" within the system, during the large tank's repair, there could be problems with the normal water pressure in the areas serviced by that tank, according to the village's Department of Public Works.

The repair crew hired to work on the tank will be cleaning its massive inside, once

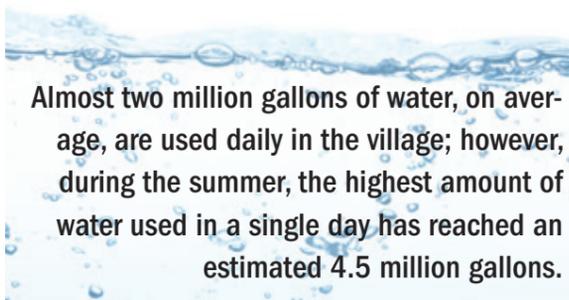


Water tower – east of South Broadway

emptied of water, and assessing the work needed to repair a crack in the structure, Village Administrator Rich Slingerland said. A new section of steel wall is expected to be welded into place to replace the damaged section.

Almost two million gallons of water, on average, are used daily in the village; however, during the summer, the highest amount of water used in a single day has reached an estimated 4.5 million gallons. Tarrytown pays New York City \$1,728 per million gallons for the water consumed within the village's system.

While it bills local residential and business users to help pay the city, approximately 38 percent of the total water used within the village is unaccounted for and is lost as a source of revenue. The village described the bulk of this loss as coming from "water



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main breaks, firefighting, street cleaning, hydrant flushing, and other miscellaneous unmetered uses."

Tarrytown recently replaced most old residential water meters with updated ones, and it is bidding out for the replacement of 96 two-inch and up meters which are generally used for commercial and industrial use. It also signed on to a New York City Water Demand Management Plan aimed at curbing general water use by five percent.

In announcing the plan, the village noted that updates on the tank repair will be found on the Tarrytown website, www.tarrytowngov.com. Questions can be answered by calling 914-862-1819, or emailing Administrator Slingerland, rslingerland@tarrytowngov.com, or Superintendent of Public Works, Howard Wessells, Jr., hwessells@tarrytowngov.com.

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4 What do you feel are the most pressing issues facing the village and what do you see the board focusing on in the near future?

Growth will be the most pressing issue.

The board will continue to focus on recognizing and bridging the old and the new - always looking at both sides with everyone invited to the table. The board will endeavor to balance our village's rich history and charm into the future.



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Poetry in the Pavement Winners Selected by HVWC

by Robert Kimmel

Walking along Riverside Drive in Sleepy Hollow's Philipse Manor neighborhood this spring could be a literary experience for you. Glancing at the pavement, your eyes will catch some unusual engravings in the cement. You'll be looking at an array of brief poems written by the local winners of the "Poetry in the Pavement" program, sponsored by the village and the Hudson Valley Writers Center, (HVWC). Works of famous poets will be spread among them.

The program and completed poetry contest are part of a plan to "rebuild and enhance" the sidewalk along Riverside Drive. Mayor Ken Wray and the HVWC last month announced the seven-poetry contest winners, each of whom was awarded \$50. Entries from persons living in Sleepy Hollow and other villages were limited to eight lines, and they had to have some reference to the Hudson River or the natural environment. The poetry submissions were judged by a panel of "published poets."

When the new sidewalk is installed this

spring, the winning poems will be imbedded in it, according to HVWC. Among the winners is a Sleepy Hollow High School student, Leah Scarpati, who was featured at the HVWC's "Open Mic" Friday, February 16, where she read her poem. It was followed by encouragement from the large audience who called out for her to come back. Scarpati's poem reads:

*River green and blue,
you sing sweet serenities
to my summer air.*

The six additional winners were Lisa Olson of Dobbs Ferry, Iain Halley Pollock of Ossining, Faryn Sand of Ossining, Margo Taft Stever of Sleepy Hollow, Kathleen Williamson of Pleasantville, and Lee Sennish of Valley Cottage.

"We will be hosting a full reading/cel- ebration with our winners in the coming months, date to be announced," said Krista Madsen, Managing Director of HVWC. Sennish, who was a poetry student at the Center into her 90s, passed away earlier this year.

Sennish's entry, from "Sleepless in January:"

*Let me purely love the world.
the cricket, the clouds in their mighty fields,
their shadows, lady bugs, the shell
that broadcasts the sea, the glass pig.
Let me love this life that shakes
me like a passing train.
Let me forgive. You
and you. Myself.*

HVWC also named a group of "final- ists," who included Leah Scarpati's mother, Rebecca Scarpati; Inessa Bliznetsova, Joseph Fasano, Scott Kaplan, Lynn Mc- Gee, Maxine Nodel, Lynn Schmeidler, and three additional students, Quinn Muller, Oscar Pak, and C.J. Scarglato.

The HVWC also decided to intersperse among the local winners' poems on the sidewalk some verses that related to river and nature themes from famous poets, such as Emily Dickenson, Walt Whit- man, Langston Hughes and Pablo Neruda. Madsen noted that while poems in Spanish were eligible entries, none were received, so Neruda's poem will be engraved in Spanish on the pavement.

(Additional winning entry poems can be found on The Hudson Independent's website, www.thehudsonindependent.com.)

ITAV10591 Provides Rides—And Soon More— for the Area's Aging Population

by Barrett Seaman

Since a friend borrowed her Volvo and totaled it in a three-car accident, Barbara Bennion Friedlich has relied on a local car service to get her to and from various medi- cal appointments, as well as to her Fred Astaire dance classes. "They always arrive on time, in any weather," she says, adding that "it's kind of a social thing, as she gets to chat with the drivers, who are essentially her neighbors." "I could use it twice as of- ten," she confesses, but she restrains herself, thinking that there might be others out there in greater need.

Friedlich, who turned 90 in mid-Febru- ary, is one of some 150 citizens of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow who are members of ITAV10591. For a \$25-a-year membership, she has virtually unlimited access to such transportation. Later this spring, ITAV (as in "It Takes a Village")10591 will expand its offerings to include a wide range of home services, including help with computers or TV hookups, fixing a broken toilet flusher, filling out cumbersome insurance forms, or

walking a dog—any home service that does not require a professional license.

The goal is simple enough: to provide the kind of everyday help that will allow residents to stay in their homes and live independently as they age. The model for ITAV10591 is the Center for Aging in Place (CAP), founded by Lois Steinberg in Larchmont, with satellites, including ITAV10591, serving the elderly and oth- erwise homebound all over Westchester County. Annegret Wolf Rice was the first to bring the concept to Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow.

The service opened for business on July 5, 2016 with two drivers and two service coor- dinators whose job it was to match people in need of a ride with a driver. Volunteers in each category have grown steadily: there are currently 15 drivers and 11 service co- ordinators. Paid members call ITAV, where a service coordinator will then contact a driver on duty and make arrangements.

Demand has grown steadily over the service's first year-and-a half, and the addi- tion of the home services is sure to drive it

further. "I personally would like to have 60 volunteers," said ITAV10591's board chair, Barbara Carr. The experience of similar organizations, she says, suggests that that would be sufficient to handle 100 clients.

The group has already signed up a num- ber of volunteers for the home service. Each applicant must undergo a background check done professionally by TruHire, an employment screening agency. Those seek- ing more information can find it on ITAV's website: www.itav10591.org.

Even as it grows internally, ITAV10591 is beginning to spread the word to surround- ing villages. On Wednesday, March 21, Tarrytown's ITAV founders and volunteers will hold an information session from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Irvington Public Library, 12 South Astor St., Irvington. The idea is to help other communities set up their own services modeled on already exist- ing ITAV programs. So far, says board chair Barbara Carr, she knows that the mayors of Ossining and Elmsford plan to attend.

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Irvington Resident Helps Distribute Mattresses in Puerto Rico

by **Pascaline Comas**

On Saturday, February 10, local teens organized a fundraiser for hurricane-devastated Puerto Rico at South Presbyterian Church in Dobbs Ferry. The event, which aimed to provide much-needed mattresses for Puerto Ricans, was initiated by Liana Davila Garcia and her friend Lenore Person.

Garcia, born and raised in Puerto Rico, is an Irvington resident and has been living in the Hudson Valley area for 13 years. When she heard about Hurricane Maria in October 2017, she wanted to do something to help. She signed up with the New York Chapter of the Red Cross. After two weeks of training, she was sent to Puerto Rico to help the population. Her mission was to distribute food



Liana Davila Garcia with her son Michael and daughter Sofia.

—Photo by Pascaline Comas

and water to the communities in need after Hurricane Maria passed through. She went all over Puerto Rico, distributing canned food, water, water filters and bleach, helped by locals and their trucks hired by the Red Cross to stimulate the economy.

“It was heartbreaking. People were living in misery: no electricity and sporadic water. They ate once a day and mostly cold canned food because they had no way of cooking,” Garcia said, explaining it was hard to reach people because of the poor road conditions and the telephone network not working.

“People are desperate, they have lost everything, absolutely everything: their jobs, their houses. They don’t even have insurance because wooden houses can’t be insured in Puerto Rico,” Garcia said.

The suicide cases increased by 29 percent, according to Puerto Rico’s Department of Health, as compared to the previous year. This grim experience was just the first step of Garcia’s commitment to offer assistance.

Back in the United States a month later, Garcia heard from her contacts in Puerto Rico that children would not receive any presents for Christmas. Helped by her friend, Lenore Person, the two women raised funds in their community and sent the money directly to local contacts in Puerto Rico. As children did not have shoes anymore, they decided to buy children

pairs of sneakers as gifts.

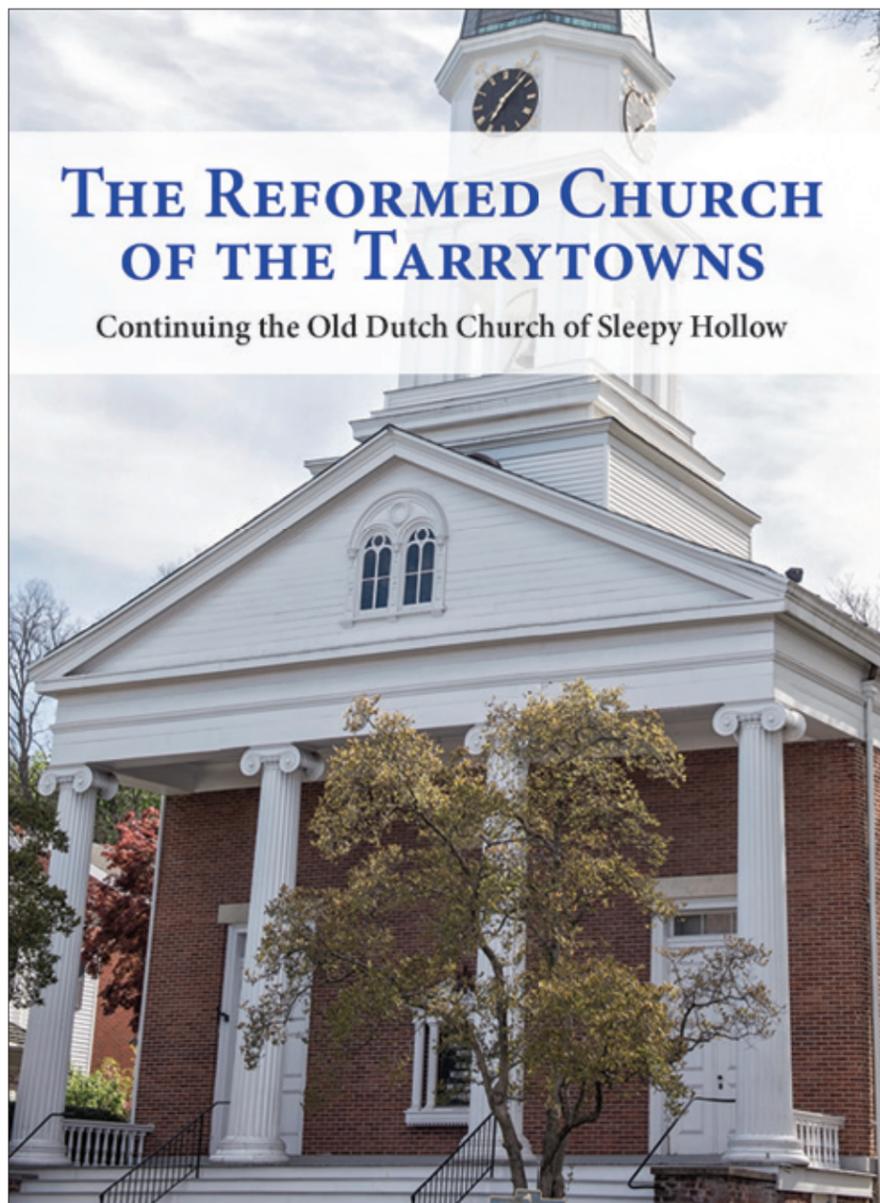
When Garcia was in Puerto Rico, she noticed that all the mattresses damaged by water were lined up outside to be taken. “Where are they sleeping?” she asked herself. That is how she came up with the idea to get them mattresses.

