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Helping Victims of Terrorism One Step at a Time

By Martin Wilbur

In the days following Peter Alderman's death on Sept. 11, 2001, his mother Liz recalled how friends and acquaintances of her son came from all over the country to comfort each other and her family.

Nine years and a day after Alderman was killed, some of those same people turned out again in his memory. More than 100 participated in the second annual Friends of Peter Alderman Annual Walk in Mount Kisco on Sunday, which has raised millions of dollars for the Peter C. Alderman Foundation since its inception. The foundation's mission is to help heal the psychological wounds of victims of terrorism around the globe.

"Peter truly cared about people, he really did," said Liz Alderman, who organized the foundation with her husband Steve. "He went so out of his way. When he was killed his friends started coming in from all over the United States. There were no flights. People got into cars. They came from Chicago, from Florida, from all over. They needed to be with each other, they needed to be with us."



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

An estimated 100-plus walkers turned out in Mount Kisco on Sunday for the second Friends of Peter Alderman Annual Walk to raise money for people suffering from traumatic depression as a result of terrorism around the world. For more local coverage on Sept. 11 ceremonies see pages 6-7.

Last year for the inaugural event, 70 to 80 walkers raised about \$70,000 for the non-profit organization, said its Executive Director Alison Pavia. Before this year's 1.4-mile walk, which began at the Mount Kisco Metro-North station late Sunday morning and finished at the Lexington Square Cafe, Flavia said the organizers were hopeful more funds would be raised this year.

The foundation was launched by Alderman's parents in February 2003 after Liz Alderman watched a segment on Nightline that featured Dr. Richard Mollica, a Harvard Medical School professor and director of the Harvard Program for Refugee Trauma.

Soon after, Alderman called Mollica about her idea to create a foundation in her son's name to raise money to help terrorism victims. Now in its eighth year, the foundation has built 10 clinics in Uganda, Rwanda, Cambodia and Haiti to train native doctors to treat victims of traumatic depression and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Alderman said roughly one billion people, about one-sixth of the world's population, suffer from

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Kaplowitz Unveils Renewable Energy Proposal in Mt. Kisco

By Neal Rentz

The Democratic candidate for the 40th Senate District seat unveiled a plan last week in Mount Kisco to significantly increase the use of renewable energy sources throughout New York State.

During a Sept. 8 press conference in front of the Mount Kisco Public Library, County Legislator Michael Kaplowitz said he would introduce legislation in the senate "to bring about the green collar jobs plank" if he's elected in November.

"Many states are doing a much better job," Kaplowitz said. "New Jersey, for example, has a very vigorous program and incentives that are out there and goals set to bring about a renewable portfolio, particularly in the photovoltaic, the solar world," Kaplowitz said. "We can do much better in New York State."

Kaplowitz said his legislation would require the state to install 5,000 megawatts of solar power by 2025, which he believes would generate more than 22,000 jobs and increase

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State Senate candidate Michael Kaplowitz, outside of the Mount Kisco Public Library last week, pledged to introduce legislation providing incentives for businesses and homeowners to sharply increase renewable energy sources.

Car Defaced with Anti-Muslim Rhetoric at Greeley High School

By Sam Barron

In the opening week of the 2010-11 academic year, the Chappaqua School District has been rocked with an incident that is a bad joke at best and hate speech at worst.

New Castle police are investigating an incident that occurred on Sept. 6 where a student's car was spray-painted with pictures of bombs and the word "boom" written underneath the hood, "Honk 4 Allah" on a side window and "Support the Mosque" on another side window.

The student whose car was spray-painted is not a Muslim. Spraying messages on cars and in the senior section at the school's cafeteria has been a tradition to welcome the senior class at Greeley.

Principal Andrew Selesnick addressed the issue at an assembly last Wednesday and wrote a letter home to parents.

"Following this summer's debate over the building of an Islamic Center in downtown Manhattan, and the angry, divisive language that permeated the media's cover-

age of that debate, we anticipated the possibility that it might find its way into school," Selesnick stated. "We didn't anticipate that it would happen so quickly and be targeted so hurtfully at a single student."

Selesnick said it was racist and unacceptable and told students that they were better than this, even though he has addressed issues of intolerance in the past. Previously, school officials have dealt with a swastika painted on a school wall, racist language directed at an African-American student, homophobic graffiti in the bathroom and a student's drivers license being defaced with anti-Semitic language.

"I told our students that I still believe we're better than this, but at the same time, we must ask ourselves: why do these events, on the one hand seemingly isolated, but on the other hand entirely connected by their insensitivity and hurtfulness, continue to occur in our community?" Selesnick said.

Detective Sgt. James Wilson said that

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these conditions as a result of terrorism.

So far, the foundation has estimated helping about 100,000 patients in the existing clinics. Another clinic is set to open in Liberia. The foundation only sets up a clinic if the government of the host country is a partner in the venture.

"These people are traumatized to the point where they can't function so we are trying to bring the people back to function in their own societies," said Alderman.

On Sunday, the participants, whether they knew Peter Alderman since childhood or just a few months before the 25-year-old's life was cut short, came from all over the metropolitan area to remember their friend. Dominik DiPasquale, of Nutley, N.J., who worked with Alderman at Bloomberg LP, said it was fitting that thousands around the world are now getting help because of Peter.

"He was such an amazing person, a giving person that it makes a lot of sense that he's helping people in a foreign country that he never met," DiPasquale said.

Dominick Conduro, of Red Bank, N.J., only knew Alderman for three months the summer before his death. The two had a mutual friend and shared a beach house at the Jersey Shore. Conduro had barely gotten to know him when Alderman helped him out when he was in a bind.

"He lent me his car when my car broke down to meet (the girl) who is now my wife," he said. "She lived about an hour away. I only knew him about two weeks at that point. He was a very generous guy and always a happy man. I'm just here to pay tribute to his life, to remember him and to just help raise money as well."

Donald and Ellen Samson, of Mount Kisco, didn't know or do they know the family. They read about the walk last week and decided to turn out because of the foundation's

"It's doing good," said Donald Samson. "In Jewish, we call it a mitzvah, and if you can do something good for someone that's the best thing in the world, especially during the High Holy Days."

At the time of his death, the Aldermans lived in Armonk, although Peter was in the

midst of moving out to get his own apartment in the city. A few years later, his parents moved to Pound Ridge.

Now nearly a decade later, the family is focused more than ever to make sure their son and the thousands of others didn't die in vain.

"If in his name we could bring people back to life who had survived the attacks and couldn't live their lives that's what we would do," Alderman said.

For more information about the Peter C. Alderman Foundation, visit www.peteraldermanfoundation.org.

Kaplowitz Unveils Renewable Energy Plan

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the state's economic output by \$20 billion.

His proposal would provide a 30 percent tax credit for investments in manufacturing facilities that produce clean energy products, as well as an additional 10 percent tax credit or 5 percent cash grant for geothermal energy providers.

In addition, Kaplowitz called for a program that would install 50,000 smart electric meters in the Hudson Valley to increase energy efficiency and lower prices for homeowners. Businesses would be provided with a 30 percent tax credit or 10 percent cash grant for investments in manufacturing facilities that make smart meters. Homeowners who purchase a smart electric meter would receive a 10 percent cash grant.

Smart meters measure energy use in periods of an hour or less. Kaplowitz said by

using the meters, energy consumers could "harness that knowledge to be able to cut their electricity bills."

"(This would) save taxpayers dollars, create new businesses, (incentivize) jobs and create economic activity, and at the same time do it with renewable fuel and the conservation that the environment demands and needs," Kaplowitz said.

Accompanying the veteran legislator last week was Mount Kisco Village Manager James Palmer, who discussed the geothermal heating and cooling system at the library, which opened last year.

"We're real pleased with the way the system is operating," Palmer said. "And we believe that the village is certainly going to get the return on that investment."

The board of trustees sought the geothermal system for the new library because "it

made sense" economically, Palmer said.

"But also because it was the environmentally correct thing to do and the village did want to set itself as an example in the community," he said. Mount Kisco received significant funding through the New York State Education Program.

Gerri Currall, the political co-chair of the Lower Hudson Group of the Sierra Club, which includes Westchester, Rockland and Putnam counties, applauded Kaplowitz for his long-term commitment to environmental issues. Currall said the veteran legislator is also concerned with the preservation of open space and protection of farmland and protecting the watershed.

Kaplowitz is the first candidate "who has made a causal relationship between preserving and protecting the environment and building the economy," Currall said.

Car Defaced with Anti-Muslim Rhetoric at Greeley

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police are working with the school and the student's family as they continue to investigate the vandalism. He said he wasn't sure if the perpetrator knew that the family is not Muslim.

"I believe it was high school kids who didn't realize how sensitive this issue was," Wilson said. "This is the only anti-Muslim incident I know of recently."

Selesnick said that Greeley will continue

to do its best to teach its students how vital it is to be respectful of others.

"Perhaps more than ever, our students are confronted constantly by media messages suggesting that insensitivity and intolerance are somehow acceptable," Selesnick wrote in the letter. "In our school, in our ongoing collaborations with community groups, and I hope in your conversations at home, we will continue teaching the opposite message. If we're not better

than this today, we can certainly be better than this tomorrow."

Board of Education President Janet Benton said the board views the incident as serious and is confident the administration will handle it appropriately.

Interim Superintendent John Chambers, in a letter to parents of K-8 students, said this was a teachable moment and that intolerance has no place in a school community.

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Chappaqua Farmers Market Finally Takes Root

By Martin Wilbur

It may have taken a little longer than expected, but Chappaqua has its farmers market.

After watching many of the surrounding communities launch local markets, Chappaqua and the Town of New Castle joined the trend last Saturday morning, with the debut of the TABLE Farmers Market at the Metro-North train station. It will continue weekly on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the next two weeks then expand hours to 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in October and November.

Priscilla Sorensen, one of the organizers, said the sunshine and bright blue skies drew healthy crowds for the first day.

"It opened really strong," Sorensen said. "I think at 10:30 people were lining up and we were still setting up because it's sort of a hybrid market, with volunteers and with vendors, and it took a little time to set up and get going. We're open now and we did really well."

About a dozen vendors were on hand for the first day. Sorensen expects that number to increase slightly in the coming weeks, with about 20 vendors having signed up for regular or periodic participation, she said.

Chappaqua opted for TABLE, which operates year-round in Bedford Hills, attracting local and regional growers and offering organic and sustainable food. This is the first farmers market for TABLE, which opened about a year and a half ago.

New Castle Supervisor Barbara Gerrard said the town wanted to have a market that promoted sustainability as well as its own downtown. A few merchants were invited down and others will participate in the weeks ahead.

"I'm delighted to see so many people here," Gerrard said after she cut the ceremonial ribbon to officially open the market. "It really is important to help farmers and to provide an outlet for people to get



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Vendors, customers and organizers were pleased with the debut last Saturday of the new farmers market in Chappaqua.

good, healthy food. We do hope that some people will visit our beautiful hamlet and get familiar with some of the shops."

Early reviews from vendors and customers were positive. Patrick Filacchione, owner of Gail Patrick's Cafe on South Greeley Avenue, was selling some of his products, the first time he has done so at a farmers market. He said when he was contacted by the organizers he decided to give it a try, hoping it would help the market as well as his own visibility.

"When I was given the opportunity I said 'Why not,'" Filacchione said. "It's simple, it's easy and it's important for me to get to see some of my customers or people who would like to be my customers. Shake hands, sell a little bit, do some specials and get some exposure."

Also making his first appearance as a vendor was Louis D'Alessandro, owner of J.D. Farm in Brewster. D'Alessandro is a vendor at TABLES and brought his corn, pumpkins, squash, zucchini and tomatoes

to Chappaqua.

"It's a pretty good crowd," he said. "I've been to other farmers markets, it's not many people. It's nice they have such diverse types of products."

Along with local and regional growers, there was pizza making by brick oven experience and entertainment by local musician Bill Bachman.

Chappaqua resident MaryEllen Allegra said she had visited some of the other area markets but was hopeful that her hometown could benefit. Now that it has come to fruition, a market becomes a town meeting place each week in addition to the available products.

"I think it's something that draws people together, builds community, and I notice that some of the local businesses are here as well, so that's good for the local community," Allegra said. "I think community events usually strengthen the community."

Cynthia Brennan, the market general manager, said the main goal is to support

sustainable agriculture and land use in Westchester County while promoting food health values in our community by providing fresh, local food.

While the Chappaqua market will have competition, particularly from the well-established Saturday market in Pleasantville, Sorensen said with the increasing popularity there are enough customers for everyone.

"We're not concerned at all," she said. "Pleasantville has a lot of business, Mount Kisco has a lot of business. There are a lot of farms. The whole idea is growing, they're expanding and that's why we're doing this a little bit different by having a little more community participation. We have entertainment, we have community groups coming, we have volunteers we have school programs."

The market is already scheduled to return next April, Brennan said.

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Chappaqua Schools to Select Search Firm Next Week

By Sam Barron

The Chappaqua School District is looking for a new superintendent but first school officials need to choose the search firm that will eventually assist them with their selection.

The board of education's public meeting on Sept. 7 featured the interviews of representatives from Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates and J.A. Roy & Associates, the only two firms being considered. The sparsely attended meeting was a chance for community members participate in helping to guide the district in choosing its next leader.

Both search firms would cost about \$23,500 in base fees and \$48,500 in total expenses. They one that gets selected would help with advertising the position and organizing focus groups, among other duties, to help narrow the list of prospective superintendent candidates down. J.A.

'The interviews were successful...we had nice participation from the audience and now we have work to do.'

JANET BENTON

Roy & Associates has previously worked with the district and recently helped the Pleasantville School District select its new superintendent.

Board President Janet Benton said trust-

ees expect to announce on Sept. 21 which firm it will use in the search. She said that those were the only two companies being considered.

"The interviews were successful," Benton said. "We talked to two highly regarded search firms. We had nice participation from the audience and now we have work to do. I'm excited to be working on this process."

Community members inquired about the two companies experience in working with Westchester schools. Benton said they would be looking at the firms' expertise and their understanding of the needs and desires of the district.

For the current school year, former By-

ram Hills Superintendent John Chambers will serve as interim schools chief. A vacancy was created when the previous superintendent, Dr. David Fleischman, left the district after five years to be closer to his family in Boston.



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Special Talent

Armonk's Grace Lunder performs in the Music Conservatory of Westchester's Summer Suzuki Strings Institute recital as part of Steinway & Sons month-long music celebration. Lunder was one of 16 young violin and cello students, between the ages of 6 and 13, who showcased their talents. The performance was led by violinist and Program Coordinator Ragga Petursdottir, along with violin teacher Eva Gerard and cello teacher Tatiana Longo. Suzuki Strings classes will continue this fall at the conservatory. For more information on upcoming concerts and programming, visit www.musicconservatoryonline.org.

