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Eastchester Recognizes Columbus Day Grand Marshall & Honorees



From left are honoree Scott Mikos, Grand Marshal Vincent Vetrini, honoree Joe Luciano and Town Supervisor Anthony S. Colavita.

Supervisor Anthony Colavita and the Eastchester Town Board made a special presentation to the grand marshal and honorees of the 2014 Eastchester Columbus Day Parade, at the Oct. 7 Town Board meeting.

Vincent Vetrini, a long-time Eastchester resident and co-founder of Eastchester Youth Soccer Association, acted as grand marshal of the Oct. 12 parade. He is the owner of County Appliances and a long-time Columbus Day Parade supporter.

This year's recipient of the Monsignor Anthony Maltese Humanitarian Award is Joseph Luciano, who is a life-long Eastchester resident who has spent countless years coaching for the

Eastchester Little League, Blue Devils and various school teams. He is also a member of the Eastchester Youth Sports Council.

Also honored was Scott Mikos, this year's recipient of the David R. DiRubba Community Service Award. Mikos is currently president and chief executive officer of Eastchester Volunteer Ambulance Corp and has been a volunteer at EVAC for 14 years.

"The committee chose exceptional honorees this year," said Supervisor Colavita. "We are proud of each of them. Each has contributed greatly to the betterment of our town, Italian-American heritage, and are deserving of such great distinction."

Samurai Sunday at the Katonah Museum of Art



A Taiko drummer demonstration will be among the many samurai-themed activities at the Katonah Museum.

Enjoy a day of Japanese Samurai culture for all ages at the Katonah Museum of Art to celebrate KMA's newest exhibition, "Lethal Beauty: Samurai Weapons and Armor," on Sunday, Oct. 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Create samurai masks and banners at the Katonah commuter parking lot beginning at 10:30 a.m. and then wear your fierce creations (or your own Japanese attire) in a parade down the new Jay Street sidewalk to the Katonah Museum of Art at 11:45 a.m.

Taiko drummers at KMA will make your heart pound, and martial artists will shock you with Japanese sword fighting and aikido demonstrations. Learn to fold beautiful origami kimonos

and create samurai helmets – all taking place from noon to 5 p.m.

Pippy's Hot Dog Truck will be selling samurai, ninja and geisha dogs in the Sculpture Garden. At 2:30 p.m. will be a docent tour.

Free museum admission is sponsored by William Raveis Real Estate.

The Katonah Museum of Art, located at 134 Jay St. (Route 22), is a cultural destination offering changing exhibitions that feature art from all cultures and time periods. It mounts 10 exhibitions per year in its main galleries, Sculpture Garden and Learning Center. Influential modernist architect Edward Larrabee Barnes designed the 10,000 square-foot building.

Westchester Libraries Offer Medicare Information Sessions



Counseling is available at the Warner Library Senior Benefits Information Center.

Are you satisfied with the Medicare coverage you have? Do you know what your options are? Are you confused by all the mail and the insurance statements over the last sev-

eral months? It may pay to check. Medicare open enrollment lasts through

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Congresswoman Lowey Seeks 14th Term to Fight for Westchester

By Dan Murphy

After 26 years of representing Westchester County in the House of Representatives, Congresswoman Nita Lowey is eager to maintain her seat, and continue to fight for her neighbors and constituents in Washington. Lowey is seeking re-election this fall in the 17th district, which includes the Westchester communities of Greenburgh, White Plains, Harrison, Port Chester, North Castle, New Castle, Mt. Pleasant, Yorktown, Peekskill, Cortland Manor, Croton and Rockland County.

She recently sat down with Lowey to discuss her achievements over the past two years in the House, her new district, and the issues of the day in Washington and Westchester, from affordable housing to Heroin abuse.

Lowey highlighted four issues of continued concern in Westchester, and across the country, with the number one being creating jobs and strengthening the economy.

"Even though the economy is picking up and we have created 10 million new jobs, there are still a lot of people out of work," she said. "Especially people in the construction



Congresswoman Nita Lowey

trade – they still have 35 percent unemployment, and people are worried about their kids' future and their own future. Jobs and the economy is

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Politicians' Comments Against Latinos Should Not be Overlooked

By Dan Murphy

Recent comments made by Mamaroneck Village Trustee Ilissa Miller concerning the large Latino community in Mamaroneck have not been discussed enough, or disavowed enough, in the Westchester media and community.

In a Sept. 5 interview with the Mamaroneck Review last week, Miller, when asked about minority interests in the village, said: "You need all different walks of life; you need people who are going to mow your lawn, do your dishes, take care of your kids and drive your car."

Miller's comments came after the Democratic Party in Mamaroneck removed the one Latino member of the Village Board, Bermudez Hallstrom, an incumbent Democrat who was denied his party's endorsement for another term this summer.