Lenore, a member of the South Presbyterian Church in Dobbs Ferry, seized the opportunity to discuss the problem with youth group members. They agreed to help and launched the fundraising event. The teenagers were very involved with what happened in Puerto Rico and really wanted to give their support.

“I had been to Puerto Rico with Liana and Sofia Garcia a month before Hurricane Maria,” said Kalle Person, a junior at Dobbs Ferry High School and friend of the Garcia family who is also a member of the teen group. “We all wanted to help.”

Thanks to the benefit, Garcia, joined by

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-Romans 15:52*

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his studio from Manhattan to Irvington.

"I felt like it was kismet. The studio was so close and I could finally take these classes," said Janice. "He was actually a great teacher, which is why you fall into this trap. He acts completely appropriately until he doesn't."

Janice had signed up for a four-week course at a cost of \$600. The three-hour classes were attended by both men and women. The next step was to record a demo reel in hopes of getting commercial work. The fee was roughly \$2,100, which included script selection and a private coaching session in Rofe's Irvington studio.

"From day one he told us everything was about sex—always selling sex. He wanted to do a two-person read about a resort vacation with a man and a woman—flirty copy that he provided. He was really getting into it," said Janice. "He said I wasn't loose enough and had to free my inhibitions."

In order to meet Rofe's expectations, Janice tried to shake out her limbs and get more into character. Rofe, she said, always stressed that voice-over work was actually "voice acting." Janice had no prior acting training. She found herself questioning her ability to do the work and placed her trust in Rofe's teaching style.

To encourage Janice, Rofe referenced another female student who had just completed her demo reel. Her voice was akin to the sultry character "Jessica Rabbit," Janice recalled from class. "He said she got so into it that she practically had an orgasm in the sound booth."

During one of Janice's sessions in the Irvington studio, she said Rofe was sitting on the sofa. His engineer and assistant were in the next room behind a closed door. He began pulling his pants down and exposing his buttocks.

"I was horrified but remember thinking, 'I guess this is what method acting is,'" said Janice. "I had never been in a situation like this and was trying to normalize it—he is a trained actor. I was really embarrassed. He was still reading the copy and then pulled his pants up."

Rofe then told Janice to walk into the small soundproof booth in his studio to rehearse for the demo reel. Behind closed

doors, Janice and Rofe were face-to-face with copy in their hands. There was no room to move.

"He grabbed my hands—my papers had dropped—and in one motion pulled my hands toward him and puts my hands on his naked behind; he pulled his pants down with my hands," said Janice. "I was mortified."

Rofe then allegedly said to Janice, "I showed you, now you show me." He began feeling Janice's chest and trying to remove her top. Janice pulled away. When he realized it wasn't going any further, he pulled up his pants and said, "Let's do the read."

Janice recalled being so confused and wondered what the engineer and assistant would have thought if they had witnessed what transpired.

"From the outside eye it may look like it was consensual," she said. "I didn't scream and wondered if I should call the police. Would anyone believe me?"

Victim Shaming

Among the women who have come forward is comedy writer and actor, Elizabeth Laime. She was the first to post her account on Facebook last October and began receiving messages from other former students. These victims first connected through an e-mail chain that grew into the private Facebook group, "The No Fun Club," which was created by Costa and is fully supported by Laime and Asselin.

"I was the canary in the coalmine, but we (Heather and Sara) are all doing the legwork. The Facebook group keeps growing," said Laime, adding that many of the women reported that Rofe told them they had a "sexy voice" and in order to book work they would have to "lose their inhibitions."

In 2005, at the age of 24, Laime alleged she was sexually assaulted by Rofe during a coaching session. After the incident, she tried to rationalize what had occurred.

"I didn't know there were others. So, I thought maybe he was just trying to get an uninhibited sexual read out of me and took things too far, which is embarrassing for him, but it wasn't worth blowing up his business," said Laime. "I thought there was something about me that led him to do this—it is victim blaming."

"Victims feel all alone and that it is only happening to them. There is a lot of shame. It's a lot easier as a culture to blame the victim. But this doesn't honor human nature and how confusing some of these interactions and behaviors can be. Anxiety by its very nature doesn't allow a person to think rationally."

—Lyn Yonack

Victim blaming or shaming is a common feeling and response for victims of sexual attacks, explained Lyn Yonack, a psychoanalyst and psychotherapist in private practice in Great Barrington, MA. She is on the faculty of Berkshire Psychoanalytic Institute and currently serves on the American Psychoanalytic Association's (APA) Social Issues Committee on the Status of Women and Girls.

"Victims feel all alone and that it is only happening to them. There is a lot of shame," said Yonack. "It's a lot easier as a culture to blame the victim. But this doesn't honor human nature and how confusing some of these interactions and behaviors can be. Anxiety by its very nature doesn't allow a person to think rationally."

Yonack further explained that sexual perpetrators often have what their victims, who are in less powerful positions, want and need, such as a job or a recommendation. "They confuse and control by dangling enticements with one hand and wielding threats, implied or explicit, with the other," she noted.

Hoping for Serious Consequences

Laime said the 2005 alleged assault occurred during the third or fourth session with Rofe. He suggested they practice a dual read. The intended commercial was two beer cans that were talking to each other. The subtext was sexually suggestive. Rofe told Laime that he did the same script with another student and in order to "nail" the scene they got naked. He asked Laime to take off her shirt, which she did.

"He told me I had to push myself to be uncomfortable. He asked me to take off my bra and said he wouldn't look and turned off the lights in the studio. I did and trusted he wasn't looking," recalled

Laime. "He then asked me to get completely naked and I just couldn't. I felt bad that I couldn't commit. Before I knew it, he walked into the soundproof room completely naked and closed the door behind him."

It was at this moment that Laime's survival instincts kicked in. In an attempt to not humiliate Rofe, she said she read the copy. But as the read continued, she alleged that Rofe began "gyrating on her" and "tugging at her jeans."

"That's when I pushed past him and got myself out of the booth," she said. "He tried to play it off, telling me the read was much better. He was standing there naked talking to me like that was normal."

Laime never saw Rofe again after that session. Among several reasons she didn't come forward at the time of the assault was that "...back then, if a woman wasn't raped, there was no recourse. The #metoo movement has changed the perpetrator/victim paradigm," she said.

Numerous allegations against Rofe—some dating back to 1999—have been reported to the New York City Police Department, explained Laime. She is optimistic that a victim will come forward who was assaulted within the last two years, which would be within the confines of the statute of limitations.

"The detective we have been working with at the NYPD has been very supportive," said Laime. "We are just waiting for the person who has legal recourse against him (Rofe)—most of us are outside the statute of limitations," added Laime who is now married with two children. "I know there are others out there, and he was presumably still doing this until recently. We are hopeful."



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Anti-Gun Demonstration

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Harrison, Irvington School District Superintendent. "Our interest is to promote our students' voices, and we need to collaborate on a strategy that will certainly support an opportunity to do that," Harrison added. "It should be done in a manner that is productive and positive for the school community and balances our responsibility to the school district."

Michael Wirtz, Hackley Head of School, stated that students there would be permitted to participate in the March 14 walkout, or not, "based on their personal beliefs. Participating students will not face disciplinary responses," he said. He noted the school's mission: "Hackley challenges students to grow in character, scholarship, and accomplishment, to offer unreserved effort, and to learn from the varying perspectives and backgrounds in our community and the world."

"A walkout is a form of social disobedience, a form of protest that we believe Hackley students understand as essential to a functioning democracy," Wirtz said. "As we look to educate citizens and members of the electorate, we believe this is an important educational moment for students who wish to participate in a peer-driven and led movement."

Wirtz also signed what was a full-page "Letter to the President and Our National Legislative Leaders," from nearly 200 New York private school heads, taking up a full page in the *New York Times*. It was titled, "Heads of Schools Speak Out Against Gun Violence."

"This walkout will hopefully show our country's leaders and the world that it's time to stop talking about issues and start acting," said Spencer Warnock, a Sleepy Hollow High School senior. Liam Kharem, a junior at the school, commented, "A walk-

out is a peaceful way to show how we feel about this important issue." Samatha Allen, a senior, remarked, "I think it's a great thing that will show the world we care."

An Irvington High School sophomore, Sam Roth, who won a grant from the Irvington Education Foundation, plans to turn that asset into a symposium in the village on gun violence awareness. Roth is working with Mom's Demand Action for Common Sense Gun Reform. He has been discussing his pursuit with Irvington school administrators. Sarah Wynter, an actress, and Barry Graubart, a co-leader of the Westchester local group Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, are mentoring his efforts, and supporting Roth's plan to win approval from the school for the symposium.

Roth's anti-gun violence posting on Facebook after the Parkland shooting got 650 comments; he called it, "clearly a conversa-

tion that the people want to have." He has also been pushing for the March 14 student school walkout.

The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry will be on spring break on March 14; so students in both the middle and upper school staged their walkout early, on March 1, with full support from teachers and the school administration.

Local students, many parents, and others are also preparing to participate in the "March For Our Lives," in Washington, D.C., on March 24. Initiated by survivors of the Florida shootings, the gathering's purpose is to press Congress to pass comprehensive legislation to "...address these gun issues, that are rampant in our country," particularly relating to school safety. Organizers say they expect 500,000 participants in Washington, and there will be similar marches in other cities.

Coast Guard Report on Hudson River Barge Anchorage Anticipated

by Robert Kimmel

As they await a crucial report from the Coast Guard, Irvington, Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow, among other villages along the Hudson River, have again made clear their opposition to a yet unresolved proposal for numerous additional barge and tug anchorage sites along the Hudson River. While the shores of the three communities are not directly involved, the villages and various environmental organizations are concerned about the safety and ecological consequences, particularly if there were oil spills.

Last year, the Coast Guard temporarily suspended its original 2016 proposal, "a rule making process," for the anchorage; however, it held two workshops last November to hear from groups opposing the concept, shipping and other maritime

interests, even though the Coast Guard stated the sites were necessary for its safe navigation of the river. The 43 additional berths would be located at 10 anchorage grounds from Yonkers to Kingston.

The three villages, along with many others, have passed resolutions opposing the initial proposal. The Tarrytown Board of Trustees passed a resolution calling for "immediate State agency rule-making for tanker avoidance zones."

The resolution cites a new law, signed last year by Governor Cuomo and passed by state legislators, which allows for Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos to pursue Tanker Avoidance Zones for petroleum bearing vessels.

Early this year, Irvington's Board of Trustees passed a similar resolution calling for immediate rule-making for tanker

avoidance zones, urging the "strongest possible regulations," and also forwarding it to the Governor and legislators.