Guiney: Mt. Pleasant School Bus Problems to Be Ironed Out

By Neal Rentz

Mount Pleasant Superintendent Dr. Susan Guiney assured the public that bus transportation difficulties that played havoc for students and parents during the first two days of school would be solved by this week.

At the Sept. 8 board of education meeting, Guiney said she had met with officials from Royal Coach Lines, which has the contract for most of the district, to iron out problems that occurred last week.

"We heard from many parents that students were not picked up on time," said Guiney. Many of those complaints were lodged with the district office and Royal Coach Lines, she said.

For example, school buses arrived at the district's middle school 30 minutes late on opening day, and the bus transportation to Hawthorne Elementary School was "especially slow," Guiney said.

Changes to some of the routes was a major cause for the confusion, she said.

This year some students are also being picked up on a "door-to-door" basis, if necessary, for safety reasons, she said.

Guiney said she was working with Royal Coach Lines representatives to address the issues that were reported last week and was hopeful that the problems would be resolved this week.

School districts in New York State can seat as many as three students per school bus seat. The district is limited to a 66-student capacity at one time.

Mount Pleasant is considering adding one more school bus, Guiney said. If there are any changes to the bus schedule, that information will be placed on the district's website. Parents would also be informed through the telephone alert system should there be revisions, she said.

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Congressional Hopeful Attacks Lowey's Economic Record

By Neal Rentz

Standing against the backdrop of the shuttered General Motors plant in Tarrytown on Labor Day, 18th Congressional District candidate Jim Russell attacked the economic record of his opponent, Rep. Nita Lowey.

Accompanied by several supporters, Russell, a Republican, was especially critical of General Motors, which he said was building cars in Mexico and Indonesia despite receiving a multibillion-dollar loan from the federal government.

'If you elect me to Congress I'll see to it that the American worker is served and we don't make agreements with companies that allow them to continue reinvesting overseas while we have 35,000 Westchester residents unemployed.'

JIM RUSSELL

"We come here today to honor the American worker, who has made our country great," Russell said. "We're also here to address the severe economic crisis that confronts us all."

In 1996, General Motors closed its doors following passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement that allowed and encouraged the exportation of American jobs overseas, Russell said. He would support a repeal of the agreement if elected to the House.

Russell mentioned that he was surprised



Jim Russell, the Republican candidate in the 18th Congressional District against Rep. Nita Lowey, addressed economic issues during a press conference in Tarrytown.

to learn GM was going to make a new vehicle by investing \$500 million in a plant located in Mexico and not in the United States despite a \$56 billion bailout.

"Then I heard that they're going to rehabilitate an old plant that was shut down. I said 'Wow, maybe that's here in Sleepy Hollow' ... but no, that plant is in Indonesia," he said.

Russell contended that Congress supervised the agreement to use tax dollars to help GM, but failed to stipulate that GM reinvest in the American workforce when it returned to profitability.

"If you elect me to Congress I'll see to it that the American worker is served and we don't make agreements with companies that allow them to continue reinvesting overseas while we have 35,000 Westchester residents unemployed," Russell said.

He said he would support incentives to have companies return their factories to America.

Russell also said he would work to obtain more federal contracts for the district, which ranks 368th out of 435 in the value of federal defense, scientific and technological contracts, he said.

Russell criticized Lowey for the over 40 earmark accounts she has set up that are "small trinkets ... that allows her to get coverage at election time."

"I want real, substantive economic growth for our neighborhoods and for our country," Russell said.

Since 2008, four major employers—Stewart Stamping EFI in Yonkers, Precision Valve Corporation in Yonkers, the Taylor Care Center at Westchester Medical Center and TEVA Pharmaceuticals USA in Congers—left the district, which resulted in the loss of 660 jobs, he said.

"I pledge to you that if you elect me I will see to it that in any future agreements with companies like GM, that when we help them out we make sure that they help out the American workers and that we can

put our economy back in shape," Russell said.

Lowey's campaign responded to Russell's comments by stating that the 11-term Democrat has supported closing tax loopholes that encourage the outsourcing of American jobs, as well as expanding tax incentives for domestic research, innovation and hiring unemployed Americans.

A prepared statement from Lowey's office last week defended her record, saying she has backed investments to give 95 percent of American families a tax break of up to \$800 and saved or created millions of jobs in a variety of sectors, such as teachers, police officers and firefighters, along with building roads.

"We must remain on the path to prosperity and job creation by investing in our infrastructure, clean energy and our small businesses," Lowey's statement said.

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'Cherish Our Friends and Family Always' a September 11 Lesson

The brilliant rays of setting sunshine at Wampus Brook Park in Armonk was the backdrop for North Castle's annual Sept. 11 ceremony late Saturday afternoon.

A short walk from the park's gazebo where the ceremony was held, Carolyn Salon of the Greenacres Garden Club placed the wreath in front of the town's 9/11 monu-



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Mount Pleasant residents stand solemnly at the town's community center in Valhalla during last Friday night's ceremony of remembrance. The widows and children of Mike Lyons of Hawthorne and Lt. Charles Garbarini of Pleasantville, two New York City firemen who perished at the World Trade Center, also attended.

ment, which honors the six town residents who died that day--Peter Alderman, Mark Brisman, George Morell, Marni O'Doherty, Thomas Palazzo and Joanne Weil.

The brilliant voices of Constance Quarrie and Sheila Drapeau combined to sing the "Star Spangled Banner," "God Bless America," "America the Beautiful" and "Amazing Grace." They were accompanied by violinist George Drapeau, who played taps.

Congregation B'Nai Yisrael Rabbi Douglas Krantz and Rev. Hikari Chang of the Armonk Methodist Church delivered the invocation and benediction, respectively, as the town's emergency responders and members of the North Castle Civil Air Patrol stood at attention.

"We'll never forget how they died, when they died and where they died," said Chang, "but also we will never forget how they lived."

Fire bells tolled in memory of personnel down by the Armonk Independent Fire Company.

North Castle Police Sgt. Timothy See remembered hav-

ing finished an overnight shift less than an hour before the first airplane struck the World Trade Center. That same day See was heading downtown as part of the town's response team with crowds along the West Side Highway cheering on the crews heading toward Ground Zero. He hardly recognized the area around the Fulton Street subway station, a location See was familiar with

Armonk Fire Department's First Assistant Chief Lucy Labriola-Cuff remarked to the assembled residents, volunteer emergency responders and officials that the town's memorial is a solemn place where everyone can remember and reflect on the tragedy in their own way.

"This memorial provides us all here in North Castle with the daily reminder take nothing for granted, appreciate our freedoms, count our blessings, strive to help our fellow man and cherish our friends and family always," Labriola-Cuff said. —MARTIN WILBUR

Maintaining Perspective in the Midst of Tragedy

Like so many of his colleagues from around the metropolitan area and the nation, former New Castle Police Chief Robert Breen arrived at Ground Zero looking for a way to assist in the rescue effort.

While working near the pile took its toll, nothing could prepare watching the hundreds upon hundreds of relatives of the missing who descended on the armory in Manhattan in the days following the catastrophe where a makeshift morgue had been organized. Family members had come so they could give authorities DNA samples of their loved ones.

"When I was down at Ground Zero I saw this--rock, debris, steel, dust, dust all over the place. Everything was grey dust. But I wasn't dealing with people other than first responders," Breen said at New Castle's annual ceremony near the town's 9/11 memorial at Gedney Park.

"When I got to that armory I was dealing with real people. There were family members that came in and handed us pictures, crying and saying please find my uncle,

find my father, find my brother. They were giving us hair brushes, toothbrushes."

Breen was helping to log and catalogue the information in hopes that if crews found bodies, the medical examiner's office would be able to identify and make a match. After working for about 10 hours that first Saturday, Breen came to the conclusion that Ground Zero was a recovery site, not a rescue mission.

But so wrapped up in responding and trying to assist in any way he could, it was easy for Breen to lose perspective.

"I realized what this disaster was all about," he said. "It was about people. We looked at the programs on TV all week, you flipped the channels, the History Channel, the Discovery Channel. You saw the burning buildings and the collapse and everything. You really don't realize, I didn't anyway, there were 3,000 people that lost their lives that day." —MARTIN WILBUR

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Mt. Pleasant Victims 'Missed But Will Always Be Remembered'

They came holding candles, to listen, to remember. The night before the ninth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks well over 200 Mount Pleasant residents paid their respects to the nearly 3,000 souls who perished in the attacks and four of their neighbors.

Local volunteer firefighters from Valhalla, Hawthorne and Pleasantville stood at attention during the 50-minute ceremony of remembrance at the community center in Valhalla as did local Boy Scouts troops. Three scouts rang the bell for each of the

The widows and children of firefighter Mike Lyons, of Hawthorne, and Lt. Charles Garbarini of Pleasantville, two of Mount Pleasant's victims in the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, attended the ceremony of remembrance organized by members of the Gilbert Rauh Post No. 1574 of the American Legion in Thornwood. The program also honored victims Paul Fiori and George Bishop, both of Valhalla.

The Westlake High School chorus sang the national anthem, "Let There Be Peace

on Earth" and "God Bless America." A vast array of clergy representing nearly every denomination, provided readings, reflections and prayers, including Pastor George Higgins, of the Hawthorne Reformed Church.

"I think this community stands taller, I think this community stands more sacredly because of the fact that we remember tragedies beyond comprehension, tragedy beyond human comprehension, and we remember and lift up those who lost their lives in total innocence and their families that grieve to this day, holding them in our hearts and in our prayers and in our love," Higgins said.

A plaque for Garbarini is located near Nannahagan Park overlooking the pond, County Legislator John Nonna said. "He will be missed but will always be remembered."

The impressive turnout on a Friday night, nearly a decade after the tragedy helps to make good on a pledge that all citizens keep the victims and their families in their memories no matter how many years shall pass.

"Tonight we are fulfilling our promise to



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Veterans from Mount Kisco's American Legion Moses Taylor Jr. Post 136 help the village observe the Sept. 11 ceremonies near the library and town hall early Saturday evening.

Charlie and his family, to the Lyons family and to all who had perished in our town. We will not forget them," Nonna said.

—MARTIN WILBUR

Sept. 11 Tragedy Followed By Milestone for Cindrich

Within hours of the Sept.11 terrorist attacks, Mount Kisco Mayor Michael Cindrich was being mobilized to respond in lower Manhattan as part of his role as a Town of Mamaroneck police lieutenant.

Nine years later, Cindrich remembers the crowds cheering every emergency responder who was on his or her way to help.

"They were cheering and clapping that somebody was there and that order was going to be restored, that somebody was there to help, and that's not only the Town of Mamaroneck, that's every police officer that came from California and Chicago firefighters who took their whole vacation as volunteers," he said.

So much of that day was a blur for so many Americans. The unfolding events of four airplanes having been hijacked and crashing into each of the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania seemed unfathomable and surreal. For Cindrich, who didn't have all the information right away, he was certain the country was being attacked.

"I thought we were at war," he recalled. "I picked up my gear at home, went to work and I thought we were at war."

At the same time Cindrich saw firsthand the death and destruction, not far away, he was about to experience the best life has to offer. The next week, his first grandchild was born.

"Eight days after 9/11, my first grandchild was born and I remember walking in and seeing that little baby, (realizing) life goes on," he said.

To this day, Cindrich is certain that the selflessness exhibited by emergency services personnel from Westchester and across the nation not only helped to clean up the wreckage but in its own way protected the United States at one of its most vulnerable moments.

"I say the allegiance of police officers and firefighters, that sent the message to the world that we had our act together and we can come together as a country to defend the country," he said. —MARTIN WILBUR

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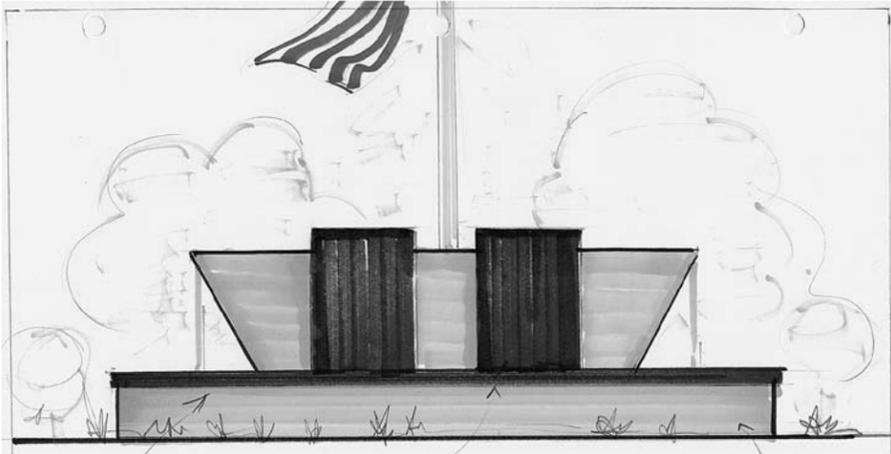
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An artist's rendering of the 9/11 memorial being proposed for Mount Kisco.

Mt. Kisco Officials Discuss Sites for September 11 Memorial

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Kisco Fire Department is working with village officials to find a site for a proposed Sept. 11 memorial.

Paul Felice, who co-chairs the committee along with Rich Alexander, said the group was seeking to have the memorial completed by next September in time to honor the victims on the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks. The committee will "build it and maintain it at no cost to the village," Felice said. "It's a big project."

Members of the department's 911 Memorial Committee discussed their plan at the Sept. 7 village board meeting. It was not mentioned how much money would need to be raised or how much the project costs.

The memorial would be made of black and grey granite with two structures representing the twin towers of the World Trade Center. The base of the memorial would

be five feet long, but the committee is uncertain of the size of the memorial's interior, Felice said. The structure would also include a five-sided pool to represent the Pentagon, he said.

The committee was seeking donations and community input for the project.

Felice said the committee wants to place the memorial in one of three sites in the village: the northern end of the library property, the southern end of the library site or adjacent to the Green Street firehouse. Committee members and village trustees were scheduled to meet on Sept. 12 to tour the two potential library property sites.

Mayor Michael Cindrich said he wanted the project to move forward and requested that the committee consult with the village's architectural review board and beautification committee.

New Castle Media Center Strives to Support Town's Merchants

Supporting local businesses in Chappaqua and Millwood is a top priority for the New Castle Community Media Center (formerly NCCTV), as it officially launches on Community Day, Sept. 25. New Castle's nationally recognized public access center, in its new location in downtown Chappaqua, is now much more than a local television station.

"Our expertise in new media, in addition to our TV presence, gives us the unique ability to connect local businesses not only with this community, but beyond New Castle as well," explained NCCMC Board President Barbara Kornreich.

New Castle Community Media Center has come up with an innovative media solution to help the business for Community Day.