Hallstrom ran and lost in a Democratic primary last month, and after his term ends this year, Mamaroneck will not have a Latino representative on the Village Board despite

24 percent of the village population being is Latino.

Hallstrom apparently did not vote the way the Democratic Party wanted him to on several items before the Village Board. He also sided, on occasion, with Independent Mamaroneck Village Mayor Norm Rosenblum.

"You need all different walks of life; you need people who are going to mow your lawn, do your dishes, take care of your kids and drive your car," Mamaroneck Village Trustee Ilissa Miller.

Miller's comments were made as part of her effort to try and rationalize the Democratic Party's decision to dump Hallstrom. Miller, a five-term incumbent on the Village Board, and the Democratic Party, have tried to do damage control regarding her bigoted comments.

But the words remain, and for an elected official, they can never be taken back or removed from the public realm. Hallstrom called Miller's comments part of a "poisonous attitude that I think needs to be fought against."

Some Latino activists have called for the entire Democratic slate of candidates for

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'Tis the Political Season: TV Ads, Mailings & Few, if Any, Debates

By Dan Murphy

It's that time of year in Westchester – when kids pick out their Halloween costumes, and residents have their mailboxes filled with political mailings and their television screens filled with negative political ads.

The biggest and most expensive political race in Westchester this year is turning out to be the State Senate race in northern Westchester, as well as Putnam and Dutchess counties, between Republican Terrence Murphy and Democrat Justin Wagner, in the 40th District.

Murphy and Wagner are vying to replace Sen. Greg Ball, who is not seeking re-election.

Political insiders predict the Murphy-Wagner race will exceed the \$5 million spent two years ago in the George Latimer-Bob Cohen State Senate race, won by Latimer, in the 37th District. Both Murphy and Wagner will receive millions in campaign contributions, or support, to run TV ads and pay for mailings from the New York Republican Senate Committee and the New York Democratic Senate Committee, and from outside interest groups.

Murphy, a Yorktown town councilman, has been pushing his three-pronged message of creating jobs, cutting taxes and protecting the environment in TV ads, while mailing out negative pieces attacking Wagner's work through the New York City law firm he is employed by, and for Wagner's support of the Dream Act, which

will providing college tuition to illegal immigrants.

Wagner, an attorney who narrowly lost to Ball two years ago for the 40th Senate District seat, has focused his TV and mailing campaign on Murphy's opposition to the Woman's Equality Act and his anti-abortion stance. Wagner and his supporters have also used the proposed expansion of the Algonquin natural gas pipeline, which runs through northern Westchester, as an issue that should be addressed, as Murphy supports it.

If you live in the 40th District, prepare for the carpet bombing of mailings and TV ads in the last three weeks of the campaign.

The other competitive Senate race in Westchester is in the 37th District, which includes the communities of Eastchester, East Yonkers, Rye, Mamaroneck, North Castle, Harrison and parts of New Rochelle, where Sen. Latimer is running for re-election and is challenged by Republican Joe Dillon.

Spending and interest from Albany on this race has not yet intensified. Dillon, who entered the race late in the election cycle this summer, has to prove his ability to make this race close, before either the DSCC or NYRSC will make a significant investment.

Dillon has some campaign funding to run TV commercials and mailings that label Latimer

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Harrison Players Present 'Who Killed Elvis?'

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The Harrison Players Community Theatre Group will present "Who Killed Elvis? A Comic Murder Mystery" on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 210 Halstead Ave. Directed by Anthony Valbiro, this interactive mystery by Craig Sodaro is filled with all kinds of interesting characters and a super fun Elvis look-alike contest!

The cast includes Liana Bekker, Kem Bo-chicchio, John Campbell, Robin Campbell, Megan Fay, Toni Fazio, Bill Halliburton, Josh Judin, Leslie Ascolillo-Messina, Evelyn Mil-

man, Michelle Moriarty, Caitlin Pierce, Michael Quigley, Anthony Ricci, Jennifer Ricci, Steven Schera, Stephanie Schwartz, Fran Seicol, Carmela Sirico, Misti Tindiglia, Pat Tisi and Rachel Zenhausern.

Tickets are \$25 per person and included includes dinner.

For more information on purchasing tickets, or on The Harrison Players – providing quality, affordable entertainment since 1963 – call 914-630-1089, visit www.harrisonplayers.org or email harrisonplayers@yahoo.com.

Long-Haired Residents Wanted for Locks of Love



Head Over Wheels salon owner Dominique Simons, above, gladly gave Scott Baldwin, below, a haircut and donation to Locks of Love.



By Dan Murphy

Yorktown resident Scott Baldwin contacted Rising Newspapers about his upcoming haircut. After many years of growing his long hair and ponytail, Scott decided to cut it off for an organization called Locks of Love (www.locksoflove.org), which collects donated hair to make wigs for children who have lost their hair due to long-term medical illness and whose family can't afford to buy a wig.