Sleepy Hollow's initial opposition to the Coast Guard proposal was in 2016, when its Board of Trustees, in a resolution, referred to the possible damage to its waterfront park, health and safety problems, and environmental and aesthetic concerns caused by the increased anchorage and ves-

sel traffic.

In a reaffirmation last month of its early concerns about the "potential dangers presented by oil-carrying vessels on the Hudson River and the proposed additional barge anchorage grounds," the Dobbs Ferry Board of Trustees also passed a resolution urging "immediate State agency rule-making for tanker avoidance zones."

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Rockefeller Archives

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for funds, written long before non-profits raised money through sophisticated mass mailings. They were written by the men and women who ran legendary charities created to address the social, medical and economic ills that came with mass migration—places like the Henry Street and Grand Street Settlements, the Hebrew Technical School for Girls, one of the few sources of learning for the young Jewish girls who lived with their families in overcrowded tenements and were forced to work at an early age.

With these snippets of history in hand, the 34 fifth graders in the class were challenged to zero in on a specific element, to formulate a hypothesis and to boil it down to a threshold question that they would then attempt to answer, using the Rockefeller material and any other sources they could find. Several chose to focus on the

experiences of females in tenement life, whether Irish or Jewish or Italian, the three major immigrant waves at the turn of the century. Others looked at health—what was hygiene like in a one-room apartment with no antibiotics?

Ms. Hickey gave them each a checklist of questions provided by Stanford University. What was the context of the document they were citing? What evidence does its author provide? Can the information be corroborated? She challenged them to show why the information in their documents provided reasonable and valid responses to the question they posed. They were required to annotate everything they wrote. “It tethers their creative thinking to a source,” said Hickey, “—to reality.”

Naturally, many of the students turned to the Internet for corroboration and contextualization. They found pieces of the puzzle wherever they could. In some cases, they

found answers within their own families. Mika’s grandparents were themselves immigrants that settled on New York’s Lower East Side. Aailyah’s family emigrated from Guatemala and faced many of the same challenges immigrants of a century ago faced. Michael, whose threshold question was why immigrants came to America, was able to ask his own parents, who came here from Romania.

The exercise brought its share of “aha” moments. Ms. Hickey particularly savors a class-wide recognition that there was a relationship between the industrial barons who created the demand for cheap labor, the masses of people that came to fill the jobs they offered, and the port city of New York as the disembarkation point for them and their families. It was, she said, “like a bolt of recognition shot through the classroom,” adding, “It was one of those times as a teacher when you stop and say, ‘This is

why I am doing this.’”

Their research completed, the students then trained in making a professional presentation. Ms. Hickey coached them to answer questions directly—and to admit when they didn’t have an answer. After the hallway display of their individual projects, they took to the school auditorium’s stage in three groups to answer questions from the audience. If one of them wished to provide more information to an answer given by a peer, they were trained to say “Adding to what Clio just said....” One could only wish for such civility on our Sunday TV talk shows.

Speaking of and for her students after the panel discussion, Ms. Hickey explained to the audience how this exercise helped them to understand what a primary source is, a secondary source and a tertiary source “and what the difference is.” At a time when fake news often comes well-disguised, these seemed highly relevant tools.

Hickey will get another group of exceptional fifth graders next year. Since she also teaches 3rd and 4th graders, she is familiar with the upcoming crop and will tailor next year’s assignment to them. Whatever it is, the Rockefeller Archives Center will once again be a primary resource.

The February 12 presentation at Washington Irving School was not the end of the project. That Friday, the students were bused up to the RAC itself, where they put up their display panels anew in the elegant rooms of the Rockefeller estate and answered questions, this time from the professional archivists and researchers who work there. As she waited from one of the scholars to approach her panel display, Clio confessed, “I’m very nervous”—even more so than when her family came to see her at the beginning of the week. “These people are professionals,” she whispered.

With this kind of training and teachers like Elizabeth Hickey, so too might Clio be one day.

Treasures Within a Treasure: The Rockefeller Archives Center

by Barrett Seaman

Perched gracefully atop a hill just outside the hamlet of Pocantico Hills, “Hillcrest,” a 17,000-sq. ft. mansion built in 1963 for Martha Baird Rockefeller, John D. Rockefeller Jr.’s second wife, serves as the repository for the historical materials and family records of the Rockefeller family and all their many philanthropic endeavors over nearly a century and a half. It houses the records of Rockefeller University, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and now also includes those of the Ford Foundation, the Social Science Research Council,

Commonwealth Fund, Russell Sage Foundation, Asia Society, and the Trilateral Commission. All told, it holds the records of over 40 organizations and more than 100 individuals.

In any given year, some 400 researchers from around the world—graduate students, professors, independent scholars and journalists—are granted access to a vast trove of primary source material—56,000 cubic feet of archival material ranging from papers and pictures to audio and film and memorabilia. The RAC also administers a grant program that funds 50 researchers who come and work on-site. To gain admission, they

need to apply.

Martha Rockefeller apparently never spent a single night there, preferring to live at her husband’s “apartment” at 740 Park Avenue in the city. The house became the home of the archives in 1975, but most of the rooms on the main floor are filled with family artwork and furniture. What had been John D. Rockefeller Jr.’s oak-paneled office at 26 Broadway is now relocated to what had been the music room in the house’s original configuration. The rest of the building and an adjacent carriage house have been repurposed to house the archival material.



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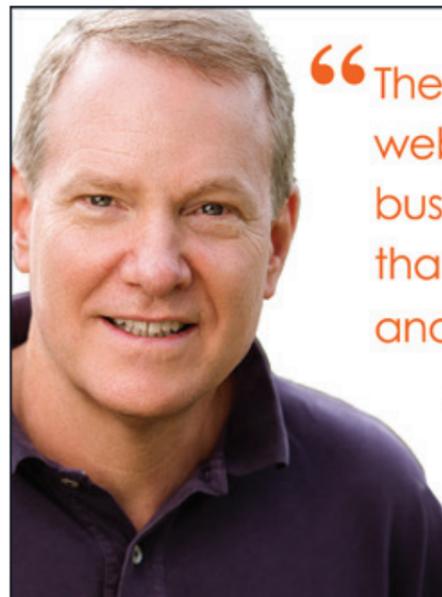
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by Maria Ann Roglieri

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New Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Public Schools of the Tarrytowns

The Board of Education announced the appointment of Gail E. Duffy as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction. She will join the district on July 1, 2018.

Sleepy Hollow Veteran Awarded Service Medals

Sleepy Hollow resident and Korean War veteran Mario DiFelice was awarded five service medals by Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison). He served in the Navy from July 2, 1948, to July 19, 1951 in Fighter Squadrons 173 and 174, on the carriers USS Midway (CV-41), USS Coral Sea (CV-43) and USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CV-42). Locally, he served as Deputy Mayor of Sleepy Hollow from 2003 to 2008, as a Sleepy Hollow Trustee from 1996 to 2003 and as Director of the James F. Galgano Sleepy Hollow Senior Center.

Irvington High School Sophomore Wins Spot in National History Bee and Bowl

Zachary Rosman, an Academic Challenge team member, has been awarded a spot in the National History Bee and Bowl, which will take place from April 27-29 in Washington, D.C., and Arlington, Virginia. In the competition, he will answer a series of questions on the history of arts, sciences, religion, philosophy, language, historical geography, recent history, sports and entertainment, as well as political, diplomatic, social and military history. Rosman will also compete in the International History Olympiad in Berlin in July which is comprised of activities such

as history quiz tournaments, exams, and simulations of historical events.

22nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade March 11

A World War II veteran has been chosen to be the grand marshal for the 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown. Armando "Chick" Galella, 96, was a private in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Hickam Field in Hawaii when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

Hackley Student Named Semi-finalist in Regeneron Science Talent Search

Dozens of students from the Hudson Valley were named Scholars (or semi-finalists) in the Regeneron Science Talent Search 2018. A student from the Hackley School, Jasmine Bayrooti, was honored, and is now in the running to be among the 40 finalists who will compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships.

TUFSD Visual Art and Media Students Win Scholastic Art Awards

Four students have won 12 National Scholastic Art Awards. This past year, students in grades 7-12 submitted more than 330,000 works of art and writing to the Scholastic Awards. Judges chose works that best exemplified originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Christina Napolitano, a junior, won six Drawing and Illustration awards, two Silver Keys and four Honorable Mentions. Will Gary, a senior, was awarded a Silver Key in Art Portfolio I and Honorable Mentions in Drawing and Art Portfolio II. Amaris Najera, a senior, won a Silver Key for Digital Art. Charlie Hildick-Smith, a senior, won a Silver Key for his narrative fiction film and an Honorable Mention for his documentary.

Broadway Producer and Stars Visit Jacob Burns Film Center

The Jacob Burns Film Center (JBFC) hosted a free celebration and screening of the 1986 film adaptation of Broadway's breathtaking iconic play *Children of a Lesser God* followed by a Q&A with cast and crew including director Kenny Leon, producer Hal Luftig, actors Anthony Edwards, Kecia Lewis and John McGinty and moderated by four-time Tony-winning Broadway producer Dori Berinstein. Winner of the Tony, Drama Desk, and Olivier Awards for Best Play, this movie tells the story of an unconventional teacher at a school for the deaf and the remarkable woman he meets there. As their relationship heats up, each seeks control in ways that distress the other, igniting a thrilling exploration of passion, intimacy, and connection.

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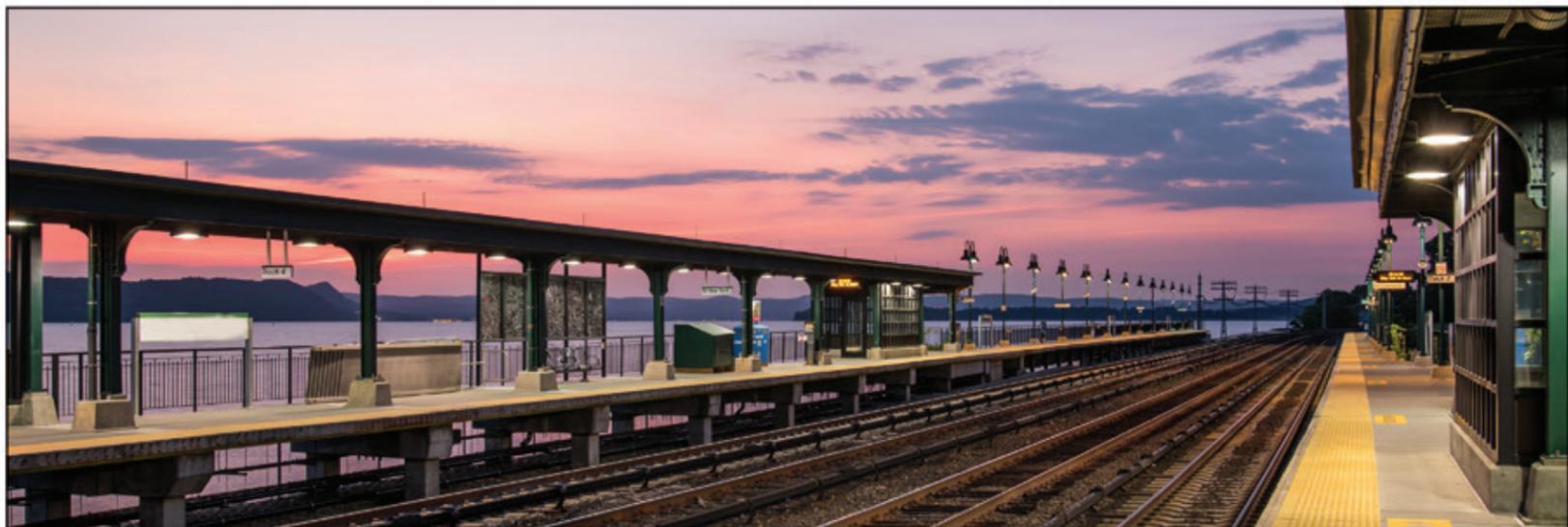


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Sports

Irvington Grappler Andrade Prevails in Section 1 Tourney

by Tom Pedulla

When Joel Andrade was a freshman at Irvington High School and assistant coach Ben Karol approached him about joining the wrestling team, he was intrigued enough to give it a try. When he reported for his first practice, doubt replaced curiosity.