"We have a crew going around to the stores in New Castle, giving them an opportunity to film a short message pro-

moting their business to the community," Kornreich said. "The videos will be edited into a show that will be shown continuously throughout the day on a large TV monitor at our booth. We have the most visible, central location at the event and the video will be seen by hundreds of people. In addition, it will be available On Demand on our website, and will also appear on the town website, on our Facebook page and will be broadcast on our public channel that reaches 55,000 households."

The NCCMC crew will be filming in town during the next two weeks. If you're a New Castle business owner interested in participating in this unique opportunity, think about the message you'd like to communicate about your store, and be ready to welcome the crew.

For more information, contact Executive Director Carrie Krams at info@nc-cmc.com or by phone at 914-861-2717.

Pre-Registration Hours Set for Support-A-Walk

Support Connection, Inc., a not-for-profit organization offering free, confidential support services to people affected by breast and ovarian cancer, has pre-registration hours at their office for their 16 annual Support-A-Walk.

Until Sept. 19, the Support Connection office is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Extended registration hours for the Support-A-Walk are as follows: Weekdays, Sept. 20 through Oct. 1, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop in during those hours with questions, to register or to make donations. Support Connection is located at 40 Triangle Center, Suite 100, Yorktown Heights, N.Y. 10598. For information or to register by phone, call 914-962-6402.

Pre-registration can also be done online at www.supportconnection.org. Pre-registration is strongly recommended. In 2009, there were close to 10,000 people for the Support-A-Walk.

The Support-A-Walk, which will take place on Sunday, Oct. 3, (rain or shine) at FDR Park, Route 202, Yorktown Heights, NY, is held to increase awareness of breast and ovarian cancer, and to raise funds for Support Connection's free support services for those living with breast and ovarian cancer. It was started 16 years ago by local residents. Each year, thousands of people take part. All are welcome to participate in the Support-A-Walk. Families, friends, co-workers and teams of walkers are invited to walk together. Individuals are also welcome to participate. Pre-registration is encouraged. For those unable to attend, donations are still accepted.

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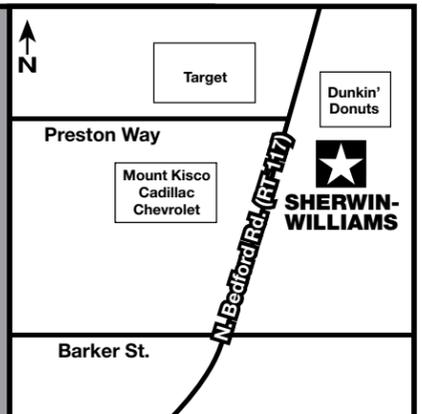
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Business of the Week

McArthur's American Grille

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By Martin Wilbur

When McArthur's American Grille in Pleasantville closed for a few days last week, owner Doug Crossett wasn't on vacation and there weren't problems inside the store.

It was time for Crossett to complete some relatively minor upgrades—a new rug, upgrading the ladies room, sprucing up the outdoor facade and cleaning the kitchen.

That attention to detail has earned the trust of customers whether they come from outside the village for dinner before or after a show at the Jacob Burns Film Center or a Pleasantville neighbor who wants to unwind with friends with a drink at the bar.

"They give me the value of their business, they give me the honor of coming and they deserve a good, clean, fair place," Crossett said of his clientele. "We owe them that."

For 13 years, Crossett has seen the crowds packing his Washington Avenue fixture, enjoying a highly diversified menu every night of the week. Want a burger and fries, a turkey club, chicken fingers or nearly any other tavern staple? You've got it. But under the direction of chef Brian Peck, who has been with Crossett for 10 years at McArthur's and their two sister restaurants, Michael's Tavern in the Old Village and Oliver's in Katonah, there is a seasonal menu where you can have finer cuisine but not at fancy restaurant prices. Peck calls it having a "two-phase" operation.

"We're not known as a fancy restaurant but if you go out here you can have this page and it's upscale food, culinary food," Peck said.

By next week, Peck will have his Fall 2010 menu ready for McArthur's legions of cus-

tomers. Diners, if in the mood for a soup, can have the butternut bisque or beef barley, then choose between the braised short ribs in a merlot demi-glaze with wild mushroom risotto, apricot glazed turkey with baked sweet potato, salmon with orange basil glaze or the maple pecan burger.

Crossett said offering good food at competitive prices in a friendly atmosphere is the key to McArthur's success. The same eight- or nine-ounce dish of salmon with a couple of sides that can run \$27 or \$28 in other establishments will cost \$17 to \$20 at McArthur's, he said.

Aside from good food and reasonable prices, Crossett insists on getting to know as many of his customers as possible, taking the time to learn what they like, what they don't want and collecting feedback.

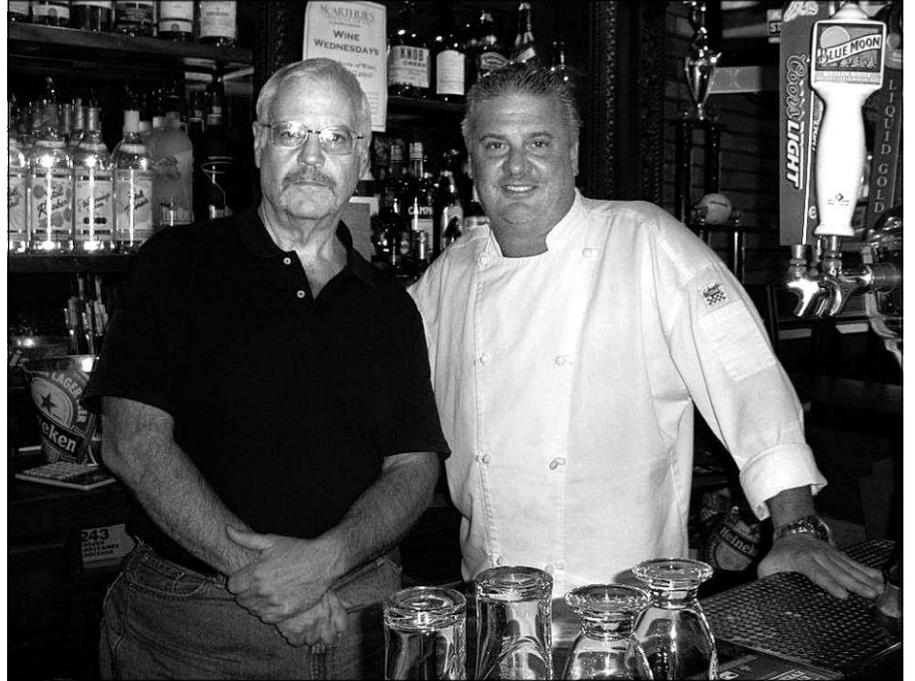
"Another big thing is the small town personality of getting to know your customers on a one-to-one basis," he said.

Part of McArthur's appeal is also the consistency of its food, Crossett mentioned. Even if Peck has the night off, the quality won't suffer. That's because when there's down time, Peck is back in the kitchen instructing the staff how to cook and season his creations just right.

"Brian's greatest strength is he's a teacher, which enables all of our restaurants to put out a quality product," Crossett said.

Of course, if Peck is in the kitchen he'll make a customer anything he or she wants as long as he has the ingredients.

It also helps that Peck has an eye for fresh produce. Although a trained chef, until 10 years ago he had his own produce business



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

McArthur's American Grille owner Doug Crossett, left, and his chef Brian Peck.

operating out of the Hunts Point Market in the Bronx. He's always willing to try something new.

A casualty due to the economy was the weekly blues jam with local favorite Jeff Hartwell. During the recession, crowds were hesitant to spend the cover charge just to get a drink or two. But Crossett pledged to bring Hartwell back once the economy rebounds more substantially.

To Crossett, the formula for a successful restaurant is straightforward.

"What we do is provide a very high quality, consistently high quality product and neighborhood pricing in a relaxed pub atmosphere," Crossett said.

McArthur's is located at 14 Washington Ave. in Pleasantville. It opens at 11:30 a.m. every day and remains open to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 9 p.m. on Sunday. It can be reached at 914-773-4281.

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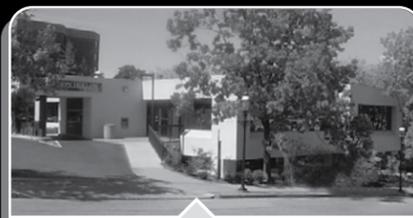
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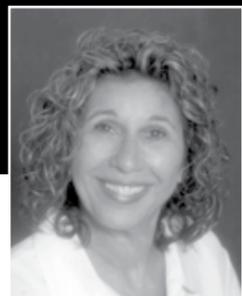
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September 11 Ceremonies Must Be Permanent

Listen closely enough each year as the summer draws to a close and we approach another Sept. 11 and someone, somewhere is asking how many more years is the country going to halt its business to commemorate one of the darkest days in the nation's history.

How many more years are they going to read the 2,752 names of the people who died at the World Trade Center site? Or honor those who died at the Pentagon or in Pennsylvania.

Or why are municipalities stopping their day, when some didn't even have any residents who perished.

How many more years? As long as there is a United States of America there should be Sept. 11 ceremonies. Certainly in New York. They needn't be long, elaborate or expensive. No one is advocating a holiday or a day off from work. No one is forcing anyone to attend a ceremony, or listen or read the news accounts of the day if they don't care to. But the importance of scheduling a short but meaningful event, similar to what many towns and villages did last weekend

locally, forces people to pause, re-examine their priorities and what's truly important in life.

To stop Sept. 11 ceremonies at some point would, of course, be an affront to the victims and their families who will live the remainder of their years with that scar. But even if someone was lucky enough not to have known someone personally who died that day, confining the day to the textbooks and the already yellowing newspaper pages, not only makes it easier to forget the victims but also to forget the future challenges and sacrifices we face as a nation.

Start scrapping the ceremonies now and in a few more years the day would have less significance for an increasing number of our citizens. Already, anyone younger than 15 years old probably has no recollection of Sept. 11, 2001. In less than 10 years, only adults will have a memory.

There really aren't many duties for us as Americans. Most of us don't vote, even though it only takes a few minutes a year, and we look to make excuses to get out of jury duty, even if that's no more than once a

decade for most. Once Memorial Day was shifted to the last Monday in May nearly 40 years ago, fewer Americans know the actual date of the observance, only that it's the day to start filling the swimming pool.

Last Friday night at the Ceremony of Remembrance in Mount Pleasant, County Legislator John Nonna in remembering firefighters Charlie Garbarini and Mike Lyons, two town residents who died on 9/11, correctly said that we have responsibilities that we must not shirk.

"Tonight we are fulfilling our promise to Charlie and his family, to the Lyons family and to all who had perished in our town. We will not forget them."

As We Turn Three, a Thank You

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Textbook Sticker Shock Doesn't Have to Be Shocking

By Thomas P. DiNapoli

Most families know how daunting the cost of college is. But every year around this time, college students face another sticker shock: the cost of college textbooks. New York college students in the state university (SUNY) and city university (CUNY) systems can expect to pay as much as \$4,000 or more for textbooks over the course of a four-year degree program. That's enough to price some students right out of a college education.

Last year I released a report on textbook pricing that highlighted the savings students could realize through alternative methods for purchasing college textbooks. The report found that at a sample of SUNY and CUNY campuses, students could save an average of \$245 a semester by buying books online. A first semester 2009 freshman sociology major at SUNY Bingham-

ton would have spent \$690.65 on textbooks at the campus bookstore, but only \$413.85 online. Other academic majors could save even more.

Of course, many students can't shop online for books because of late posting of course listings and the lack of accurate book identification information. Many courses require the newest editions of textbooks, even if only minor revisions were made to the book.

College students need a break. No one should ever have to delay or drop out of college because textbooks cost too much, especially when there are ways to cut those costs.

Here are some small steps to help save college students big bucks:

- Colleges should post a full course listing with required textbooks on their websites at least six weeks before classes start;

- Posted textbook lists should include the specific ISBN of each textbook, along with the title, author edition and publisher and the campus bookstore price;

- Colleges should provide the same information for acceptable alternatives to the required textbook version; and

- Professors should limit textbook edition changes to allow for the purchase of used books.

Every college in the state should be doing everything possible to help students save money, including giving them the opportunity to shop around for books. For students and their parents, every dime counts, especially when saving money on books could be the difference between completing or dropping out of school.

Thomas P. DiNapoli is New York State comptroller.

Contrary to Popular Belief, All Credit Scores Are Not Created Equal

By Tracy Becker

More than a week ago I received a phone call from a very upset homeowner who lives in Pleasantville. The homeowner had pulled his credit at an online site and his score came up as a 724.

A 724 Fico score is very good and his banker had told him he would need above a 720 for the better rate. Since he had heard when lenders pull credit it hurts the score he decided to go directly to a site online to avoid a score reduction. He wanted to make sure a few months prior to getting the loan that his score was at its best. He was very pleased with the 724 score.

Once he was ready he applied for the loan with his banker. To his surprise, when the lender pulled his reports, his score came up at a 685. He could not understand what happened and was quite

frustrated with the discrepancy in scores.

This happens all the time to consumers and professionals. Most consumers do not realize there are many scores available and the score used for a mortgage could be very different from the score they buy online.

Scoring is a profit generated business. As credit becomes more of an issue, the credit scoring industry is becoming more competitive. This is why there are an increasing amount of different scores. Most of the sites online do not advertise that they sell different scores than Fico because they know they will lose business.

The credit scoring business has been in effect a monopoly run by Fico (Fair Isaac and Company). Fair Isaac provides a risk score tabulated by using the information on your Equifax, Trans Union and Experian credit reports. (Equifax, Trans Union and Experian are the three major credit bureaus that compile information on all of us across the country.) Fico is a separate company from the reporting agencies and uses their information to produce the Fico score used by banks, insurance companies (car, homeowner, life and more), realtors, collection agencies, mortgage brokers, car lenders, boat lenders, employers, landlords, credit card companies, and the list goes on.

The Fico scores range from 300 to 850. A good Fico Score would be 720 and a great score would be above a 740. Fico also offers their score to the general public

for a fee.

The three credit reporting agencies offer their own scores (for educational purposes) to the general public. These scores are called Plus scores, National Risk scores and more recently there has been the Vantage Score created by Experian.

The Plus scores range from 330 to 830 and are usually 40 points higher than Fico scores. The Vantage Score ranges between 501 to 990 and has a letter rating as well. When you order your scores from sites online such as annual credit report.com or free credit report.com (if they don't say Fico scores) they are usually around 40 points higher than Fico. The Vantage score was not only created to educate the general public but intended to compete directly with Fico by selling to lenders as well. To give you some insight into the numerical difference between the Vantage and Fico scores, if all things were equal a Fico score of 750 would translate into a Vantage score of 901!

Complex isn't it? It is complicated but hopefully you have a little more insight into the variety and differences of numerical scores. It is very important to find out exactly what score you have ordered and if it is the same as the one your lender is using. If not, you are comparing apples to oranges and you may think you have a much higher score than you actually have.

Tracy Becker is president of North Shore Advisory, Inc., a credit restoration and education company with offices in Tarrytown.

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Joan Potter
Writer, Mount Kisco

By Martin Wilbur

No one's life is dull. At least not to Joan Potter, and especially not when she leads one of her memoir writing classes, assisting people who have signed up and are eager to learn how to record a certain time or event they have lived through.

Who would know better than someone who has written about people's lives, from obituaries to heart-rending features for a variety of publications, during the past 40 years? Later this month, Potter will begin teaching a six-week memoir writing class at the Mount Kisco Public Library.

"Everybody has a life that's interesting in some way," said Potter, 77, a Mount Kisco resident. "The best technique, I think, is just to tell people to pretend you're sitting and telling a friend a story when you were a kid or last week. It doesn't have to be way back."

Her first exposure to leading memoir writing sessions came, in all places, an upstate prison. She would teach up to a dozen young men in a class, some facing a long period of incarceration, who signed up to put pen to paper. For many of the inmates it was exhilarating, the first time anyone cared about who they were or where they came from.

"They were sort of happy to be able to

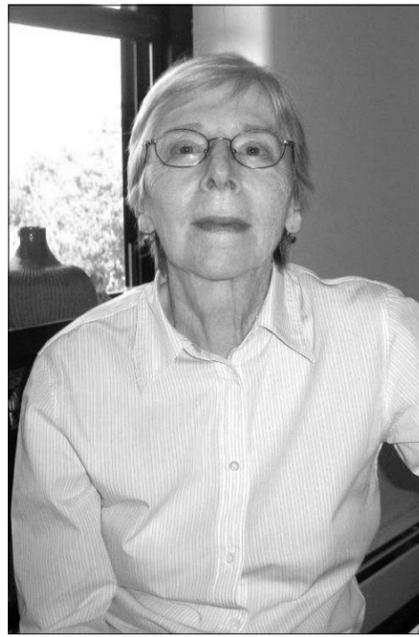
write about their lives, which were pretty horrendous in most cases," Potter recalled. "I think they felt like they were accomplishing something. It was just nice for them to accomplish something, a chance to tell their story, which not many people were interested in."

Working with prisoners was sort of a natural evolution for Potter since she started her newspaper career. She first wrote obituaries for the old Patent Trader in 1970. Although she hadn't taken journalism classes or written for her college paper at Cornell—her course of study was hotel accounting—she learned quickly by working with a talented staff, some of whom went on to work for major publications.

After awhile Potter branched out to writing features, including one particularly difficult story no one else had the stomach to pursue. The mothers of two severely disabled children were opening a school and they were looking for some publicity.

"Nobody would go because they thought it would be too upsetting," Potter said. "So this was my opportunity. It wasn't cheerful, but it was great they were doing this."

It was a pattern that presented itself many times, with Potter eventually stringing for The New York Times, taking on some of the leftovers other reporters would ignore. She often covered the cops



and the courts and wrote about prisons, including stories that would take her to Sing Sing, the Westchester County Jail and the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Later she would get a job with Corrections magazine.

In 1994, Potter also had her first book published writing "African Americans Who Were First." It's been updated most recently and titled "African American Firsts: Famous Little Known Triumphs of Blacks in America," this time with President Obama on the cover.

For Potter, writing professionally may not have been a passion from childhood, but reading surely was. Growing up in the small town of Tupper Lake in the Adirondacks, her family read constantly. Potter has a photograph of her and her parents reading newspapers or books. The treat of the week was buying The Sunday New York Times, albeit a couple of days late.

She initially attended Syracuse University as a fine arts major, but transferred af-

ter a year to Cornell. After graduation Potter moved to New York City, where Potter would meet her husband, Roy, who was working for Esquire magazine. The couple eventually raised four children and moved up to Westchester in the early 1960s, when her husband got a job at Reader's Digest. They have been area residents ever since, except for a brief return to the Adirondacks.

For the first time in Mount Kisco, Potter will be leading the memoir writing class at the library starting Sept. 28. While many attendees are initially reluctant to share what could be an intensely private part of their lives, Potter said, once the students become more familiar with one another, they open up. That was true with the prisoners and remains true today, she said.

"I think people are scared at first. Everyone's in the same boat, but after everyone's read and they start to learn about each other's lives, nobody's going to talk about it (negatively)," Potter said. "It's not a gossip session."

It's neither an autobiography nor a work of fiction, but is an account of an episode or portion of someone's life through the eyes of the writer. During her years teaching, Potter has seen some outstanding works, some strong enough to get published.

"Being able to tell a good story, being able to make the characters come alive," she said of what makes for a good memoir. "To be able to create scenes to feel the characters and to hear them talk."



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Obituaries

George Cuatt Sr.

George P. Cuatt Sr., of Ossining and formerly of Pleasantville, died Sept. 6.

He was 73.

Born on August 26, 1937, the son of Rutherford and Vera (Harris) Rose, Cuatt attended Pleasantville schools and completed two tours of duty in the U.S. Army between 1957 and 1964. He obtained the level of drill sergeant while avidly competing on the U.S. Army swim team stationed in Hawaii and stateside. While enlisted, he married the love of his life, Diana C. (Tocci) Cuatt, on Jan. 20, 1962.

Upon discharge, Cuatt obtained a job at the DPW in Pleasantville where he remained for 31 years. He placed his family first and foremost yet was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He will truly and deeply be missed. Cuatt loved sharing and making memorable times with

his family. He especially enjoyed his time spent on vacation with family.

He is survived by his children Christine (Brian) Taylor and George (Annett) Cuatt, Jr.; his grandchildren Kayla Taylor, Nicholas Cuatt, Katrina Cuatt, David Cuatt II; great-grandson Omar; his brother John Cuatt; and sisters Rita (Rose) Waterbury and Carol (Cuatt) Castaldo. His loving wife, Diana C. Cuatt, and son, David Cuatt, predeceased him.

Robert Cullen

Robert C. Cullen of Valhalla died on Sept. 7 at Westchester Medical Center.

Cullen was born in New York City to the late Walter and Christina (nee Hartmann) Cullen. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Cullen was a retired financial director for General Foods in White Plains for 28 years, retiring in 1986, after which he and his family lived in Spain,

Australia, Venezuela and Korea.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Margaret (nee Bonzer) Cullen, of Valhalla; his loving children Robert C. Cullen Jr. and his wife, Pearl, of New Fairfield, Conn., Kristine Cullen and her husband, Ross Hartlipp, of Pleasant Valley, N.Y., and Kathleen Cullen-Zieres and her husband, Kevin, of North Branch, N.Y.; his five cherished grandchildren Shannan, Deanna, Erin, Peter and Norah; and his four great-grandchildren Kayla, Rally, Taylor and Skye. He was predeceased by his brother, Walter Cullen, in 2001.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Sept. 9. A funeral Mass was at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Valhalla on Sept. 10 followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Maryknoll Sisters, 10 Pinesbridge Rd., Maryknoll, N.Y. 10545 would be appreciated.

Lillian Widmann

Lillian C. Widmann of Hawthorne died on Sept. 4 at Phelps Memorial Hospital Center in Sleepy Hollow.

She was 90.

Widmann was born on Feb. 8, 1920, to the late Angelo and Angela (nee DelVecchio) Tatananni in Hawthorne. She was predeceased by her first husband, John Caiafa, in 1976 and by her second husband, Robert Widmann, in 1989. She was also predeceased by four brothers and two sisters. She is survived by her beloved sister, Pam Kammerer, of Thornwood, sister-in-law Josephine Tatananni of North White Plains and many loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Sept. 7. A funeral Mass and interment was private at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

Police Blotter

Mount Kisco

Sept. 3: A 84-year-old Somers man was arrested at 3:19 p.m. on Lexington Avenue for operating a car with a suspended registration after police were alerted though a license plate reader.

Sept. 4: A 63-year-old Yorktown man was arrested at 1:09 a.m. and charged with stalking in the fourth degree, a Class B misdemeanor, for allegedly following a woman at Applebee's on North Bedford Road. The woman had previously pressed charges against the suspect.

Sept. 5: A 30-year-old Somers man was arrested at 5:54 a.m. for second-degree burglary for he had entered his estranged wife's Lenox Place residence without authorization and wouldn't leave the premises. He was held on an immigration violation.

Sept. 6: Two males who fought on East

Main Street resulted in the arrest of a 30-year-old Mount Kisco man at 10:29 p.m. He was charged with third-degree assault. The victim, 46, sustained superficial injuries.

Sept. 8: A 50-year-old South Salem resident was arrested on a bench warrant at 1:39 p.m. She had been hospitalized and was unable to make her court date for a vehicle and traffic violation.

Sept. 8: Report of a grand larceny on West Main Street at 2:34 p.m. A male subject stated that during the past two days \$434.63 had been withdrawn against his debit card even though he had the card in his possession. The matter is being investigated.

Sept. 9: A 64-year-old Carpenter Avenue resident reported at 5:15 p.m. that has been repeatedly harassed. The woman stated someone has been ringing her doorbell and banging on her door.

Pleasantville

Sept. 4: Report of a disturbance on Bedford Road at 2:58 a.m.

Sept. 6: Following a report of a fight on Vermilyea Street at 8:48 p.m., two Pleasantville residents, a 29 year-old man and a 31-year-old woman, were arrested for second-degree assault. The man was also charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest after getting into a tussle with the arresting officer.

Sept. 8: A 45-year-old Pleasantville man was arrested and charged with DWI at 3:15 p.m. after a traffic stop. Police pulled the driver over for driving with a flat tire.

North Castle

Sept. 4: Report of loud and offensive music coming from a Pheasant Drive residence at 1:05 p.m. The homeowner turned down the

music voluntarily.

Sept. 4: A female subject reported at 1:35 p.m. that she believed she had left her purse containing about \$300 and several dollars in loose change on the counter at the Bank of American on Main Street in Armonk. The party refused to divulge personal information fearing it would be printed in the local paper.

Sept. 5: At 3:02 p.m., complainant reported at headquarters that his wife is trying to get him arrested for violence when, in fact, no violence has occurred. The couple is in the midst of getting a divorce and the wife wants complainant out of the house.

Sept. 8: A complainant arrived at headquarters to report at 8:48 a.m. that her neighbor on Agnew Farm Road continues to walk her dog in front of complainant's residence, provoking the dog to bark and creating a disturbance to the neighborhood.

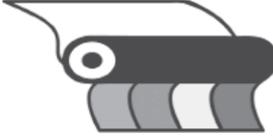
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Play Recalls Sensational Trial and Slice of History

By Martin Wilbur

Michael Baker has long been aware of his family's role in a sensational trial that took place in Millwood nearly a century ago. In 1912, his grandfather, Stuart Baker, the son of a former Westchester County district attorney, defended 18-year-old Grace Williams for disturbing the peace.

Williams' offense? Dancing the Turkey Trot and singing "Everybody's Doin' It Now," a tune written by a little known songwriter named Irving Berlin, in front of the home of Ossining Town Justice Ogden Bradley. The song was a big hit and became a sort of anthem for the dance craze that had swept across America at the time but was considered immoral in some quarters.

Baker, 68, an Ossining native and now a resident of Kent, Putnam County, has done some writing, among his many professional and business pursuits. He had toyed with the idea of creating a play based on the events of the trial but for a variety of reasons never followed through.

"I thought this would be a great story but I didn't have any idea how to do it," he said.

This Sunday, Baker's longtime dream will be realized when the Chappaqua Drama Group performs a play reading of "In Defense of the Turkey Trot." It is scheduled for 2 p.m. at the Chappaqua Public Library. The events depicted in the 18-character play are historical although some of the characters have been fictionalized.

Baker said after his father died a few years ago at 102, he decided to move ahead with the project. He retreated to his home in Connecticut for a few weeks to complete the work. When done late last year, he sent the script to Jim Shank-

man, a Chappaqua Drama Group board member. The drama group, which had been dormant for the past decade until reforming for a December event last year, was looking for scripts they could develop into small productions.

Shankman said he immediately loved Baker's story because it was a little known slice of local history that attracted nationwide media coverage and was written by Baker, someone with local ties. For years, Baker owned a bistro in Chappaqua and remains a partner in Sarah Lawrence Gourmet Foods on North Greeley Avenue.

Most of all, Shankman said, "In Defense of the Turkey Trot" was well written.

"When he sent it to me it was clear from the supporting material that he gave me that it was an event from his family, it was family history and he had done a lot of research because the play sounded like 1912 in a way that I couldn't put my finger on but I really liked it, which is rare," he said.

Baker said he dug through nearly century-old newspaper clippings of the day, some found among family possessions after he began cleaning out his parents' house, others through the help of the New Castle and Ossining historical societies.

Throughout his life, the trial would occasionally come up in discussions with Baker's father, Stuart Jr., who was about six years old at the time of the trial.

"He would relate that there was a lot of excitement in the house, that they knew a lot of people would cover this case," Baker said.

Aside from the wider controversy regarding the morality of the Turkey Trot, there was also a feud between the Williams and Bradley families. Williams was described as a "perky" and pretty young woman but Bradley had been the presiding judge at her stepbrother's trial when he was accused of stealing produce from a garden. He did not hesi-



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO
Writer Michael Baker, who late last year completed the script, will see it read on stage this Sunday at the Chappaqua Library Theatre.



MARLENE CANAPI PHOTO

Left to right, Narrator Nancy Jane Blake, Arnie Toback (Stuart Baker) and Claude Tusk (Judge William Chadeayne) share a laugh during a rehearsal on Sunday of "In Defense of the Turkey Trot." The play reading is scheduled for this Sunday in Chappaqua.

tate to have her arrested when she danced the Turkey Trot outside his home.

Perhaps the highlight of the trial was when Baker's grandfather made a motion to Judge William Chadeayne to have Williams dance and sing for the court. His motion was denied until the six farmers on the jury--all men in those days--demanded to see her perform.

"The members of the jury got up and said, 'We want to hear it, we want to hear it,'" Baker said. "So (Chadeayne) was overwhelmed by it and let her do the dance. So the farmers made the story."

Baker said he would consider lengthening the play into a full production. For the Chappaqua Drama Group, which is in the midst of partnering with the Little Village Playhouse to jointly build a theater in Pleasantville, it is the first production since reforming last December. Shankman said the current fundraising drive and zoning and planning issues have consumed much of the organization's time. But this was a great opportunity to let the theater community know the group is active.

"This sort of just fits in to where they were," Baker said. "Not huge but something where they get some attention."

Tickets to Sunday's play reading are \$10; \$5 for students and seniors. The Chappaqua Library Theatre is located at 195 S. Greeley Ave. in Chappaqua. For more information on the show, the Chappaqua Drama Group and their fundraising efforts log on to www.chappaquadrामagroup.org.