He was barely five feet tall and weighed little more than 100 pounds. And he knew nothing of a sport that revolves around strength, technique and mental toughness.

Andrade came to build strength and learn technique. The will to win and mental toughness? He always possessed those in abundance.

"He can dig down deep when the time comes," said coach Brian Bernarducci.

Andrade made a steady four-year improvement that culminated in the triumph he had long sought, when he prevailed at 120 pounds in the small school's division of the Section 1 Wrestling Tournament.

Andrade will never forget the moment when he defeated Aidan Canfield of Pleasantville for the title.

"It was definitely a dream come true," he said. "Winning the sectional, it was very magical."

Andrade led a strong showing for the

Bulldogs. Sophomore Aidan Daly also fared well, placing second at 195 pounds and giving him something significant to build on.

"We see raw talent and technique will come," said Bernarducci of Daly. "Sooner or later, he's going to put it together."

Senior Nestor Ortiz (170 pounds), junior Cris D'Amelio (126) and freshman Ian Schwam (145) all took third in their weight classes.

Bernarducci is particularly encouraged by Schwam's result. "He's got an extremely bright future if he continues to work," the coach said.

Andrade is the fourth sectional champion that Bernarducci developed in his five years at Irvington. He points to him as an example for others.

"It shows that if you come in as a freshman and join Irvington wrestling, you can achieve your goal and be a sectional champion at the end of the day," Bernarducci said. "He's a testament to some of the things we're doing at Irvington that made us an improved program the last five years."

Andrade's rise was anything but easy. The combination of a 4-7 record and a strained elbow that cost him a chunk of his freshman season led him to question whether he should continue. He pressed on.

"I believe having a balance between aca-

demics and athletics will help you in the long run," he said.

He improved to 16-16 as a sophomore and began to realize the potential was there for him to excel. His parents, Martha and Ed, made the time and financial commitment for him to join an offseason wrestling club known for developing top local talent.

Andrade worked and willed his way into being a force by the time he was a junior. Bernarducci saw the difference at the first practice.

"He came into his junior season with a lot of focus," the coach said. "The way he warmed up, there was more confidence in everything he was doing. We were excited

from that point."

Andrade went on to a rousing 33-4 record as a junior and earned third place in the Section 1 Tournament at 113 pounds. He duplicated that victory total as a senior while completing his unfinished business in the sectionals.

He believes the discipline and focus that wrestling requires greatly benefitted him in the classroom. He made the high honor roll every year and will attend the University of Chicago next September. He plans to major in biology or chemistry with the aim of attending medical school.

As lofty a goal as that may be, history suggests it is well within his reach.

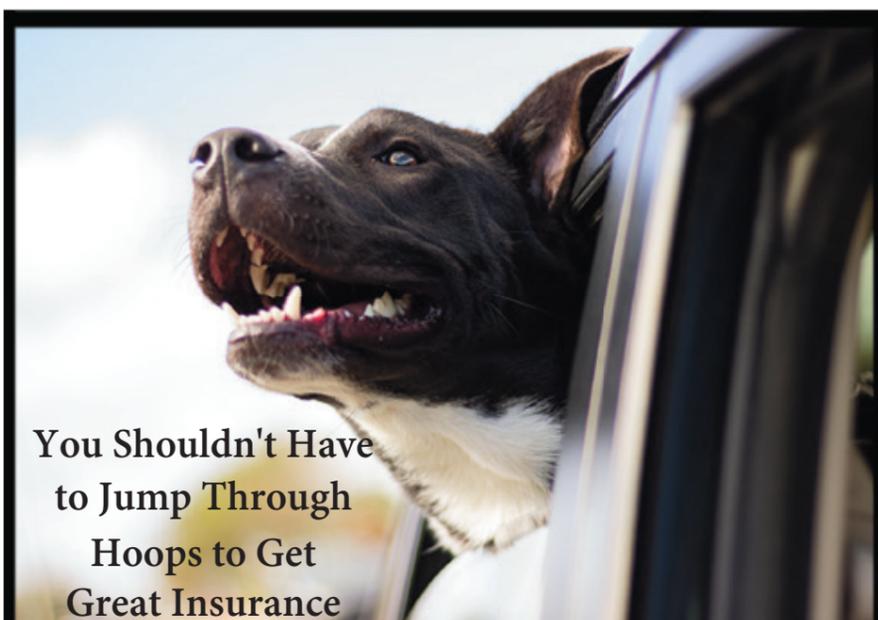
Aiding Puerto Rico

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her daughter Sofia Garcia, Julia Weber from Irvington High School and Kate Diep and Naomi Van Hoogstraten from Hastings High School, left for Puerto Rico on February 13th and stayed until February 25th to distribute mattresses to those in need. Not only did they bring mattresses but a message as well. "Even if it's not on the news anymore, people are still struggling, they try to survive on a daily basis. Seeing people

in New York who have not been in Puerto Rico but care about you gives you motivation and hope to keep going," said Garcia.

Garcia does not plan to stop her supportive actions. She will go back in Puerto Rico on March 10 with her son, Michael Garcia, to keep lending a hand. For people who are willing to help and/or give money, the organization she is collaborating with is: teens4pr.org. More local fundraising events will be scheduled soon.



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Sports

Irvington Girls Top Seed in Class B Playoffs after 19-1 Season

By Tom Pedulla

One overriding question surrounded the Irvington girls' basketball team as it opened this season. How could the Bulldogs possibly replace point guard Lindsay Halpin, a four-year starter consistently ranked among the top 50 players in the state?

"It was a huge adjustment," said Coach Gina Maher. "It was not only her talent as a basketball player but her talent as a leader and making the team a cohesive group."

Promising sophomore Abby Conklin succeeded Halpin, and the Bulldogs pulled together even more. They relied on the senior leadership of Mary Brereton, Kelly Degnan, Heather Hall and Olivia Valdes and closed the regular season at 19-1, the same mark they achieved with Halpin orchestrating the offense last year.

"I think we work together better because we're another year together," Degnan said. "Any team would be."

At key junctures in a game last year, Irvington might have looked to Halpin to take over. This season, different players stepped up.

"Not relying on one person, relying on the

whole team, gave us a greater advantage," Degnan said after the Bulldogs entered the Section 1 Class B Tournament as the top seed.

Conklin has done an admirable job in Halpin's place.

"It was a lot of pressure," she said. "But the starters, the whole team, helped me become a better player and a better person."

Halpin knew how to position teammates for the best possible scoring opportunities. That is difficult to replace.

"It was definitely very challenging in the beginning because she was our point guard. She played such a huge role on the court," Brereton said of Halpin. "Abby has done a really good job. Over the season, she's really grown."

Maher credited all of her players for adjusting.

"There are times when it doesn't work so well," she said, "and they figure out a way to make it work well."



Irvington Boys Hoops "All In" Theme Pays Off with 17-3 Record

By Tom Pedulla

The Irvington boys' basketball team adopted the theme "All In" for the season. And the coaches and players were, indeed, all in.

Dedication that extended to participation in a summer league and regular work in the weight room led to a breakout 17-3 regular season under coach Scott Brennen after 8-12 and 12-8 records in his first two seasons.

"As coaches we definitely did see growth in the program," Brennen said. "We have kids who really buy in."

Juniors Colby Martins and Sidney Thybulle shared the captain's role with senior Jayden Grant. Martins is a 5-9 guard who plays at warp speed, averaging 19.5 points per game during the regular season. He was named the league's Most Valuable Player.

Thybulle, a 6-6 center, developed into a

strong inside presence that offered a perfect complement to Martin's soft outside shooting touch. He averaged 14 points and 14 rebounds in helping the Bulldogs to a second seed in the Section 1 Class B Tournament.

Then there is senior guard Chris Friedlander, whose immense contribution cannot be measured statistically. If there is a more tenacious defender than Friedlander in the area, it would be hard to find him or her.

"He brings toughness not many kids have," Brennen said. "He's a tremendous competitor, a gutsy kid who's a winner. He's had influences on games without scoring the basketball."

Friedlander marvels at the strides the program made.

"From what it was two years ago," he said, "it's incredible where we've come as a team."

The all-in theme suits Irvington because players formed a tight-knit group.

"We have great relationships," Martins said. "We love each other. We play hard for each other. We trust each other. That is why we are so successful."

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Former Police Officer Releases First Solo Album

By Anna Young

With the release of his debut album, Tarrytown musician Greg Jacquin proved that it's never too late to chase your dreams.

The 48-year-old singer/songwriter and rhythm guitarist said his first solo album, "Hudson River," featuring six-tracks showcasing his raw, powerful and emotionally driven lyrics along with heavy string arrangements, exceeded his expectations.

"Why did I wait 48 years to do this?" Jacquin quipped. "I really wish I had gotten to it sooner, but life had other plans, I guess."

The folk singer was introduced to music at an early age with his parents regularly playing The Beatles and Cat Stevens records at home. With a very musical family it didn't take him long to pick up his stepfather's guitar and start strumming the chords and writing songs. He explored his talent, taking lessons and performing shows in Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown with his band during school events. He later recorded several albums with Know Idea in the early 1990s.

But he was forced to put music on hold when life took a different turn and raising a family became his priority. Despite his passion, he took a job with the Ossining Police Department and eventually retired after several years following an injury. He said the injury and other personal obstacles led him back to songwriting, which became his therapy.

"I started playing at home once I got hurt because I still had the desire to write songs," said Jacquin, who added that music helped ease his battle with depression and anxiety. "When I'm writing or playing I'm at peace, and they don't exist. The more I can play the better I'm feeling. Music has been my only therapy, I guess."

As he reemerged into the cover band scene playing gigs throughout Westchester, Connecticut, and New Jersey, Jacquin said he met several songwriters and musicians whom he eventually collaborated with on



Tarrytown singer/songwriter/musician Greg Jacquin

Photo credit: Andrew Bordeaux

ing at AFA Recording Studio in Cortlandt Manor.

The Tarrytown resident said his experiences and appreciation for his hometown influenced his songs.

"The lyrics are really based on living here. I think if I lived somewhere else I wouldn't have written these songs the way they came out," he said. "From my house I can see the new bridge and the old bridge, and every day I see the sunset. I lived here for so long and took it for granted because I was so busy, but retirement allowed me to take the time to write these songs."

As he geared up for his album release party on February 9 at Six Degrees of Separation Restaurant & Brewery in Ossining, his song "The Station," has already gotten radio play and received positive feedback from listeners. He said he was terrified for strangers to hear his innermost feelings but felt incredible hearing a song he had written while on his couch on the radio.

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A New Piano for Tarrytown's Music Hall

by Dean Gallea

On February 13, the Tarrytown Music Hall unveiled its new Steinway Model D Concert Grand piano, at a "Piano-Warming" party for member-donors, Board members, staff and dignitaries. Music Hall board Treasurer Kent Sheng purchased the piano from Steinway Hall in New York and donated it to the Music Hall. He had auditioned a number of the large, nine-foot-long flagship Steinway "Ds" in the showroom's special auditorium, and chose one manufactured in 2004 that had seen performances by a number of prominent artists, including Arturo Sandoval. The new piano replaces the Music Hall's previous smaller Steinway Model D, which was sorely in need of rebuilding and will find a home elsewhere; many performing pianists would choose to provide their own piano rather than use the Hall's.

Guests at the unveiling included NY



New piano was unveiled on February 13.