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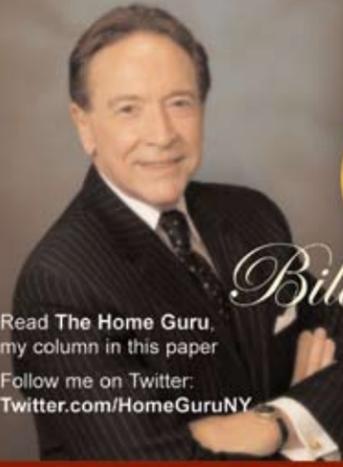
On Sunday, Sept. 12, the Horace Greeley High School girls and boys swim and dive teams participated in the 19th annual Hudson River Swim for Life, which benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The teams raised over \$15,000, placing first among participating high schools. It was the second year in a row the teams joined forces and braved the waters for the three-mile swim from Nyack to Kings Point Park in Sleepy Hollow.

Although the weather was cool and the waters rough, the rain held off and all 18 participating Greeley athletes made it safely across the river, up from 15 students in last year's swim. They also increased their fundraising from \$14,000 to more than \$15,000 this year despite the tough economy.

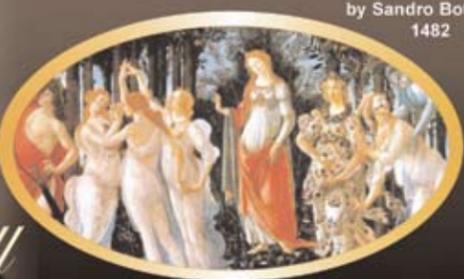
The participating Horace Greeley High School swim and dive team participants in this year's 19th annual Hudson River Swim for Life are, top row, left to right, Jared Krosser, Jake Rosenbloom and Henry Simon; middle row, left to right, Sycamore May, Gaby May, Emily Parish, Alexandra Rota, Katie Duncalf, Colleen Powers, Olivia Lindenberg, Laura Augustinos, Ellen Rothschild and assistant coach Ellen Moskowitz; and bottom row, left to right, Anna Augustinos, Julia Fortier, Sara Schattschneider and Sara Jen. Not shown are Dan Parish and Chris Koster.

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Pleasantville Community Television and "About Writing," hosted by Ben Cheever and Rob Fleder, present a book signing event with Peter Buffett, author of "Life Is What You Make It." It will be held at The Village Bookstore, located at 10 Washington Ave. in Pleasantville this Friday, Sept. 17 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

From composer, musician and philanthropist Buffett comes a warm, wise and inspirational book that asks which will you choose: the path of least resistance or the path of potentially greatest satisfaction?

You may think that with a last name like his, Buffett has enjoyed a life of endless privilege. But the son of billionaire investor Warren Buffett's only real inheritance from his parents was a philosophy--forge your own path in life. It is a creed that has

allowed him to follow his own passions, establish his own identity, and reap his own successes. "In Life Is What You Make It," Buffett expounds on the strong set of values given to him by his trusting and broadminded mother, his industrious and talented father, and the many life teachers he has met along the way.

Prior to the book signing event, Buffett will be interviewed by Cheever, author, at local public access station PCTV. The show is co-hosted by Fleder, a former Sports Illustrated editor. Cheever has published eight books to date: four novels, three non-fiction and a children's book, "The First Dog."

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Chappaqua Marketer Makes Business Writing Fun

By Martin Wilbur

Just because you were born before the advent of color televisions, touch-tone phones or DVD players, there's no reason to feel inept with social media.



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Nancy Shenker, founder of the marketing firm the ONswitch, has taken her business counseling to the next level by releasing the first in a series of at least six irreverent books, "The Sins of Social Media ... and How to Avoid Them" through the new publishing company she recently launched.

But if you do feel the least bit uncomfortable, then Nancy Shenker has some tips for you.

Shenker, a Chappaqua resident and the head of her own niche marketing firm the ONswitch, has recently hit the market with the first in a series of short, fun books, "The Sins of Social Media ... and How to Avoid Them!" aimed at "smart business-

people with short attention spans."

The 18-page how-to book is filled with easy to flip through lists, pictures and amusing cartoon bubbles that will entertain and inform not only social media newbies—whom she calls "digital immigrants"—but younger "digital natives" as well, cultivated from her experience navigating the corporate world.

It is the first in a series of at least six volumes she's developed called "Bad Girl Good Business." She will release a new book every couple of months addressing a list of business-related issues that today's entrepreneurs or executives may encounter on a regular basis, in a humorous and irreverent way.

"I started with social media etiquette because it seems everybody has jumped on the social media bandwagon, and people are still struggling with all of the rules of engagement for social media, what is good behavior with social media, what are the dos and don'ts," Shenker said.

The second installment of the series will be entitled "Bitch Slap: When Women Misbehave at Work." There will be additional volumes on topics such as "PowerPoint Perversion" and "When Bad Websites Happen to Good People."

In order to make the book series a reality, Shenker, 53, has launched her own publishing company, nunu media LLC. Instead of pitching her ideas to existing publishing firms in hopes of snagging a deal, Shenker decided to set up her own vehicle to get it going.

"I wanted to really find my publishing roots again," explained Shenker, who earlier in her career worked for a publishing company before transitioning to marketing. "I don't need to publish under someone else's imprint."

She plans to make her own series just one part of the company. The enterprise will also produce webinars and blogs and

Shenker will use nunu media to promote her own speaking engagements, which she has already been doing. She also eventually hopes to publish books by other authors who also have out-of-the-ordinary works in keeping with the nunu media philosophy.

"This is really about business today, but just printing them in a way that is quirky and hopefully funny," Shenker said.

Shenker, who grew up in Queens, has loved to write since she had a one of her short stories published in the New Yorker at 10 years old. Encouraged by her father and later a high school English teacher, she turned to publishing out of college, but the bulk of her career has been spent in marketing, including playing key roles in the campaigns for MasterCard and Citibank. Seven years ago Shenker started the ONswitch, which focuses on helping oth-

ers start, brand or energize their business.

On her own company and in her talks she stresses avoidance of two of the biggest mistakes—failing to know your customer and an unwillingness to take risks.

Now, Shenker's hopeful she can help bridge a technological divide she sometimes sees even between her own employees and herself. Although as a baby boomer she stepped out of the world of eight-track tapes and rotary phones, she says there's no reason why the two generations can't live and work in harmony.

"I really believe the real challenge for the generations is knowing how to talk to each other," Shenker said. "We have to respect what the other generation brings to the table."

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Fall Chores in the Garden, Yawning, Ready for Sleep

The Home Guru



By Bill Primavera

Autumn in the garden and yard can be the most gratifying time of year. Deciduous trees and perennials start to yawn, preparing for a long winter's sleep, accompanied by that sweet smell that comes from plants releasing their chemistry and the crisp, clean sound of decaying leaves falling to the ground.

It all tells me that I can rest for a few short months of shorter days, much like when the children are asleep. The only outdoor chore that remains is clearing walkways of snow and ice.

While spring is probably everybody's favorite time in the garden, helping its rebirth after being pummeled by winter, I like fall for the very finiteness of garden chores. When I pull a weed, it stays pulled and doesn't replace itself with double the aggression. When I deadhead perennials, I know that I can take a furlough from assuring that they are properly fed and watered, but will welcome them back in spring after we have both rested.

The very proportions of my garden change as I whack back the perennial and annual growth, which makes the vistas more open from one bed to the other. Also, it eliminates many of my planning mistakes from one season to the next, as I abandon errant plans and move bulbs and perennial roots to other locations.

My more creative joy comes from choosing which mums I'll feature as the color transition from fall to winter. While you will see drifts of mum plants on some properties that have every color in the fall palate,

I like to stick to one color or at the most, two. We all know that it's best to plant in uneven numbers, so when I got a real deal this year with four nice sized mums for \$20, I bought a total of 12 and planted them in four sets of three.

For the longest display of mum flowers, it's best to buy those where most of the plant is still buds. When the mums fade, just leave them where they are. They maintain a nice mound throughout the winter and you can cut them back in the early spring. If you're lucky, they may return, but sometimes they don't, depending on winter conditions.

My most gratifying fall job, as well as a good aerobic/resistance training exercise, is building up the mulch beds to make them look well-tended as well as to keep the perennial roots from heaving. I ask my tree service to send me a truck load of wood chips if they are very clean (no leaves) and processed into smaller chips. Truly, it's as good as expensive mulch. In fact, I like it better because it offers more texture and somehow looks more natural to me.

Here are other garden tips at this time of year:

1. Harvest any vegetables left on plants. I have made a decision not to grow vegetables at this juncture in my life, but I used to love growing tomatoes. If there are still some on the plant, but they're still green, they can be placed in brown paper bags and stored in a cool dry place. They will ripen slowly. It's important to pull out all of the crops because debris left over the winter can cause diseases to enter the soil and



Mums offer a bright color transition from fall to winter, but buy only plants not yet in bloom, as shown, for a longer display.

BILL PRIMAVERA PHOTO

reappear the next spring.

2. This is the time when you can add horse manure or compost to the soil because that allows plenty of time for them to break down.

3. For those who like to bring houseplants inside, they should all be gathered into a shady area for a few days to get them used to low light level conditions. Make certain that they are clean and free from little critters.

4. Perennials that are overcrowded or growing in a large ring with the center portion missing means that it's time to subdivide. You'll become popular with your neighbors if you share the excess. Cut back the remaining perennials to a height of three to six inches.

5. Prepare for brilliant displays of daffodils, tulips and crocus in spring by planting bulbs now. Do not plant them in tidy rows but rather "broadcast" them

in drifts on the surface and plant them where they land for a more natural look.

6. For those who have the patience to endure the rigors of rose maintenance, it is time to prune dead branches and cut off any old flowers. Rose bushes should be mounded using topsoil or mulch and the canes should be cut back to six to 12 inches. For even better protection, the bush can be covered with a bushel basket.

7. Also, this is the best time to transplant shrubs or young trees to new locations.

I don't advise readers here about preparing lawns in the fall for next spring because I must confess that I don't aerate and thatch the soil and I don't fertilize. Because my

property was first cultivated in the early 18th century, I feel that I get a free pass to a very naturalized lawn accepting both crab grass and dandelions with grace. After all, that's the way it looked back then when lawn mowing was accomplished by grazing sheep. Is this what they call rationalization?

Does it help if I promise to talk to a lawn expert soon, by spring, and write about the advice

I receive? Maybe I'll even follow it myself.

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The Roman (Wine) Invasion of the United States



By **Nick Antonaccio**

Often when at a restaurant, my fellow diners will defer to me when the wine list arrives. I don't mind, since I've learned through many dining experiences that restaurant (or wine bar) wine lists tend to include a number of wines that are either uncommon or are nearly exclusively available through restaurants.

I often write down the name and particulars of a wine (on my smart phone memo pad) for future reference. I've recently employed an easier method: take a photo of the label with my smart phone. It's much more convenient and accurate.

However, the problem I've encountered a number of times is that my local wine merchant doesn't carry the wine and can't even special order it for me.

After perusing the list, I'll typically find a unique wine from either a lesser known grape varietal or wine-producing country or both that is appealing. Invariably, when I ask my fellow diners if they would consider experimenting, there are always one or two who reply, "I don't like to experiment," or "I know what I like; it's taken me a long time to figure out my favorite grape and I'd prefer to drink a wine that I know I will enjoy." Then there's the reaction, "I'd rather not jeopardize my dining experience—and budget—with a wine that I may not like."

I rarely succumb to this pressure. If the particular wine I had in mind is available by the glass, I invite my fellow diner to ask for a sample. Most restaurants and wine bars are happy to accommodate this request. If not, and the group is large enough (and I

...our shores have been inundated with new wines

can reach a consensus vote in favor of experimenting), I'll order the wine and offer a sample to the reluctant experimenters.

I've won over many converts in this manner. There is a reason for my one-man campaign to broaden the wine-drinking habits of the universe and to impose on my fellow diners' free will. In the last three years, our shores have been inundated with new wines. Although this exaggerates our already ballooned trade deficit, it also provides more choices to Americans than ever before.

There are wines produced from "new" grapes grown in familiar wine-producing nations and wines from "new" wine-producing nations.

1, "New" Grapes: Leading the pack are the European nations. Leading the European nations is Italy. Wines are being shipped to the United States that

have been grown and available in-country for centuries, but were rarely shipped outside of Italy—until now. I was reminded of this last week when I conducted a wine and food tasting at Wine Geeks Armonk. My theme was unusual wines from Italy. Derek and Carol Todd, the proprietors, donated the wine and offered their architecturally distinct shop as the venue.

Several of the wines offered were from these grapes: Vernaccia from Tuscany (crisp, aromatic white); Fiano from Campania (delicate white with aromas of pear and hazelnut); Uva di Troia from Puglia (balanced red with berry flavor); Nerelle Mascalese from Sicily (earthy, spicy red) and Aglianico from Basilicata (bold, dark

fruit red). This is a small sample of over 1,000 grape varieties grown in Italy since the time of the Romans that many of us enjoyed while visiting Italy in the past but could never find back home.

Similar examples abound in France, Germany and Spain.

2, "New" Wine-Producing Nations: Just as the Romans planted numerous vineyards in Italy so did they in each of the lands they conquered. It has taken two millennia for some of these grapes to reach our shores, but they are beginning to trickle in. The added benefit to American consumers is that many of the wines produced from these grapes have been vastly improved in the hands of the latest generation of winemakers.

For a truly unique experience in new wines, follow the conquests of the Roman Empire: Portugal (great value and robust reds); Austria (crisp whites and full-bodied reds); Greece (bracing whites) and the Eastern European countries of Slovakia, Hun-

gary, Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Montenegro (refreshing whites, sophisticated dessert wines and well-balanced reds). One thing to note is that several of the wines from Eastern Europe actually pre-date the Romans.

This is but a sampling of grapes and wine-producing countries making inroads in the United States that you will hear more of and see on wine lists in the coming year.

Nick Antonaccio is a 30-year Pleasantville resident who has conducted numerous wine tastings and lectures. He is co-host of "Glass Up, Glass Down," a local cable television series on wine and food that is also accessible at www.PCTV76.org. Antonaccio also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services at www.WineAdventuresLLC.com. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com.

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What's On Tap at Local Sports Bars?

Your guide to hot wings, cold beer and the big game

By **Gennifer Birnbach**

Football season is here and dozens of local pubs and eateries are putting out their welcome mats for sports fans to come in and claim their bar stool. We checked in with a few local favorites to see what's on tap.

Kirby's Grill & Bar in Yorktown opened its doors this past spring and boasts that fans can see six to eight games simultaneously from any seat in the house. With 21 television sets and DirecTV hookups, it is especially appealing to those monitoring their fantasy football teams.

"We've hosted about eight fantasy football drafts in our back room," said Chris Melfa, co-owner of Kirby's. "It was a big draw."

Prior to opening in Yorktown, the Kirby's wing recipe earned them the title as "the wing guys" in Yonkers where they owned and operated another establishment.

"The secret to making great wings? It's to make sure the wings are crispy and then it's all about the sauce," he said.

Kirby's offers both classic bone-in and boneless wings. To wash it down, the bar and grill offers Bud, Bud Light, Stella, Captain Lawrence Pale Ale, Sam Adams Cherry Wheat, Sam Adams Oktoberfest, Guinness, Blue Moon, Blue Moon Harvest, Palm, Negra Modelo and Coors Light on draft.

Around the corner from Kirby's are three other popular Yorktown mainstays—Finnegans Bar and Grill, Murphy's and South Side Bar & Grill—each bustling

with its own regulars grown from word-of-mouth accolades.

Finnegans is best known for its casual family dining and strategically placed televisions to enjoy the game from any seat. They offer Bass Ale, Blue Moon, Coors Light, Guinness, Killians Irish Red, New Castle and Stella Artuis on draft.

South Side, with locations in Yorktown and Mahopac, is offering half price wings, \$6.50 pitchers and giveaways every Sunday during football season. They also offer free courtesy shuttle service to prevent drunk driving.

Murphy's is another hot spot for football action with televisions in the bar and a big screen TV in one of the dining spaces. If you're ordering more than wings, go for the chicken pot pie.

Team Blazer and Team Squires often go head to head in the "best burger" category in northern Westchester. Be sure to taste for yourself by visiting The Blazer, in North Salem, and Squires, in Briarcliff Manor during a game. On tap at The Blazer is Captain Lawrence Pale Ale, Guinness, Bass Ale, Blue Moon, Stella Artuis, Coors Light, Sam Adams and a rotating tap for seasonal beers. Squires has Sam Adams Oktoberfest, Killians, Blue Moon and Captain Lawrence Pale Ale on tap.

Over in Chappaqua, Quaker Hill Tavern provides a comfortable atmosphere where locals gather for wings, beer and football. On tap is Palm, Stella, Bud Light, Heineken, Yling Yling, Blue Moon, Guinness, Captain Lawrence Pale Ale and Captain Lawrence Seasonal. When asked about the secret to their delicious wings, Erin the bartender and manager said "the wings are slow roasted before going into the fryer and are served with really good hot sauce."

The Tavern at Croton Landing in Cro-

ton-on-Hudson just launched their Monday night "come in for dinner, stay for the game" weekly event encouraging locals to hang out and enjoy. The tavern (previously known as Honey's) has remained a popular choice with beers like Budweiser, Coors Light, Captain Lawrence Pale Ale, Captain Lawrence Liquid Gold, Stella, Pabst Blue Ribbon, Guinness and Franziskaner Weissbier on tap. It also offer wing specials on Sunday nights. Call for event schedules.

For 30 years Michael's Tavern in Pleas-

antville has boasted "satisfied customers" for its casual dining and friendly atmosphere. It also has nine plasma screen TVs and have maintained top status as the perfect neighborhood hangout. The tavern's sibling eateries, Oliver's (previously The Katonah Grill) and McArthur's American Grille (also in Pleasantville) are worth the visit as well. Visit its shared website for special events (like beer pong and dodge ball), Royalty Rewards program and to review their respective menus.

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Rebecca Carhart, supporting the San Francisco 49ers, and Shana Perotta, rooting for the Giants, watch the opening Sunday of NFL action at Kirby's Bar and Grill in Yorktown.

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Ron Rothstein, an all-county basketball and baseball player for Roosevelt High School who was an assistant coach with the Detroit Pistons, head coach for the WNBA Miami Sol, and has been head coach and is currently an assistant coach

of the Miami Heat.

Todd Scott, a Peekskill High School basketball star in the early 1980s who won several sectional, county and state titles, and who set a Section I scoring record of 2,057 points that still stands.

William "Willy" Van Heusen, a Mamaroneck High School graduate who played nine seasons as a wide receiver and punter for the Denver Broncos. He holds the team record of an average of 20.5 yards per catch.

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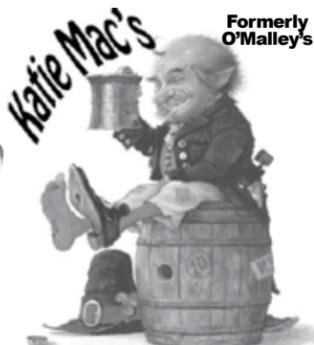
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Tuesday, Sept. 14

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From Fishing Boats to the Kitchen: Sicily's Glorious Seafood Traditions. A culinary book presentation by Toni Lydecker features a tasting of several Sicilian-style seafood specialties and Sicilian wines will follow the talk. Westchester Italian Cultural Center, 1 Generoso Pope Place, Tuckahoe. 6:30 p.m. Members: \$20. Senior members: \$15. Non-members: \$25. Capacity limited to 50. Must register and prepay in advance. Info and registration: 914-771-8700.

New Bereavement Support Group. Helps adults struggling with the loss of a loved one. Phelps Memorial Hospital, 701. N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Tuesdays through Nov. 2. Info: 914-366-3109.

Learning About Newborns. This class covers all aspects of newborn care, including feeding patterns, common concerns of parents and the role of the pediatrician during your baby's stay in the hospital. A tour of the Nursery is offered. Northern Westchester Hospital's conference center, 400 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 7 to 9 p.m. \$25 per couple. Info and registration: 914-666-1292.

Open Book Discussion. "Inheritance" by Lan Samantha Chang. Led by Christine Bobkoff, adjunct professor, Westchester Community College. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7:30 p.m. Free. Copies of book are available at the information desk. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Book Club. The Women Reading Women Book Club will discuss "Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Books available at the circulation desk. New members welcome. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Wednesday, Sept. 15

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

Critters, Crafts and Kids. Children and parents or caregivers come for an hour of nature fun. For children 18 months to five years old. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 10 to 11 a.m. Members: Adults--\$5; Children--\$4. Non-members: Adults--\$9; Children--\$7. Also Sept.22 and 29. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit to www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Mommy & Me Yoga. Focuses on movement, imagination and fun. Partner poses and Yoga games with mom help keep the children interested and focused. For moms and their children two to four years old. Quest Yoga Arts, 11-13 Main St., Mount Kisco. Wednesdays 10 to 10:45 a.m. through Nov.17. Ten weeks for \$150. old. Info and registration: 914-241-9642 or go to www.questyogaarts.com.

Mother Goose. Simple songs, stories and a craft for walkers under two and a half years old; with an adult Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. Free. Also Sept. 20, 22, 27 and 29. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Story Time. Stories and finger plays for children ages two and a half to five years old; with an adult. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 2 p.m. Free. Also Sept. 22 and 29. Info: 914-

741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Job Fair. The WJCS Women-Helping-Women Program, Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner and the Greenburgh Public Library are co-sponsoring this event. Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Rd., Elmsford. 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Lenore Rosenbaum at 761-0600 ext. 308 or at lrosenbaum@wjcs.com.

Book an Adventure. Stories and a simple craft for children three to five years old; with an adult. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Also Sept. 22 and 29. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Yoga. A new five-week series of classes to be held on five consecutive Wednesdays, this class is intended for people in good physical condition. Bring your mat if you have one. Katonah Village Library, 26 Bedford Rd., Katonah. 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. Free. Space limited. Info and registration: 914-232-3508.

Prevent Back Pain with Proper Posture, Body Mechanics and Exercise. Presented by Jacek Golis. Physical Therapy at Jefferson Valley's Conference Room, 600 Bank Rd., Jefferson Valley. 6 to 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-762-2222 or www.ptrehab.com.

Rosh Hashanah Celebration for Persons With Developmental Disabilities. Hosted by the Havorah Program of Westchester Jewish Community Services. Temple Shaaray Tefila, 89 Baldwin Road, Bedford. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Contact Gail Oliver at 845-565-8610 or gailao777@aol.com.

Thursday, Sept. 16

Prostate Screenings. Phelps Memorial Hospital, 701. N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 5 to 8 p.m. Free. Registration required. Also Sept. 24 and 27 from 9 a.m. to noon and Sept. 20 and 27 from 5 to 8 p.m. Info and registration: 914-366-3220.

Book an Adventure. Stories and a simple craft for children three to five years old; with an adult. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Also Sept. 23 and 30. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Here We Are Together. Songs and stories for children through five years old; with an adult. Siblings welcome. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:20 a.m. Free. Also Sept. 21, 23, 28 and 30 from 11 to 11:20 a.m. and Sept. 20 and 27 from 1:30 to 1:50 p.m. and Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Northern Westchester Hospital Foundation Estate Sale. The foundation has collected a treasure trove of goods from around the globe, each a unique find for every taste. All items in this store have been donated. The sale will help the Cancer Treatment and Wellness Center, the Mary and David Boies Emergency Department, The Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, The Ken Hamilton Caregivers Center and advanced clinical programs. 737 Bedford Rd., (Route 117) Bedford Hills. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays to Sundays through Sept. 26. (Thursdays until 6 p.m.) Info: www.nwhc.net/FallSale.

Book Lovers. "The lacuna" by Barbara Kingsolver will be discussed. Led by Barbara Bernstein. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 1 p.m. Free. Copy of book available at the information desk. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Bereavement Support Group. With Bereavement Coordinator Bess Steiger. Phelps Memorial Hospital's Conference Room 225, 755 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Suggested donation: \$10. Also Sept. 30. Info: 914-366-3325 or e-mail bsteiger@pmhc.us.

Craft Table. For children three to eight years old. Children under the age of five may need assistance. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-741-0276 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

Rockstars at Quest Yoga Arts. Class focuses on holding, balancing and coordination. Youngsters begin to learn benefits of certain yoga postures and the effects on their bodies focusing on holding, balancing and coordination. For children six to eight years old. Quest Yoga Arts, 11-13 Main St., Mount Kisco. Thursdays 5 to 6 p.m. through Nov.18. Nine weeks for \$135. Info and registration:

914-241-9642 or www.questyogaarts.com.

Book Signing and Image Tips. Career expert Lizandra Vega will give tips on how to dress for an interview and sign copies of her new book, "The Image of Success: Make a Great Impression and Land the Job You Want." Bloomingdale's, 175 Bloomingdale Rd., White Plains. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Info: www.lizandravega.com.

Discover Italy! Emilia Romagna & Parma. A travel presentation by Professor Barry Goldsmith of NYU. A tasting of regional food will conclude the evening. Westchester Italian Cultural Center, 1 Generoso Pope Place, Tuckahoe. 6:30 p.m. Members: \$20. Senior members: \$15. Non-members: \$25.

Capacity limited to 50. Must register and prepay in advance. Info and registration: 914-771-8700.

ZUMBA Demo Class. Information for upcoming ZUMBA session will be available. PFX Gym, 101 Castleton St., Pleasantville. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Reservation required. No walk-ins admitted. Non-members welcome; PFX membership not required. Info and registration: Contact Amy Olin at 914-643-6162 or olinamyj@gmail.com.

CrossTalk. Featuring book agent Molly Friedrich and New York Times writer Lisa Belkin. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St., Katonah. 7 p.m. A wine reception precedes the program at 6:30 p.m. Info and tickets: 914-232-9555 or www.katonahmuseum.org.

Friday, Sept. 17

Book Signing. The Village Bookstore is hosting a book signing event with Peter Buffett, author of "Life is What You Make It." Sponsored by PCTV and About Writing hosts Ben Cheever and Ron Fleder. 10 Washington Ave., Pleasantville. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Free. Info and book orders: 914-769-8322.

"Baaria." Giuseppe Tornatore's lush and romantic reimagining of the path of one person, a Sicilian, who grows up, marries, has children, matures and ages, compiling a rich breadth of experiences along the way. Film screening with introduction, Q&A and reception during intermission. In Italian with English subtitles. Westchester Italian Cultural Center, 1 Generoso Pope Place, Tuckahoe. 6:30 p.m. Members: \$20. Senior members: \$15. Non-members: \$25. Info: 914-771-8700.

Evening Howl: For "Pups" of All Ages. Enjoy visiting the wolves during their favorite hour--dusk. The young red wolf pups, born on May 6, will be all ears and paws and ready to explore their lush surroundings. All guests will be served weather appropriate treats. Bring flashlights. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 6:30 p.m. Adults: \$15. Children (under 12): \$12. Pre-registration required. Info and registration: www.nywolf.org.

Opening Night of Metropolis With the Alloy Orchestra. Celebrate the new "Metropolis" with the new score written and performed by the Alloy Orchestra. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$15. Non-members: \$20. Info: 914-747-1555.

Saturday, Sept. 18

Practice English. Informal conversation for speakers of other languages. Led by ESL teacher Ginger Ramsey. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 9:30 a.m. Free. Also Sept. 25. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Bridge and Scrabble Club Guided Play and Instruction. Match wits with Manhattan Bridge Club owner Jeff Bayone and Stan Kurzban. Bridge is not for beginners; singles, pairs and small groups welcome. Scrabble: All levels welcome. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 10 a.m. Free. Also Sept. 25. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Pack Chat for Kids. Learn about the mythology surrounding wolves, the important role of wolves in the natural world and the role of wolves in the natural world and . Guests will visit ambassador wolves Kaila, Lukas and Atka as well as the red wolf exhibit. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 10 a.m. \$12. Children (under 10): \$10. For children four to eight years old. Also Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: www.nywolf.org.

Feline Adoption. Putnam Felines, Inc. will be hosting the adoption of kittens and cats. Animal Kingdom, 100 Independent Way, Brewster. 12 to 2 p.m. Also Sept. 25. Info: 845-528-0015 or www.putnamfelines.org.

Marathon to Mexico. Come say goodbye to the monarch butterfly as it starts on the long journey to Mexico for the winter. Teatown Lake Reservation, 1600 Spring Valley Rd., Ossining. 11 a.m. to noon. Members: Free. Non-members: \$5. All welcome. Info: 914-762-2912 ext. 110.

Celebrating the Century-old Manteo Sicilian Marionette Tradition in New York. A family program presented by Tony De Nonno. Presentation includes a brief marionette demonstration and film presentation. Westchester Italian Cultural Center, 1 Generoso Pope Place, Tuckahoe. 2 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-771-8700.

Community International Fun Night. Pleasantville Presbyterian Church is hosting an evening of international foods, games and fun for the community with music, desserts and activities for all ages. The event is Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, 400 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 5 to 8 p.m. Free. All welcome. Info: 914-769-0458 or www.pvillepresby.org.

Barn Dance. Features live music with local bands, swimming pig races, barbecue dinner, children's crafts and make your own sundaes. John Jay Homestead, 400 Route 22, Katonah. 5 to 9 p.m. Admission charge. Info and tickets: 914-232-8119 or e-mail friends@johnjayhomestead.org; or visit <http://www.johnjayhomestead.org>.

Sunday, Sept. 19

Beginner Yoga Workshops at Quest Yoga Arts. Learn step-by-step through yoga breathing, core postures and the flow that links all these elements together. Quest Yoga Arts, 11-13 Main St., Mount Kisco. Sundays 9 to 10:15 a.m. through Oct. 24 and Mondays 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. through Nov. 1. 6 weeks for \$150. Info and registration: 914-241-9642 or www.questyogaarts.com.