State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, who spoke briefly at the pre-concert reception, and who had been instrumental in obtaining the grant for several of the Music Hall's infrastructure improvements. Also there were Tarrytown Mayor Drew Fixell, Village Administrator Rich Slingerland, other community leaders, and a representative of the Steinway Company. Music Hall Director Bjorn Olsson introduced Board President Robert Clarfeld, who praised Sheng for his

generous gift and his service on the Board and presented him with a framed painting of the Music Hall by a local artist. Clarfeld noted that the gift would delight concertgoers for generations to come.

The piano was unveiled on stage and a concert given by multi-genre pianist Joel Martin who has performed a number of times at the Music Hall over a 25-year period. He played music ranging from Brahms to the Beatles, including some of his own upbeat arrangements of classics. The audi-

ence gave Martin a standing ovation. His encore number, "The Impossible Dream," accompanied a stirring vocal by Olsson, who had previously performed opera.

The event continued with the guests invited around the piano on stage for a champagne toast and desserts. An impromptu performance of Rachmaninoff by the Steinway representative delighted everyone, including Mr. Martin. Finally, Olsson uncovered a plaque fastened inside the piano's case naming the piano the "Sheng Steinway."

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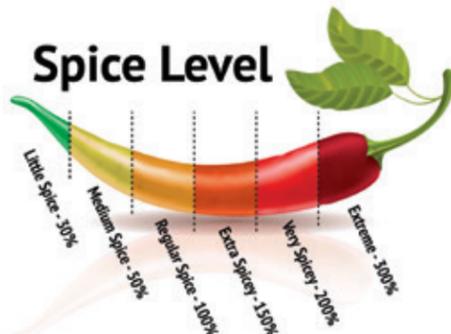
And, with every offering, customers can decide on the spice level, and even the sugar and ice level for beverages. Owner-chef manager Ray Lam gives his customers wide latitude when creating dishes as well as drinks exactly as they wish them to be served.

Lam grew up in the restaurant business helping his father as a teenager living in Yonkers. Mr. Lam, Sr., who was born in Hong Kong, owned three Golden Dragon Restaurants (two in Yonkers and one in Dobbs Ferry), and Ray chose Dobbs Ferry as the place he most wanted to live. With two children in the Dobbs Ferry school system, he decided to create his own eatery,

which opened in August, 2017 on Dobbs Ferry’s Cedar Street.

Lam emphasizes “Fusion Healthy Meal” specials each day: bok choy, string beans; mixed vegetables or broccoli can be complemented by chicken, pork, beef, fresh fish fillet or shrimp in a white garlic or ginger sauce. Everything is steamed and served with oil-sautéed brown rice for those who are health-conscious but still eager for Asian cuisine.

“Kitchen Meal” Specials – dishes prepared



L to R: Variety is the spice of life at Fusion Wok. Lam’s signature Malatang hot pot, made to order with customer’s choice of ingredients. Owner Ray Lam and his son.

—Food photos courtesy: Ray Lam. Photo owners: Jon Marshall

according to more familiar Asian restaurant methods – may combine sautéed mustard greens with chicken, roast pork or tofu. Or choose the Fusion Teriyaki Special, a stir-fried specialty that could include broccoli, zucchini, mushroom, onions, celery, bean sprouts and sweet pepper with the meat or seafood of your choice. Lam’s Kitchen Meals are both hearty and healthy.

Thai Pineapple Fried Rice has become one of Lam’s signature dishes, as has his Chow Ho Fun – wide noodles with your choice of protein, if desired.

For an unusual Chinese specialty, try Lam’s Malatang – a mildly spicy chili hot pot named for the Malatang shops popular in the streets of Beijing, where customers call out ingredients to order then which cooks add to portions of boiling broth. Lam’s rich, unique broth brims with its own flavor, permeating your choice of vegetables, protein, a small piece of corn on the cob, clear noodles, and bok choy. As the Malatang shops are mainly a feature of Northern China, we are fortunate to have Lam’s version close by.

Whatever the customer’s palate for spicy or mild food might be, everything can be soothed by your choice of customized bubble tea (even without the bubbles!): black, Thai or green tea, taro, mango, lychee, coconut or honeydew.

Food allergies are honored with Lam’s 100% peanut free and 100% trans fat free oil; in addition, he provides multiple gluten-free dishes. Lunch specials abound and at extremely reasonable prices. As Lam says, “We have a very large menu, which is hard to find in one place. Fusion Wok provides specials you can’t find anywhere else.”

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Obituaries

A Tribute to David Swope, 76

Kind, gentle, warm-hearted and humble – David Swope possessed all of these soulful traits and more, which is rare for a generous philanthropist, community leader and business owner. He passed away at home on January 31 after a long and debilitating illness. But, typical of his quietly courageous self, he was undaunted to the end.

David had served as Chair of the Board of Trustees of Westchester Community College in Valhalla, the Teatown Lake Reservation Environmental Education Center in Ossining and the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville. As a co-founder of Club Fit health and fitness centers in Briarcliff Manor and Jefferson Valley, he was a pioneer in the development of full service health and fitness membership clubs. He was also the owner of Tappan Hill in Tarrytown, now Abigail Kirsch catering.

Born in Mount Kisco on September 24, 1941, he was the son of David and Sarah (Sally) Porter Swope and a third generation Ossining resident. His grandfather, Gerard Swope Sr., was President of General Electric and owned The Croft, a large equestrian-oriented estate which was donated by the family to form the original part of Teatown Lake Reservation.

David, known as Dee to family and friends, graduated from the Scarborough School in Briarcliff Manor and the Loomis School in Connecticut. He was a graduate of Harvard University and earned a law degree from Columbia University.

In the early 1960s, he answered President Kennedy's call and joined the Peace Corps, spending two and a half years in India. This proved to be a life-changing experience and forged his life-long interest and love of India, Indian art and culture. It also inspired him to form a legal aid society in Bombay (Mumbai). Throughout his

life, he visited India and maintained an extensive network of Indian friends both at home and abroad.

After returning to the U.S., he worked as an attorney in Manhattan. David moved back to Ossining to assume his father's business interests when he became ill; these included the Briarcliff and Jefferson Valley Racquet Clubs and Tappan Hill. His father had also been the developer of Tappan Landing.

As he entered his 60s, David gradually shifted away from his business interests and devoted his time to non-profit organizations. Throughout his adult life he played a major role in the evolution and growth of Teatown, and he also supported numerous other environmental organizations and programs including the Westchester Land Trust and the Pace University Environmental Center. He spent many years on the Westchester Community College Board including overseeing the search for a new president to succeed long-time president Dr. Joseph Hankin. This effort culminated

in hiring Dr. Belinda Miles, the current President.



David Swope

David took an early interest in the creation and continued growth of the Jacob Burns Film Center (JBFC) and served as board chairman, spear-heading the creation of the JBFC's Media Arts Lab. His prodigious fund-raising skills and passionate support helped the Burns achieve this major expansion as well as insure continuing outreach through extensive educational programming. He also served on the boards of the Ossining Children's Center and Phelps Memorial Hospital in Sleepy Hollow, and offered generous financial support to numerous other groups and organizations.

David traveled extensively having visited every continent; he had friends across the nation and the globe.

He is survived by his sister, Dorothea (Dorry) Swope, by many cousins and by hundreds of friends. Funeral services will be private. Those interested in making contributions in David's memory are asked to consider Teatown Lake Reservation, Westchester Community College, the Jacob Burns Film Center or a worthy organization of their choice.

Lois Bronz, 90

Lois Bronz, who had a long career in politics and civic activism, died February 12. She was 90.



Lois Bronz

She was born August 20, 1927 in New Orleans Louisiana, attended St Mary's Academy and received her bachelors' degree at Xavier University New Orleans, and a Master's degree in Education from Wayne State University. She worked for many years as an educator, a math teacher at every level from K-12 and into the college level.

Her father's interest in politics stirred in her a healthy curiosity in politics and avid advocacy for citizen participation in government. She became active in voter registration and founded the League of Good Government in New Orleans.

Elected to the Greenburgh Town Board in 1976, she went on to become the first African-American woman elected to the Westchester County Board of Legislators in 1993. Later elected as chair in 2002, she then served on the board until 2009. As a legislator she was most proud of her leadership in getting the landmark legislation passed that created the Westchester County Human Rights Commission. She considered "affordable housing" her middle name.

"Lois Bronz was a dedicated, courageous, and kind-hearted leader," said Congresswoman Nita Lowey. "Lois tore down barriers. We are fortunate that she did. Lois opened the door for other women and African Americans to serve our communities, and she was indispensable in advancing justice, equality, and opportunity in Westchester. May her memory be a blessing."

She was the loving wife of 50 years to the

late Charles Bronz. She is survived by her son Edgar Louis Jr., his wife Mary Irene, Lois' daughter Francine, four grandchildren: Dorian, Nora Eloise, Edgar Louis III, and Gyasi, one great-grandchild Michah, and a host of nieces and nephews. Her daughter Shelly preceded her in death.

William Herguth, 72

William G. Herguth, a lifelong resident of Tarrytown and longtime member of the village Police Department, died February 15. He was 72.

On May 16, 1967, he was appointed to the Tarrytown Police Department and he held the position of Police Officer, Detective, Sergeant and Lieutenant, a position he held for 28 years. He was in charge of the Field Services Division that encompassed the civil division and all major criminal cases. He retired in 2016. He enjoyed his work and always considered it very rewarding. He was a member of the PBA of Westchester County, the Police Emerald Society of Westchester and the Westchester County Detectives Assn. He was also a 54-year member of the Tarrytown Fire Department serving with Washington Engine Co. #2.

He was born in Tarrytown on January 10, 1946 to Katherine Rose Herguth and Henry E. Herguth. He was predeceased by his first wife Margaret A. Corry, who passed away in 1983. Together they had two sons

who survive him. In 1986 by a remarkable occurrence he met Elizabeth A. Guarini. They were married June 6, 1987. Bill cherished "Lizzie," who survives him. He is also survived by his son Patrick W. Herguth (Sunny), grandsons Aidan M. Herguth and Logan W. Herguth of Sudbury, MA and his son Daniel T. Herguth (Amy) and granddaughter Sydney Katherine Herguth of Tarrytown. Mr. Herguth was very proud of his sons. His sister, Sally M. Herguth of Tarrytown, also survives him. He was predeceased by his brother Edward M. Herguth.

Mildred Crosby, 94

Mildred S. Crosby, a longtime resident of Irvington, died January 30 surrounded by her loving family. She was 94.

She was born in the Bronx and moved to Irvington in 1939. She attended Irvington High School. She worked in her father's furrier shop on East 48th Street and on the family's "Mink Farm" in East Irvington. In the early 1960s she started her career in the Irvington school system, including many years at the high school library. She loved working with the many students in Irvington and many will remember her as she helped her students research their school projects.

She met her soul mate James Harold

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Where We Worship

The Church of the Magdalene in Pocantico Hills



by Linda Viertel

The Church of the Magdalene, located in Pocantico Hills, close by the famed Union Church, may be less well-known, but the diverse faith-community's devotion to their country church, the beauty of the house of worship's interior, the gentle and humane guidance given by Father John Vigilante, and the parishioner's dedication to service all combine to create a powerful Catholic community reaching beyond this small hamlet.

"The Church of the Magdalene is the only church in the Archdiocese of New York dedicated to Mary Magdalene," the church's literature proudly states. Serving 525 families who are drawn to The Magdalene from throughout Westchester, the Church was founded in 1893 as the mission church of St. Teresa of Avila Parish in what was then called North Tarrytown. Originally, Mass was celebrated in Pocantico's Lyceum building where the firehouse now stands and was attended by 40 families from Pocantico Hills and the village of Eastview. With an original cornerstone laid in 1894, the Church, funded and built by its first parishioners, was dedicated in 1895 and included the country home fronting Bedford Road, which became the rectory.

James Butler, a wealthy chain grocery store owner and Eastview resident contributed generously, and many of the church's exquisite stained-glass windows were donated by various Butler family members. These unique and glorious windows were

created with unusual and visually effective two-dimensional leadwork; traditional in biblical narrative, grand in size, they fill the worship space with magical, colored light.

"It's a hidden treasure," says Father Vigilante, pastor and administrator. Father John, a former army chaplain who retired as a Colonel, had been president of the Academy of Mount St. Ursula's, a Catholic girls preparatory school in the Bronx, for 8 years before he arrived at Church of the Magdalene. He is revered by his congregants for his down-to-earth personality, humanity, directness and willingness to listen. Well-known for spiritual and substantive homilies that derive from life experience, his own observations and insights, he crafts short sermons that speak directly to a congregation of all ages.

Mass at Church of the Magdalene is a casual but fervent experience enhanced by the exceptional musicianship of organist, Anne Holland, cantor John Sudol, and guitar and trumpet players Jim Hornby and James Holland. Women participate as Eucharist Ministers, and young girls join their male counterparts as altar servers. Services in this Tudor-style, white-walled country church, with its rich dark wooden archways, golden oak alterpiece and pews, and radiant stained glass windows are, indeed, special; it is a heart-warming and welcoming atmosphere in which to pray.

On the first Sunday of every month, following 11 a.m. Mass, brunch is served, thanks to Jean Sudol and her team of committed volunteers. It's a time when most of



L. to R.: One section of the Magdalene's many stained glass windows; the magnificent altar; signage on Route 448 (Bedford Road); Father John Vigilante.

Photos by: Ed Sudol

the congregation stays to enjoy delicious, home-cooked preparations, sits together and chats; new worshippers are always cordially welcomed – another way in which Church of the Magdalene creates community and why parishioners are so devoted to their church.

Local outreach, donating to those in need, and volunteering are part of the Church's life-blood. The Magdalene has had a long-term involvement with the Thorpe Family Residence in the Bronx, providing monthly food collections, clothing at Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts. A Valentine Bake Sale was held in February with all proceeds going to Tarrytown's Food Pantry. Potluck suppers and raffles have been organized in support of Sleepy Hollow's RHSM Life Center. Though Church of the Magdalene may be considered a small and intimate place for prayer and reflection, congregants clearly feel a connection to and responsibility for those in need beyond their immediate surroundings.



Religious education is provided by volunteers who teach grades one through eight, with the same loving and caring environment provided for a number of kindergartners as well. For adults, Bible study groups meet regularly. Multiple volunteer Committees of the Parish Council, headed by David Impasto, insure that all aspects of Church life and administrative duties are attended to.

"I have been a parishioner at the Church of the Magdalene for over 30 years and love being a member of this parish," said congregant Pat Smyth. "We have a beautiful and unique church building and a real sense of community in the parish." Just as the New Testament describes the penitent Mary Magdalene as one who experienced Jesus's teachings, his miracles, crucifixion and resurrection and became an ardent Christian follower, so too do the parishioners of the Church of the Magdalene worship in fervent belief at their rivertown house of worship – a faith community and architectural gem.

Editor's Note: This article is the first in a series entitled "Where we Worship."

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The Westchester Community Foundation, a charitable foundation which works with donors to improve the quality of life for all in Westchester, is launching an anonymous online survey to gather information on the unmet needs of the LGBTQ population (ages 16+) in Westchester County. Over the past year, the Foundation has partnered with The LOFT: LGBTQ Community Services Center, WJCS Center Lane, and local leaders to learn about the experiences of local LGBTQ residents. The Foundation has hired Strength in Numbers Consulting to develop this 15-minute survey, which will provide local and countywide data that will help paint a picture of life in Westchester for LGBTQ residents. The online survey will launch on Monday, March 5th, and will be available in Spanish. Check www.wcf-ny.org for a link to the survey, starting Monday, March 5.

For more information, contact Robin Melén at (914) 948-5166 ext. 7 or rmelen@wcf-ny.org.



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www.shamesjcc.org/summercamps

YMCA Tarrytown Summer Camps



►Traditional Y ELC Summer Day Camp

Ages 5-8
Y Camps are designed to provide stimulating fun learning experiences. Y Camp offers a warm and secure environment for children ages 5-8. All campers will participate in the following activities: sports, dance, nature, swimming lessons 3x per week and recreational swim periods, art, and theme-based activities and special events.

2018 Weekly Sessions:

June 25 – June 29
July 2-6 NO CAMP
July 9 – July 13
July 16 – July 20
July 23 – July 27
July 30 – August 3
August 6 – August 10
August 13 – August 17
August 20 – August 24

Fees per Session/Week Program Hours
\$350 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Extended Day AM: \$25 All groups 7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m.
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For assistance with registration, call Susan Barak at 914.418.5561.
Space is very limited! Don't wait to register!

►Y Dance Intensives

Develop technique and artistry in a fun, nurturing and creative environment during our summer dance intensive programs for ages 5-1. Levels are "beginner" to "advanced."
Please contact the Y Dance office for details and registration information: 914 631-4807 x114 Lisa Raguso, Administrator, Cindy Guzman, Director.

►Rockin' Hood Camp

Comedy and Rock 'n' Roll come together in a fun and crazy way. Students will act, sing and rock out to popular favorites while presenting a new take on a classic story written and directed by David Neilsen, with musical direction by Neal Spitzer and/

or Zach Krall. More information coming soon! Two, week-long, full day musical theatre programs run first and second weeks of August, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a production each Friday night at 7 p.m. in Patriot's Park. For more information or to register, contact Barbara Turk: barbarat@ymcatarrytown.org.

Westchester County Children's Summer Camps

Online registration is available at parks.westchestergov.com/activities/childrenscamps.

►Perfect Pitch and Swing Baseball Camp: ages 8 to 12, V.E. Macy Park in Ardsley, (914) 231-4673.

►Slam Dunk Basketball Camp: grades 3 to 9, Westchester County Center, White Plains, (914) 231-4673.
Girls Volleyball Camp, grades 6 to 12, Westchester County Center, White Plains, (914) 231-4673.

►Challenger Sports Soccer Camp: grades 1 to 9, V.E. Macy Park, Ardsley, (914) 714-

8601 or challengersports.com.

►Hole-in-One Junior Golf Camp:

ages 10 to 17, throughout the county: Dunwoodie and Sprain Lake, Yonkers; Hudson Hills, Ossining; Maple Moor, White Plains; Mohansic, Yorktown Heights; and Saxon Woods, Scarsdale. (914) 231-4673.

►Children's Summer Ecology Program: grades 1 to 6, Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains, Marshlands Conservancy, Rye, and Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River. (See website for contact info.)

►Conservationists in Training: grades 7 to 9, Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains and Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River.

Stewards, grades 10 to 12, at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River. (See website for contact info.)

►Muscoot Wranglers:

ages 4 and 5, Muscoot Young Farmers, grades 1-8, Muscoot Farm, Somers, (914) 864-7282.

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CAMP 2018 DIRECTORY

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► **Summer Music Center:** grades 3 to 12, Westchester County Center, White Plains, (914) 231-4673.

Irvington Day Camp

Ages: 3 years old (by July 2nd) up to entering 8th grade (fall of 2018)
Dows Lane School
July 2 - August 3, 2018
New: Extended hours until 4 p.m. (optional)

Activities and special events will include: barbecue, carnival, color wars, cooking, crafts, drama, field day, hiking, nature, multi-sports, scavenger hunts, showcase, swimming (one day/week), theme days, trips and more! Be part of the fun in a safe and nurturing environment.

Open house for preschool and kindergarten families: March 10, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. at Dows Lane Elementary School.

Irvington Teenscape 2018

► Travel & Sports Camp

Current 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders
www.facebook.com/teenscapeirvington-recreation

► **Teenscape** is a teen summer travel and sports camp run by the Irvington Recreation Department that includes exciting trips, outdoor activities, recreational sports, and memory making with friends.

Session 1: June 25- July 13

Session 2: July 16-August 3

Campers have the choice to join the fun for either three weeks or six weeks.

Session 1 Features: June 25- July 13

Six Flags New England
Rockland Boulders Game Playland
Great Adventure
Action Park
High Ropes Course
Dorney Park
Kayaking on the Hudson
iFLY

Session 2 Features: July 16-August 3

Sherwood Island Beach
New York Yankee Game Lake Compounce
Rock 'n' Jump
Action Park
Great Adventure
Exclusive MSG Tour
Deep water fishing on the Shamrock
Brownstone Water Adventure Park

Fees: One Session – \$1,195 (Resident) \$1,345 (School District)

Both Sessions – \$2,190 (Resident) \$2,340 (School District)

\$600 non-refundable deposit due at registration

Registration is underway at the Rec. Dept. Camp Director: Mike DiNardo



Some trips may require an additional fee. Maximum enrollment: 44 participants per session.

Minimum enrollment: 30 participants per session by April 15.

Handbooks with all required forms available at the Rec. Dept.

For more information: mdinardo@irvingtonny.gov, athornton@irvingtonny.gov / 591-7736.

Theater O Arts Camp in Ossining

Housed on the beautiful Bethany Arts Community (BAC) campus in Ossining, Theater O's Camp of Witchcraft and Wizardry is open to muggles ages 8-14. Staffed by Theater O, the camp will explore the magical world through theater, art, music, puppetry, storytelling, games and more. The camp runs July 16-August 3. There are three one-week sessions. Campers may sign up for one, two or three weeks.

Campers will be sorted into houses, compete for the house cup, play muggle quidditch, explore the forbidden forest, write fan-fiction plays, make magic wands, improv magic spells, role play as their favorite characters and so much more.

Theater O Artistic Director Jessica

Irons said, "I have always wanted to run Camp of Witchcraft and Wizardry. As a huge Harry Potter fan, I know that the imaginative world readers inhabit, and art-making go hand-in-hand. Being at Bethany Arts Community is the perfect match. BAC has its own brand of magic, everywhere you look."

Registration for the Camp of Witchcraft and Wizardry is now open at www.theatero.org. Limited spots are available.



Rivertown Swim Academy

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► **For the Experienced Swimmers:** Personalized stroke instructions, emphasis on starts/turns and developing race strategy.

Rivertown Swim Academy can also develop a plan for triathlon swimmers, looking to be more competitive in the water part of their race, as well as individuals looking to continue training in the water.

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email: information@masciachildcare.org
www.masciachildcare.org/camp.html
Dates: July 2 to August 24

The EMCCC is for children ages 5 to 12. Camp days are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; children can be dropped off as early as 7 a.m. and picked up as late as 6 p.m.

Full day services will be offered as well for school-age children needing additional summer care during the weeks of August 27 and August 30.

Campers will receive breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack each day. The program includes weekly trips and a variety of interesting activities, including art and cooking. EMCCC campers have visited museums, gone swimming, had picnics, participated in music and dance programs, talent shows, and tennis.

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Shames JCC Summer Camps 2018

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instruction. They have enjoyed fascinating interactive science demonstrations offered by Mad Science of Westchester, and have interacted with animals brought in by The Nature of Things. A summer reading program is offered as well. Full use is made of the EMCCC campus that includes playgrounds, a basketball court, a tennis court and a ball field. Our year-round professional staff provides camper supervision.

Hackley School Summer Programs

Open to all, Hackley School in Tarrytown offers an array of summer enrichment programs for students K-12. Programs include sports, visual arts, nature adventures, theater and academics. For more information, visit hackleyschool.org/summer or call 914-366-2675.

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Camp Chillin' August 13-31; Hockey Camp July 2-August 31; Figure Skating Beginners-Elite Level June 18-August 31. Located in Elmsford. www.skatewsa.com. 914-347-8232, ext. 104.

JCC on the Hudson to Hold Camper/Counselor Reunion

by Barrett Seaman

Isabel "Izzie" Simon will be going back. So will one of her former teachers at Sleepy Hollow, Joe Gentile. Both are veterans of the Shames JCC on Hudson summer camps. They will be among dozens who share the experiences of being both campers and counselors at the JCC. They will be returning there for a March 25th reunion—the first held in the 90-year history of the camps—that will also serve as a get-together for current campers, counselors and their families.