Wolves of North America. Learn about the mythology, biology and ecology of wolf families. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 11 a.m. Adults: \$12. Children (under 12): \$10. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: www.nywolf.org.

Story Sunday: Pond Circle. Seasonal stories and activities about nature, animals and ecology. For four- to seven-year-olds accompanied by an adult. 1600 Spring Valley Rd., Ossining. 11 a.m. to noon. Members: Free. Non-members: \$5. Info: 914-762-2912 ext. 110.

18th Annual John Jay Homestead Country Fair. Featuring Bedford 1779 regiment encampment, pig races, sheep and duck herder, petting zoo, pony rides, apple pie contest and more. Food and beverages available. John Jay Homestead, 400 Route 22, Katonah. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$20 per carload. (Includes house tour and iPad raffle ticket.) Rain or shine. Info: 914-232-8119 or e-mail friends@johnjayhomestead.org or visit www.johnjayhomestead.org.

Celebrate Children's Book Day. Authors and illustrators will be on hand for this one-day gala devoted to children's literature and filled with readings, demonstrations, magic, music and book signings. Washington Irving's Sunnyside, 89 W. Sunnyside Lane, Tarrytown. 12 to 5 p.m. Adults: \$12. Seniors: \$10. Children (5-17): \$6. Children (5 and under): Free. Info and tickets: www.hudsonvalley.org.

Feline Adoption. Putnam Felines, Inc. will be hosting an adoptathon of kittens and cats. Petsmart, 3131 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake. 1 to 3 p.m. Also Sept. 26. Info: 845-528-0015 or www.putnamfelines.org.

"Jake's Women." M&M Productions will perform this Neil Simon comedy. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or www.mountpleasantlibrary.org.

"In Defense of the Turkey Trot." The Chappaqua Drama Group and the New Castle and Ossining Historical Societies present a staged reading of a historical play. Chappaqua Library Theater, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 2 p.m. \$10. Seniors and students: \$5. Reception following the performance catered by Susan Lawrence. Info: www.chappaquadrामagroup.org.

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Wildcats Hang On to Beat Briarcliff in Opener

By Gregg Vigliotti

With heavy clouds in the sky, a brisk wind sweeping across the field and the threat of rain not far away, the Briarcliff and Westlake football teams took to the turf for their season-opening game on Sunday afternoon.

Despite the inclement weather, fans lined the field at Westlake to watch what turned into a roller-coaster ride of a game as the teams swapped momentum until the Wildcats eventually gained the upper hand, coming away with a 34-21 victory.

"They really played a great game today," said Wildcats coach Rich Hennessy after his players had finished off the Bears. "There are definitely some things we need to work on, both offensively and defensively, but I'd say we did a pretty good job out there today."

The Wildcats took control of the game early with the help of a strong defense that forced the Bears to punt the ball away on their first possession of the season. A fourth-down pass from quarterback John D'Onofrio to running back Nick Calcagni set up a first and goal for Westlake. Matt DeBiase then ran the ball into the end zone for the game's first points.

It wasn't long before Briarcliff found itself facing more trouble. The Bears' second possession ended fruitlessly and Westlake soon moved into Briarcliff territory once again. DeBiase made two big runs to move the Wildcats inside the Bears' 16-yard line, eventually leading to another touchdown that increased the Westlake lead to 14-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Westlake scored again in the second quarter, increasing its lead to 20 points before the Bears were able to start turning the game around. A long pass tossed by Briarcliff quarterback Ryan Hooper landed in the arms of Jonathan Marrero, who went in for the Bears' first touchdown of the season and provided a hint of more Bears' offensive fireworks to come.

Marrero, who wound up scoring all three Briarcliff touchdowns, helped keep the pressure on and the momentum going for the Bears after halftime by finding the end zone two more times in the third quarter, highlighted by an 80-yard punt return. The fourth quarter began with the Wildcats clinging to a 27-21 advantage.

With the Wildcats reeling, it was Calcagni to the rescue, stringing together a pair of long runs, one for a big first down and



Matt DeBiase tries to push through the Briarcliffs Bears defense while still holding onto the ball during one of the Wild Cats early drives in the 1st Quarter.

the other for a touchdown that provided Westlake with some breathing room.

While DeBiase headed up the initial charge that gave the Wildcats the early lead, it was Calcagni who helped carry the team over the final two quarters. He finished with 85 yards on the ground, carrying the ball 18 times. DeBiase wound

up with 53 yards rushing. Meanwhile, D'Onofrio completed all but two of his 12 passes, throwing for 120 yards and two touchdowns.

The Bears had plenty of opportunities to complete their big comeback, but too many mistakes wound up costing them the game. The biggest of them might have



A Briarcliff defenseman tries to hunt down Wild Cat's Nick Calcagni who ran the ball in for a touchdown.

been their turnover after a great catch by Marrero was then followed by a lateral that was recovered by the Wildcats.

As a result, Westlake was able to hang on and open its season on a winning note. "We ran the ball hard and pushed the offense hard," said Hennessy. "Either way you look at it, we came away with the win and that's what we're playing for."



Nick Calcagni leaves the Briarcliff defenseman in the dust on his way towards his first touchdown of the season.



After making a great one handed catch, Briarcliffs Jonathan Marrero tossed a lateral to a fellow teammate as a Wild Cats defensemen took him down. The ball bounced off Marrero's teammate and the Wild Cat's recovered it, dashing the Bears late game rush.



AJ Pizzola tries his best to grab the ball for a touchdown late in the 3rd quarter of Sunday's season opener. Though Pizzola eventually lost control of the ball, Nick Calcagni was able to run it in for the game breaking touch down.

Horace Greeley Plans to Mix It Up in Pursuit of Wins

At Horace Greeley, an All-Section quarterback in Justin Ciero, a bruising fullback in three-year starter Gustavo Larramendi and a veteran coach in Bill Tribou seems like a recipe for success.

Ciero, who passed for 813 yards and rushed for 890 more as a sophomore last season, also has an impressive receiving corps, starting with 6-foot-4 Max Johnson. The Quakers utilize an aerial assault that's equally as important as their ground game, depending on what the scouting report calls for. Greeley has traditionally used an ultra-mobile quarterback who can decimate de-

fenses both running and throwing the ball and this could potentially be a big year for Ciero, described by Tribou as "the most talented player we've ever had here."

What's most appealing to Tribou is Ciero's ability to create an issue for defenses on the run and on the fly. "That's always been the case at Greeley," said Tribou. "Our quarterbacks have to be running backs first. If we can quarterback sneak on every possession and win, we'll do that. If we can pass the ball on every possession and win, then we'll do that."

Despite the powerful potential offen-

sively, the team still has its most depth on defense. The catalyst is 6-foot-2, 250-pound senior defensive end Joe Magardino. He, along with guard/linebacker Nick Weber, knows the defensive playbook inside and out. The two are equivalent to de facto coaches for Tribou, with the knowledge and experience they incorporate into the system. Both are physically imposing, aggressive players with plenty of experience chasing quarterbacks and tossing them to the turf.

Much of the Quakers' manpower comes from the defensive secondary, which re-

turns five players--all of them seniors likely to make an immediate impact. Eric Cooney, Jason Segal, Aaron Warner, Jason Bressler and Josh Begleiter must handle the chore of shutting down receivers and negating opponents' passing game. Each member of the veteran quintet is interchangeable, capable of playing both corner and safety.

"We've never had that before," said Tribou about his talented secondary. "We've never had five defensive backs who can change a game like this."

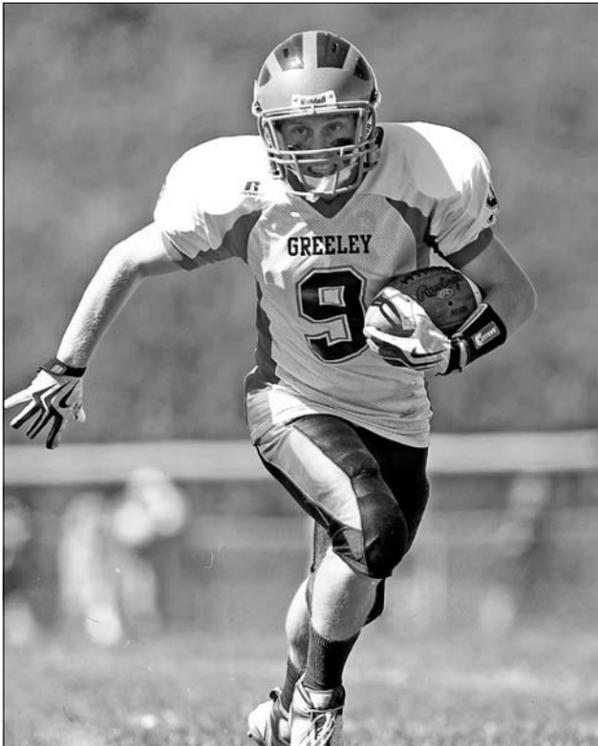
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Quakers Waste Little Time Blasting Brewster in Opener

It took barely a minute for the Horace Greeley football team to score its first points of the new season. Quarterback Justin Ciero scampered 17 yards to the end zone on the Quakers' second play from scrimmage, setting the tone for an overwhelming first half in which Greeley scored five touchdowns and all but decided the outcome of Saturday afternoon's game in front of a big crowd at Brewster High School.

With Ciero rushing for three touchdowns and 162 yards on the ground, Greeley romped past the overmatched Bears 35-14 in the season opener on a spectacular late-summer day. His second touchdown came on the Quakers' second possession, from three yards out. Before the first quarter came to an end, senior linebacker Nick Weber intercepted a pass and ran the ball 40 yards down the right sideline. Greeley had a 21-0 cushion and the Bears had a pretty good idea their season was starting with a loss.

Ciero's third touchdown of the game came early in the second quarter and increased the Greeley lead to 28-0. Brewster finally got on the board with a long touchdown pass by Adam Tavo-



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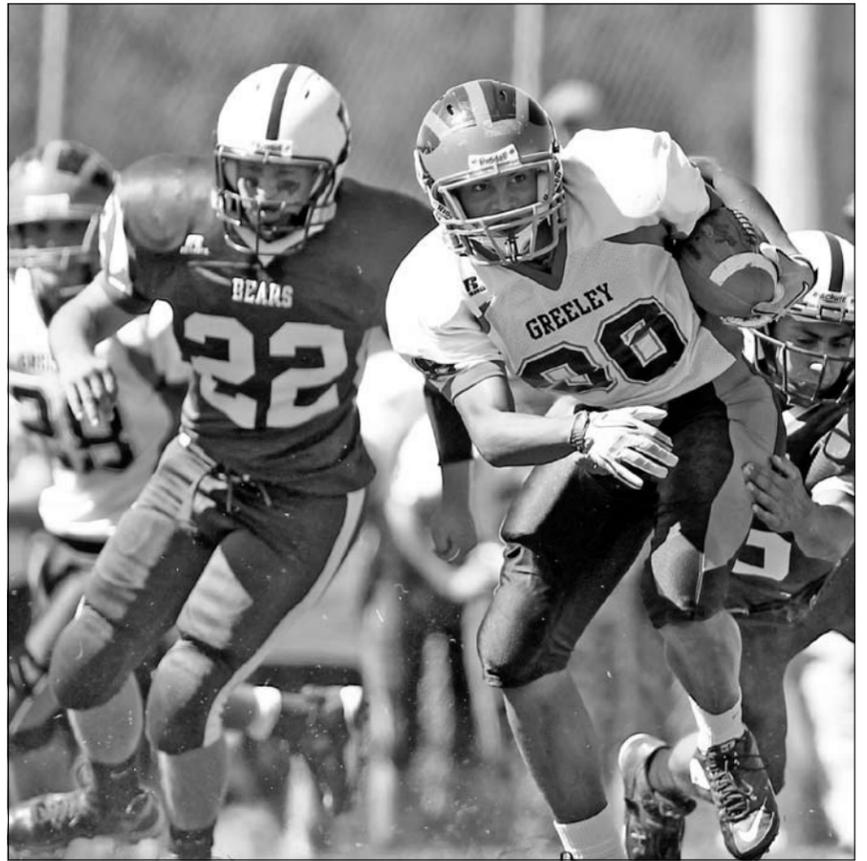
Quaker senior tailback Josh Begleiter runs with the football during Saturday's game at Brewster High School.

lilla, who somehow got the ball away as the Quakers' Jason Segal was soaring above him on a blitz.

But the Quakers responded immediately, getting a short touchdown run from Gustavo Larremendi on their next possession. The half ended mercifully for Brewster with the Quakers again deep in Bear territory. Though Greeley never scored again, the outcome was never in doubt and longtime coach Bill Tribou walked off the field afterwards with the victory that makes him the winningest football coach in school history.



Greeley quarterback Justin Ciero breaks a tackle as he picks up big yardage in the first half of Saturday's 35-14 rout over Brewster.



Teddy Graves of Greeley runs past a pair of Brewster defenders in the season-opening win by the visiting Quakers.



Quaker defensive back Jason Segal applies some pressure to Brewster quarterback Adam Tavolilla on a blitz in the first half of Saturday's game.

Vikings Looking to Prove Themselves Again in Class C

By Steven Corvino

Valhalla's football field may look the same as always, and the colors on its uniforms are still maroon and white, but the Vikings continue to see many changes around them -- including to their roster, coaching staff and league alignment.

After losing the first game of the season last year to Bronxville, the Vikings managed to reel off eight straight victories. But as his team begins this season in a new division, first-year head coach Kevin Martins knows there are still plenty of challenges ahead.

"We're looking at it as a perspective from two years ago when we were in Class C, when we were 1-7 in Class C," said Martins, who spent the two previous years as a Vikings assistant. "Are we better than we were back two years ago? Yeah, obviously, because all of those kids that were on that team got experience and they're better. We're the new kids on the block. We've got something to prove. We've gotta come back in and show we can play in Class C and compete."

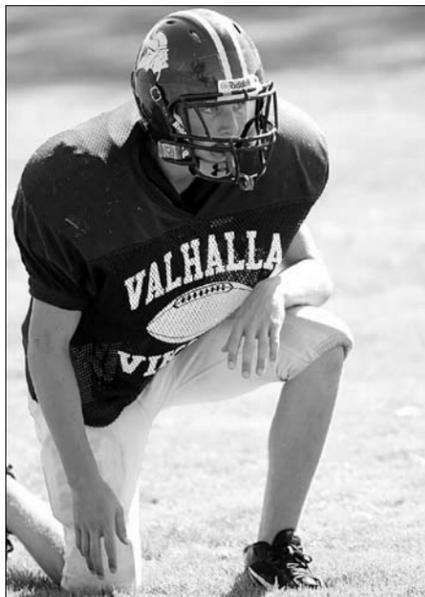
The Vikings didn't play in C last year due to the limited size of their school. Things became even harder when they opened their football camps without the minimum required amount of players. Instead of forfeiting the season, though, former head coach Frank Nucaro decided to put together a league with schools that were in a similar situation.