Gentile, now 30 and a social studies teacher in Ossining, once taught Simon history at Sleepy Hollow Middle School. Simon, now a high school junior, is thinking about her college applications next year, but in the meantime, she plans to return at least one more year as a JCC counselor this summer. One of her favorite camp memories was playing dodge ball, in which she confesses she got hurt "a bunch of times."

Marisa Barbera turns 23 this winter and is a teacher and graduate student at SUNY New Paltz, but she too will be returning to the JCC in March. She started out at age five or six in the Country Day camp (later



JCC camper and counselor Isabel "Izzie" Simon

re-named Little Friends and now called River Friends) and moved on to become a Counselor in Training, then a senior counselor at Twelve Trails, the camp for kids up to 7th grade. One of her fondest memories was a three-day

sleepover trip to Lake George.

The Lake George trip also sticks in Arianna Friedman's memories as well. As a counselor at both Twelve Trails and River Friends, after a full tour of the programs as a camper, she recalled, "The environment was always friendly and loving." She's now a junior at SUNY Oneonta, majoring in fashion merchandizing but will do one more stint as a counselor before entering "the real world."

For many of these returning veterans, JCC camps have defined their summers for most of their lives and in some cases influenced their career choices. Marisa first sought out a job as a counselor "to become just as cool as my older friends." But she stayed on be-

cause of the satisfaction she got from working with younger children. "That's when I decided to become a teacher," she says. She studied Early Childhood Education as an undergraduate at New Paltz and is now in the midst of a two-and-a-half year Masters program while she teaches full-time in a private Montessori school. Though she works from 8:45 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. every weekday in addition to her course load, she said, "It never feels like work."

Gentile said he was "kind of born into" the JCC, as his mother worked there in the 1990s. He went from nursery school to camper, to C.I.T (Counselor in Training), to counselor, to co-director of a team at the Twelve Trails camp. This summer, he will return again as head counselor at River Friends, working with three-to-six-year-olds.

Over the years, the JCC has touched the lives of thousands in the rivertowns and beyond. Gentile laughed as he recalled his sister's wedding reception, where the emcee asked for all those who had ever been a JCC camper to come to the dance floor for a photo. "There must have been thirty or thirty-five that came out," Gentile said.

The reunion is scheduled for Sunday, March 25, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. with open swimming and access to the gymnasium. Parents are invited as well.

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Mitzvah Month at the Shames JCC, 371 S. Broadway, Tarrytown. Donation boxes are set up in both buildings on the J campus to collect various items that will be given to non-profit agencies.



Through March 8th "Black, White & Grey," a members' group show is being held through March 18 at the Upstream Gallery, 8 Main St., Hastings.



Wednesday 14 *Faces Places*, directed by Agnès Varda and JR, will be screened. The 89-year-old legendary documentarian Agnès Varda sets out in the company of the 34-year-old French photographer and environmental artist known as JR.

What's Happening

Check out the complete directory for March at www.thehudsonindependent.com

Mitzvah Month

It's Mitzvah Month at the Shames JCC, 371 S. Broadway, Tarrytown. Donation boxes are set up in both buildings on the J campus to collect various items that will be given to non-profit agencies. Please donate new kids' pajamas, newborn to 5, that will be given to Room to Grow, a NYC organization dedicated to helping the lives of babies who are born into poverty during their first three years of development. Dog and cat food is being collected and will be given to the Paws Crossed Shelter in Elmsford; and food donations for the Hudson Valley Food Pantry in White Plains. The food pantry is asking for items that are in small size so they can be easily carried away. For more information on what to donate, please go to www.shamesjcc.org.

LIFE SAFETY COURSES: Beginning in March and lasting throughout the spring, the Shames JCC,

371 S. Broadway, Tarrytown, is offering multi-classes at various times and dates for anyone interested in being Red Cross certified. For more information, such as course descriptions, prerequisites, costs, and schedules, please go to www.shamesjcc.org. You can also call the Shames JCC at 366-7898 and ask for the aquatics director or e-mail ehammermeister@shamesjcc.org for a free prerequisite evaluation.

BLACK, WHITE, & GRAY: "Black, White & Grey," a members' group show is being held through March 18 at the Upstream Gallery, 8 Main St., Hastings. Upstream Gallery is now open until 8:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Info: 674-8548 or <http://www.upstreamgallery.com>.

Wednesday 7

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING: Israeli Folk Dancing with

Leng will be held on March 7, 21 and 28 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Temple Beth Abraham, 25 Leroy Ave., Tarrytown. Beginners will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. and open dance and instruction will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$10 for Temple members, \$15 for visitors and guests, and \$5 for junior and senior high school and university students. For more information on Leng visit <http://ctisraelidance.com> To RSVP, which is required, e-mail adulter@tba-ny.org or call the Temple office at 631-1770.

Thursday 8

BINGO NIGHTS: The Sleepy Hollow Fire Department sponsors bingo nights every second and fourth Saturday of the month at 55 Elm St., Sleepy Hollow. Doors open at 5 p.m.; games start at 7 p.m. You must be 18 or older to play.

Friday 9

PIPPIN: *Pippin* will be presented by the Clocktower Players Adult Troupe on March 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and on March 18 at 2 p.m. at the Irvington Town Hall Theater, 85 Main St. Reserved seat tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for students and seniors. An additional charge of \$3 will be charged for each ticket bought at the door. A limited number of free tickets are available to current military, police, fire and EMS personnel upon presentation of departmental ID. Contact the box office at 591-6602 for more information.

Saturday 10

CONSERVATION & CHAMBER MUSIC: The Solace Quartet will perform works by Beethoven, Macdonald and Schumann at 8 p.m. at the Dobbs Ferry Woman's Club, 54 Clinton Ave. There will be a sneak "listen" to a few movements from a RiverArts commissioned score: A RiverArts upcoming performance piece - *Braiding*. Executive Director Doug Coe will speak with composer David Macdonald on his creative process. Info: riverarts.org.

Sunday 11

ADULT ED BRUNCH: Jewish Languages with Rabbi Andrew Ergas will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Temple Beth Abraham, 25 Leroy Ave., Tarrytown. Rabbi Ergas is recognized as a leading speaker and educator in the Jewish community and beyond. For more details or to RSVP, contact adulter@tba-ny.org.

Wednesday 14

RIVERTOWN FILM PRESENTS: Rivertown Films has scheduled two screenings for March at the Nyack Center, Broadway at Depew at 8 p.m. All films are presented digitally. On March 14, *Faces Places*, directed by Agnès Varda and JR, will be screened. The 89-year-old legendary documentarian Agnès Varda, an inveterate risk-taker, sets out in the company of the 34-year-old French photographer and environmental artist known as JR. On March 28, an evening of short films by award-winning filmmakers of Rockland County, all of whom will be present, will be screened. Information: 845-353-2568 or www.rivertownfilm.org. Tickets can be purchased at the door, in advance by calling 800-838-3006 or online at www.rivertownfilm.org.

org. Unless otherwise noted, \$12 is for general admission; \$9 for students, seniors and general Rivertown Film members; and \$8 for student and senior Rivertown Film members and for group tickets.

Friday 16

AVENUE Q: *Avenue Q* is being presented by Spotlight Theatre Productions through March 16 at the Clear View School, Julie Harris Theatre, 480 Albany Post Rd., Briarcliff Manor. The play is recommended for adults. If you would like more information, please contact Pat Concilio at 879-7708 or e-mail: stpnytheatre@aol.com or atstpnytheatre@aol.com.

Saturday 17

MOVIE MAVENS: The Movie Mavens series continues at Temple Beth Abraham, 25 Leroy Ave., Tarrytown, at 7 p.m. A moderated discussion immediately follows with coffee and dessert. This month's film is *Nora's Will*, the 2010 film that won seven Ariel Awards in Mexico. The program is free for members, and \$5 for guests to offset the cost of refreshments.

Friday 23

WOMEN'S CIRCLE: A Women's Circle program will be held at 5:45 p.m. at Temple Beth Abraham, 25 Leroy Ave., Tarrytown. Celebrate study and explore Jewish women's issues and history. You do not have to read or prepare anything in advance. Life experience is the only tool you'll need. Members and guests are welcome. There is no charge for this program. Please call the Temple office at 631-1770 or e-mail tbawomenscircle@gmail.com for more information.

HUNCHBACK: *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* will be presented by the Broadway Training Center - Senior Ensemble on March 23 and 24 at 7 p.m. and on March 25 at 3 p.m. at the Irvington Town Hall Theater, 85 Main St. Reserved seat tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. There will be an additional charge of \$3 per ticket for admission at the door. Info: Irvingtontheater.com.

Saturday 24

ART EXHIBIT: New Works created by Lee Kui Dae will be displayed from March 24 through April 15 at the Canfin Gallery, 39 Main St., Tarrytown. Info: 332-4554 or www.CanfinGallery.com.

ITALIAN BRED: *Italian Bred*, a heartwarming comedy, will be performed at 8 p.m. at the Tarrytown Music Hall, For tickets visit Tarrytownmusicall.org. For more information about the show, visit: italianbredshow.com.

Ongoing

FREE TAI CHI: Drop-in Sundays from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Mondays from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. & Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Shames JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Call 366-7898 or visit www.ShamesJCC.org.

JAZZ FORUM CLUB: Shows Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m., Sundays at 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at One Dixon Lane in Tarrytown. Call 631-1000 or visit <http://jazzforumarts.org>.

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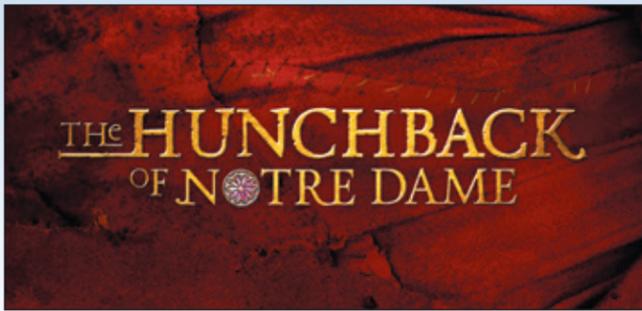
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Thursdays 22-April 26 Opera Appreciation. Susan Grunthal will discuss the life and works of Giuseppe Verdi - at the Warner Library.



Sunday 25 Irvington Public Library- Come get into the spirit with some Passover themed stories to get ready for the holiday.

PIRATE QUEST: On Saturdays and Sundays from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. children ages 5-8 hunt through the grounds to load precious cargo onto their digital pirate ships at Philipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow. Call 366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

'DROP YOUR PANTS' DENIM RECYCLING INITIATIVE: Bring your worn denim clothes to the Tarrytown Music Hall lobby collection box for recycling into insulation and keep textile waste out of landfills. Visit <http://bluejeansgogreen.org>.

WINE AND JAZZ WEDNESDAYS: From 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. featuring bassist John Lang at La Chinita Poblana in Irvington. Visit www.chinitapoblana.com.

OSSINING FARMERS' MARKET: Open Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. through Dec. 17 at Spring & Main Sts. Call 923-4837 or visit www.downtoearthmarkets.com.

IRVINGTON WINTER FARMERS MARKET: 2nd and

4th Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Main St. School. Visit www.irvmtk.org.

IRVINGTON RUNNING MEETUP: Group meets multiple times per week to keep fit, keep in touch and have fun. Beginning runners always welcome. Visit www.meetup.com/Irvington-running-Meetup/.

MAH JONGG: Mondays at 1 p.m. at Temple Beth Abraham in Tarrytown. Call 631-1770 or e-mail adulded@tba-ny.org to ensure there are enough players for a game.

MEN'S CLUB: Meets every Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown. Meetings have varied speakers and are open to the public free of charge. Call 366-7898 or visit www.ShamesJCC.org.