"Heading into the year, we only had 13 kids coming back from the previous year," said Martins. "We were kind of worried that we weren't even going to be able to field a team. So coach Nucaro spoke to several other coaches from other schools who were in a similar situation. The coaches started talking, and then they formed this little league. We were fortunate enough where we recruited and we got a few extra kids out."

The Vikings were able to put together a 32-player roster, but finished the season with only 24 players. Because the Vikings were so desperate for players, many of the kids arrived without a lot of past experience. Instead of focusing on plays, the coaches were forced to spend a lot of time on football basics.

"The majority of the kids were brand new to football," said Martins. "So every single week, it was like you were teaching one of your starters something for the first time. They never heard it before. You had kids on the field starting on defense who were never taught how to tackle until they showed up in the summer for camp."

"We had wide receivers running routes and learning terminology they never heard. So it wasn't really magical, it was week by week, quarter by quarter, play by play. We didn't know what to expect next. The group



Viking players practice last week in preparation for their season opener against Bronxville. The Vikings lost, but will try to earn their first win on Thursday evening when they host Lincoln Hall at 6 pm.

we had last year, they would always figure out a way to win a game. There was always something in those kids to figure out something to get it done."

Even with all the players learning the game on the fly, the Vikings were competitive every week, finishing the season with a long winning streak. The team continued to improve week by week and Martins noticed not just the development and progression by his players on the field, but also that they were getting more comfortable with each other off the field.

This season, the Vikings are once again in a similar situation. Even though his team is back in Class C, Martins entered camp with a bunch of players on varsity lacking the knowledge of the basics of football. But he is now getting support from plenty of his players who were dealing with the same problem last year.

"We're still in the same position," he said. "We still have a lot of kids that are brand new and it's teaching football from scratch, and at a varsity level it's hard. But at the same time, as a coach, when they get it, and they do it right, and then you get some success, as a coaching staff you appreciate that and enjoy it. And now those kids who were new last year, they're a little bit more into it. And you see them helping out the new kids."

Martins hopes to continue to help evolve his players' abilities, particularly with the fundamentals of the game. He figures once his players understand the importance of blocking and tackling, the Vikings will turn into a formidable team every time they take the field.



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"I would like to see us get better fundamentally, the blocking and the tackling," Martins said. "Most of our kids are new to football. So the fundamentals of football still need to get better. And they are getting better, but I would like to see that improve. And if we block and tackle, we'll be able to play with anybody."

Unfortunately for the Vikings, the season will begin, as it has for the past two seasons, with a game against powerful Bronxville. The Vikings' first home game comes this Thursday, September 16, as part of Valhalla Day.

Even though the Vikings may have a tough couple of months ahead of them, Martins is confident his players will give everything they have every week. "We just want to come out and compete," he said. "We want to hit. We want to run the ball. We want to play for four quarters, play real hard and play good defense. And if we make some plays, and things go our way, then so be it."

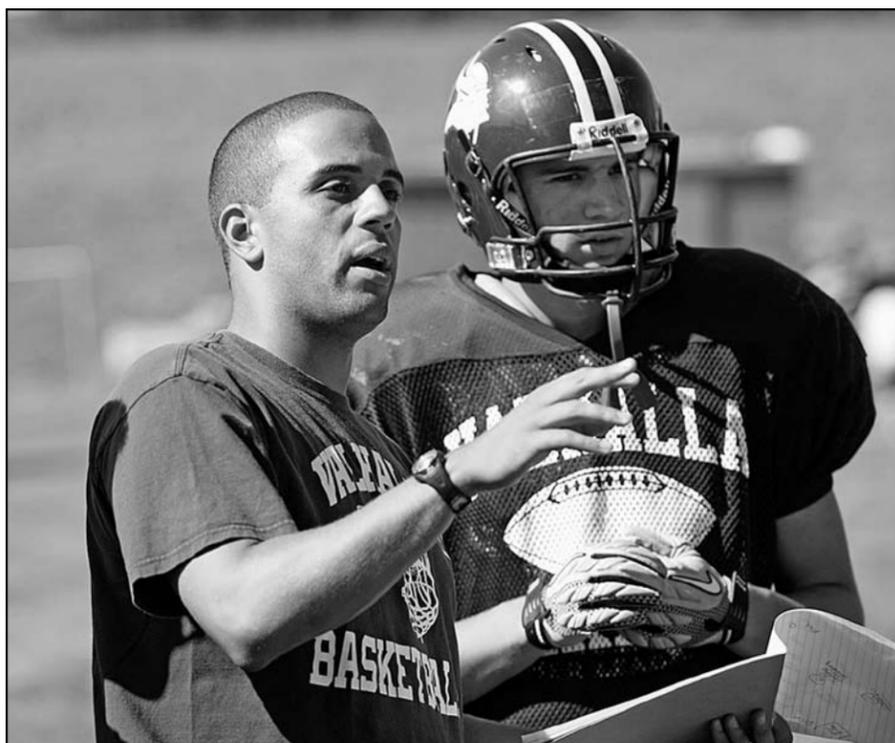
In order for Valhalla to succeed, third

-year quarterback Mark DeMilio and third-year fullback John Meaney will have to use their experience and leadership abilities. Each player gives the Vikings a different look, with Meaney providing vocal leadership and DeMilio letting his play on the field do his talking.

"John is a verbal leader," said Martins. "He's the kind of kid that makes my job a lot easier. He'll get the kids going. Mark's a quieter kid. But he does lead by example, and once you get him on the football field, he'll stick his nose in anywhere and make a play for you. So I expect leadership from the two of them, and I think I'm gonna get it."

Martins is optimistic that the two seniors will provide plenty of big plays just when the Vikings need them the most.

"I think we're gonna get plays out of the two of them," he said. "Those kids make plays. You saw it last year. I've seen them do it in their other sports, and I think they'll make some plays for us when they get the opportunity."



Kevin Martins is the new head coach for the Valhalla football team.



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Foxes Win Opener

Quarterback T.J. Hallock runs with the football in Saturday evening's 18-14 Fox Lane win over Carmel at Memorial Stadium. Hallock threw a pair of touchdown passes and ran for another score as the Foxes successfully opened their 2010 season.

New-Look Panthers Fall to Kennedy in Season Opener

By Steven Corvino

With both teams struggling to move the football and put points on the scoreboard, it seemed just a matter of time until a big defensive play would decide the outcome of Saturday's season opener between host Pleasantville and Kennedy Catholic.

Unfortunately for the Panthers, that big play was made by the Gaels.

"I honestly didn't know what to expect," said Pleasantville coach Tony Becerra moments after the Panthers had fallen to the Gaels 6-0 at Parkway Field to kick off the 2010 football season. "With the depletion that we got and that they got, it's not surprising that it was punch and jab, punch and jab the whole way."

After battling through three quarters of scoreless football, the Panthers committed a crucial turnover early in the fourth quarter that led to their demise. With Pleasantville facing second down and long, JFK's Zach Furman picked off a John Conway pass and raced down the sideline for a 45-yard touchdown return to account for the game's lone score and spoil the sunny afternoon for the Panther faithful in attendance.

"It had no rhythm," said Becerra of his team's initial game. "We couldn't find the rhythm. Our offense is behind our defense and special teams right now, so we've just gotta catch up and work on that."

Pleasantville's offense struggled to string together enough first downs to create any sort of productive and significant drive. The Panthers repeatedly tried to pound the ball with their running game, but they could never find a way to control the line of scrimmage and never got the chance to run even a single play in the red zone.

"If the offense isn't working, then I'll take responsibility of that," added Becerra. "I'm not gonna put it on the kids. I've gotta find a way to make it work."



Running back Skyler Leen of Pleasantville tries to get past a Kennedy defensive player during Saturday's game at Parkway Field.

Conway, a 6-3 junior, started for the Panthers, but was unable to move the team through the air. He was eventually replaced by Danny Schulman, another junior who's half a foot shorter, after throwing the interception that wound up deciding the contest. Becerra's plan was to alternate between Conway and Schulman the whole game because they each provide different aspects to the game.

"Going into camp, and going into the season, I spoke with the two quarterbacks this week and I said, 'You know people are asking out there who's your quarterback. I'm gonna say both you guys because that's how I feel,'" said Becerra. "Each one does certain things well. Neither one is complete, but each one does certain things well. So I was just looking again to find a rhythm."

While the offense was having its trouble generating any yardage, the Pleasantville defense did its part to keep the Panthers in the game, putting continuous pressure on the Gaels and keeping them out of the end zone the entire afternoon.

"It was outstanding," said Becerra. "The defense didn't give up the points. I'm extremely happy with the defense."



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Pleasantville quarterback Danny Schulman looks to avoid a tackle in the Panthers season-opening loss to Kennedy Catholic on Saturday.

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The Gaels, who got 55 yards rushing from both Gary Kiernan and Tim Kazinduka, were able to run out the clock late in the fourth quarter and prevent any chance of a miraculous finish by the Panthers. A key offside penalty against Pleasantville on fourth-and-seven with just over a minute left set the stage for a first-down run that denied the Panthers one last opportunity to get the ball back.

A year ago, the Panthers were extremely

successful, piling up points and winning seven of their nine games. But with the graduation of 18 players, Becerra realizes he's now dealing with entirely different circumstances and will have to find some new weapons and leaders in order to win some games.

"We're down and I think everybody else is up," he said. "I think we're gonna have to battle for everything. Nothing is gonna come easy at all."



The Panthers' Conor Fraylick carries the football late in Saturday afternoon's game, won by the visiting Kennedy Gaels.

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Briarcliff's TK Maeda and Valhalla's Joe Lovecchio rise for a header in Saturday's consolation game, won by the Bears.



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Briarcliff's Tim Blair celebrates his game-tying goal in the second half against Valhalla. The Vikings went on to win in overtime.



Geena George of Pleasantville chases down the ball during the Panthers' title game against Briarcliff on Saturday evening.



Tourney MVP Danielle Christiano scored five goals in the Bears' two victories in the Mt. Pleasant Cup soccer tournament this past week.



Valhalla's Tyler Malcolm (left) controls the ball as Robbie Nero of Briarcliff defends. Malcolm scored two goals, including the game-winner 45 seconds into overtime.



Bryan Mogrovejo of Pleasantville controls the ball in the first half Saturday night against Westlake.



Shannon Louie (left) of Briarcliff and Kim Reilly of Pleasantville pursue the ball in Saturday's title game, won by the Bears.



Westlake's Nick Schwartz has a half step on Pleasantville's Omari Howard as he dribbles up the field in the first half of Saturday



Westlake's Leandro Curran (left) and Pleasantville's Drew Forte battle for possession during the Panthers' victory in the championship game.



Westlake's Justin Thomas boots the ball in the Wildcats' championship game of the Mt. Pleasant Cup soccer tournament.



Briarcliff freshman Lauren Miller dribbles past Pleasantville's Patricia Garibaldi in the Bears' 6-0 victory.

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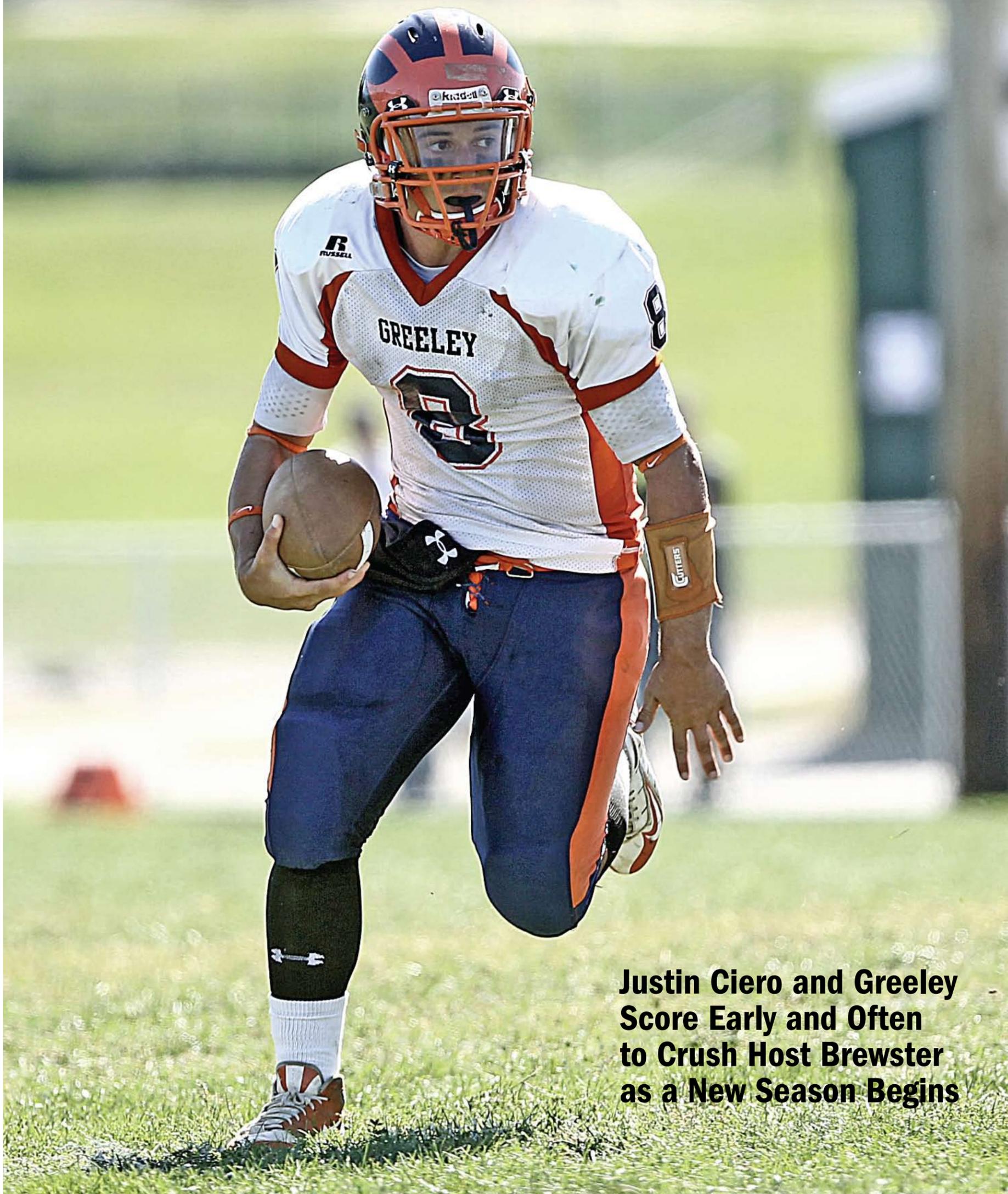
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