HEALTHY LIFE SERIES: Phelps Memorial Hospital Center in Sleepy Hollow offers the community a wide range of programs on health-related subjects as well as health screenings and support groups.

Visit www.phelpshospital.org.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARIES: Stories, rhymes, crafts and songs for children of various ages at Tarrytown's Warner Library and Irvington Public Library. For Warner, call 631-7734 or visit www.warnerlibrary.org. For Irvington, call 591-7840 or visit www.irvingtonlibrary.org.

TORAH STUDY: Torah Study is held on Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at Temple Beth Abraham, 25 Leroy Ave., Tarrytown. Classes are also conducted on Saturdays at 9 a.m. for a discussion of this week's Torah reading during conservative services. Info: 631-1770.

Save the Date: April 21

Earth Day Activities, sponsored by The Tarrytown Environmental Advisory Council (TEAC) and the Village of Tarrytown. Look for our poster around the village in April.

In Our Libraries

The following events have been scheduled for March at the Warner Library, 121 N. Broadway in Tarrytown. For more information, call 631-7734 or visit warnerlibrary.org.

Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m.

Organic Gardening with Deb Taft of Mobius Farms.

Saturday, March 10 at 3 p.m.

Rolie Poly Guacamole! Don't miss this afternoon of music for kids and their grown-ups.

Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

Hiking for Beginners with the Westchester Trails Association. Know your hiking basics before hitting the trails.

Thursday, March 15 at 2 p.m.

Live from Lincoln Center – a video of the play

Driving Miss Daisy with Angela Lansbury, James Earl Jones and Boyd Gaines. March 20 – Warner Library Seed Library starts.

Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m.

"Battling the Opioid Epidemic/ Drug Abuse and Co-Occurring Disorders." Stephanie Marquesano will discuss the prevalence of addictive and co-occurring disorders. Learn how the combination of substance abuse and mental health challenges is affecting lives of more than 10.2 million Americans.

Thursdays, March 22-April 26 at 3 p.m.

Opera Appreciation. Susan Grunthal will discuss the life and works of Giuseppe Verdi.

Saturday, March 24 at 2:30 p.m.

Friends of the Library Concert - Peter Calo, gui-

tarist/singer/songwriter will perform along with co-musicians on bass and drums.

Monday, March 26 at 7 p.m.

Alexander Technique. Learn to identify and prevent the harmful postural habits that can cause stress, pain, or ineffectiveness. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Thursday, March 29 at 6 p.m.

"Battling the Opioid Epidemic - Narcan Education." Would you know what to do if someone overdosed? The Westchester County Health Department offers free life-saving Naloxone (Narcan) training for residents. Residents 18 or older who want to attend this training workshop (to administer Narcan) can register online at <http://health.westchestergov.com/narcan/community-opioid-overdose-training>.

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SENIOR VAN: Beginning at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday, a van is available for seniors who need transportation. Call the Tarrytown Village Hall at 631-7873 or the Sleepy Hollow Recreation Dept. at 366-5109.

HOT LUNCH: Plus other activities Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Neighborhood House in Tarrytown. Suggested contribution \$3. Call 330-3855.

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TARRYTOWN SENIOR CENTER

Pierson Park, 631-2304. Annual donation is \$15.

EXERCISE: 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Commentary

Those Golden Years for Pets

by Dr. Brian Green, DVM

Although no one can be sure, it is widely believed that dogs and cats reaching retirement age do not often succumb to the temptations of their owners: a condo in a warm climate, golf or shuffleboard, travel to exotic lands, a visit to their grandchildren, early dinners, and complaints to their children that they don't call often enough. However, they do share many of the health problems seen in elderly people, and require more attentiveness to changes in habits, appetite, grooming and comportment than they did

in their younger days.

Gramps has lived a good many years, pretty much taking care of himself. Oh, maybe he can't chew dry food anymore, and he takes a little longer to get up, and yes, he has been sleeping for nine days now, but the last we saw of him, he really seemed fine. Ever play "what's wrong with this picture?" You see, it is possible that Gramps may have a number of problems that caught early would be minor or even insignificant-but if we wait too long may actually be beyond help. Dogs and cats have an amazing capacity to wait until you have finished dressing for your

best friend's wedding before they start walking like they're drunk, can't breathe, or start vomiting on the new Persian rug, and look to you for help.

The fact is that geriatric pets, like elderly people, have problems with their eyes, ears, teeth, heart, stomach, kidneys, bladder, spine and joints, and many of those problems are detectable by regular physical examinations. When problems exist, it may be advisable to run blood tests, or an EKG, or take X-rays, depending on the symptoms. Diet changes more compatible with an elderly patient may be recommended, changes in the exercise

patterns, dietary supplements, and warning signs may be discussed, and questions you may have concerning care of the elderly patient will be discussed.

The most important thing to remember is that despite their different appearance, our pets are much like us. They need regular health check-ups, lots of love and caring, and a realization that the golden years carry with them all the age-old problems of old age.

Dr. Brian Green, DVM, is Director of the Sleepy Hollow Animal Hospital

Letters

Fireboat on RiverWalk Increases Concerns about Liability

To the Editor:

I write as the President of the Board of Managers of the River House Condominium. No one from the Board of Managers was contacted for your story on the John D. McKean fireboat and as a result, your article left out important information that would have explained the concerns of the Condominium in regard to the docking of the fireboat.

To a person, we respect and value the Sleepy Hollow Fire Department, knowing that its volunteers put their lives on the line for us. And to a person, we respect the heritage and service of the John D. McKean for her role in 9/11, in the "Miracle on the Hudson," and the quiet but life-saving service she performed every day of her half-century of active life.

By agreement between the developer and the Village, the Condominium homeowners

were made responsible for repair and maintenance of the portion of RiverWalk located alongside the Condominium. We do not understand why this portion of the RiverWalk, the only portion in Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown that private homeowners are required to repair and maintain, was made our responsibility, but it is and we have accepted this responsibility for the passive recreational use of all Village residents and visitors.

The plans for the fireboat are exciting, including excursions, tours, public access and private parties. However, these wide-scale activities move beyond the passive recreational use of the rest of RiverWalk, and increase our concerns about our liability – concerns that have grown since we were notified that the Army Corp of Engineers did not grant a permit for the additional work on the pier, and that the

developer never had the legal right to perform any work on the pier.

We want to work with the Village to maintain RiverWalk as we have been committed to do, and to be sure that everyone is welcome to enjoy the beautiful Hudson. And we want to honor the John D. McKean. We are happy to work with the Village to find a more suitable location for the John D. McKean that will support the active and wide-ranging plans of her owners.

We have faith in the good intent and good will of the residents of our Village, and believe that if we work together, a solution can be found that honors the John D. McKean.

Joanne Sold
President, Board of Managers
River House at Sleepy Hollow
Condominium

Thanks for Putting Immigration Issue Front and Center

To the Editor:

I'd like to congratulate you and your staff for putting an important issue front and center in *The Hudson Independent*. Charlene Weigel's piece titled, "From El Salvador to Westchester: An Immigrant's Journey" was a well-written and poignant story that needed to be told. The issue of immigration is one that many would seek to sweep under the rug but, I believe, the more it's told the more tolerance and understanding will build in our community.

Thank you for leading the way in creating positive change.

Best wishes,
Jenni Cheers

Bike Lane on Broadway Would Improve Village

To the Editor:

As a 23-year resident of Tarrytown I wanted to share my opinion regarding a proposed bike lane on the east side of Broadway. I think it would improve our town and lives in so many ways. I live on Broadway just north of Main St. and I am very familiar with this stretch of road. At most times of day it seems clear that the road is too narrow for parking on both sides given the volume of traffic including busses and large trucks. I have seen and heard many accidents over the years mostly involving the parked cars creating a very dangerous situation for pedestrians. In addition to providing a safer place for bikes to ride it would greatly open up visibility for both pedestrians and cars. I see the significant traffic calming effects of bike lanes every day on my daily bike commute from Grand Central Terminal to my job in Manhattan.

A bike lane would improve safety for all and provide a healthy transportation option that is currently missing in Tarrytown.

Sincerely,

Salvatore Denise
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Library Happenings

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The following programs have been scheduled for the month of March at the Irvington Public Library, 12 S. Astor St. in Irvington. Info: 591-7840 or irvingtonlibrary.org.

Throughout the Month:

Jim Maciel returns to the Martucci Gallery in the Irvington Public Library to exhibit "Forest

and Trees," that features detailed Sumi Ink brush drawings on watercolor paper. Sumi Ink is the black ink used in Japanese calligraphy. Maciel works from photographs taken during his travels, this time through the Pacific Northwest. He first makes detailed drawings, then paints from light to dark.

Sunday, March 18 at 2 p.m.

The Irvington Historical Society will present *The Gettysburg Campaign* and *the New York City Draft Riots: Conspiracy or Coincidence?* The talk will be by Barnet Schecter, based on his book *The Devil's Own Work: The Civil War Draft Riots and the Fight to Reconstruct America*. Admission is free. Info: www.irvingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

Sunday, March 25:

Stories, Songs, and Sweets, from 2 to 3 p.m. A free afternoon of stories, songs, and yummy treats. This event features sing-alongs with Carla from Tkiya (the Jewish community music initiative). Come get into the spirit with some Pass-over themed stories to get ready for the holiday. All ages are welcome. We love to see new faces. This event is ideal for children eight and under.

Musician

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Despite his quiet persona, he hopes the album is well received and is ready to hop the train to tour the country if a well-known artist wants to offer him an opening slot. He said he's been lucky over the last year collaborating with talented musicians that have allowed him to grow, boost his confidence and become more comfortable performing his own music in front of an audience.

He added that his band is already working on a second full-length album.

"Everyone involved in the project appreciates it, enjoys it and wants to be a part of it. The songwriting and the relationships I've built with songwriters and band members turned this from me writing songs on my couch by myself into this living breathing thing," Jacquin said. "My music and my kids definitely gave me a lot to live for and a lot to fight for."

To learn more about Greg Jacquin or view his upcoming show dates, visit www.gregjacquinmusic.com/.

Obits

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Crosby at a USO Club in NYC and on December 2, 1946 they were married. Mildred and Jim were married for 70 years and never went anywhere without each other. In 1968 they built their dream home on the "Mink Farm," which they dearly loved. They were long-time members of the Dobbs Ferry Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Crosby loved gardening, the book club, and boating with her husband on Lake George, NY. They attended many Irvington seniors citizen events and enjoyed walks along the parks in Irvington. She very much enjoyed spending time with her two boys and her grandchildren.

Mario "Mayito" Bernal, 83

Mario 'Mayito' Bernal, a resident and business owner in Tarrytown, died February 4. He was 83.

He was born in Cuba on June 18, 1934 and came to the United States in 1966 where he settled and raised his family. He

was a well-known businessman in North Tarrytown. People will remember him as the proprietor of Nite & Day Deli and Las Americas Grocery Store.

Joseph Foley, 80

Joseph Patrick Foley, a 50-year resident of Irvington, died February 16. He was 80.

He graduated from Regis High School in New York City in 1955 and from Manhattan College (BEE) in 1959 and from Boston College Law School in 1963. He served for three years in the U.S. Air Force (Lt). He started his legal career at the Manhattan District Attorneys' Office, later worked at the law firm of Cahill Gordon and as

senior attorney at Texaco, Inc., in Harrison. Between 1976 and 1993, he served as the Chairman of the Town of Greenburgh Zoning Board of Appeals and was an active member of Transfiguration Parish.

Emilio Mastropaolo, 56

Emilio Mastropaolo, a longtime Sleepy Hollow resident, died unexpectedly February 6. He was 56.

He was born on June 22, 1961 in Campobasso, Italy to Edmondo and Ambrosina Muccilli Mastropaolo. He had been working at Allerga, Inc, a pharmaceutical company.

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