Scott went to Head Over Wheels Salon in Milwood where owner Dominique Simons welcomed the donation.

"I've always felt strongly about trying to help kids and adults – but especially kids – to try and give them some relief from their suffering. This helps them feel more normal and also lets them know that society cares about them," said Simons, who has done a lot of cuts

for Locks of Love and would welcome anyone to come in for a haircut to donate their locks, free of charge.

Locks of Love meets a unique need for children by using donated hair to create the highest quality hair prosthetics. Most of the children helped by Locks of Love have lost their hair due to a medical condition called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure. The prostheses provide help to restore their self-esteem and confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers.

For more information on making a donation in Westchester, contact Dominique Simons at contact@howsalon.com, or call 914-236-3700, or visit www.locksoflove.org.

Head Over Wheels Salon is located at Millwood Town Plaza, 238 Saw Mill River Road, Millwood, across the street from Rocky's Deli.



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An Evening of Honor at the Westchester Broadway Theater



WBT presents a \$10,000 check for the Honor Flight Network. From left are CDR Bob Foster of VFW Post 2285; Fred Abatangelo of Hudson Valley Honor Flight; Bob Funking, owner of WBT; Vito Pinto of WC Veterans Agency; Morgan Rappe of Edgemont H.S. Senior Veterans Club; Frank Kimler of the HVHF Executive Board; Bill Skennion of HVHF; and Bill Stutler, owner of WBT.



From left are Bob Foster, Bob Funking, Bill Stutler, Fred Abatangelo, Vito Pinto, Bill Skennion and Frank Kimler.

Westchester Broadway Theater donated a portion of all ticket sales for the opening night of "South Pacific" during a fundraiser in Elmsford to benefit the Hudson Valley Honor Flight. The \$10,000 donation will sponsor the Oct. 18 inaugural flight from Westchester, with the second flight following in April 2015.

WBT owners Bob Funking and Bill Stutler received a proclamation of merit from County Executive Rob Astorino for their efforts on behalf of the veterans.

The Oct. 18 flight was a mission accomplished, according to CDR Bob Foster of VFW Post 22. "Transporting 186 people across the country and well over 200 throughout a city, half with physical handicaps, is an engineering marvel at best and we did it," he said. "What a team we have! As always, I was touched to the deepest part of my heart by each veteran I spoke to and laughed with throughout the day. Also laughing with you all about some of the funny stuff that happened along the way was priceless."

Hudson Valley Honor Flight is a non-profit created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. It transports its heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at memorials at no cost to the veterans. Top priority is given to World War II and terminally ill veterans from all wars.

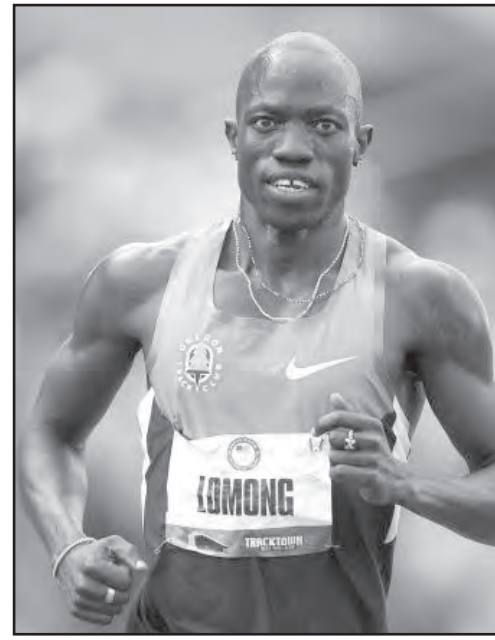
In the future, Honor Flight Network will be expanded to include Korean War and Vietnam War veterans. In order for Honor Flight Network to achieve this goal, guardians fly with the veterans on every flight, providing assistance and

helping veterans have a safe, memorable and rewarding experience.

Nobel Prize Winner and Author to Speak at WCC



Paul Krugman



Lopez Lomong

Westchester Community College will present two important visiting lecturers this fall.

Paul Krugman, 2008 Nobel Prize winner for economics, a New York Times columnist and professor at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, will speak to members of the college community Friday, Oct. 17 at 1 p.m. He will discuss "Poverty: Misconceptions and Realities."

Meanwhile, Lopez Lomong, the author of

"Achieving the Impossible: From Refugee to American Hero," will speak to the college community Thursday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. His book, which outlines his journey as a young Sudanese "Lost Boy" refugee to his eventual fame as an international track star, is the college's "Common Read" book, and is used as the basis for class discussions and more.

Both events will be held in the Academic Arts Theatre.

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Seniors and Health Care

White Plains Hospital Opens New Infusion Center



A patient and nurse at the new Infusion Center at White Plains Hospital.

White Plains Hospital recently unveiled a new Infusion Center for patients needing chemotherapy and other infusion treatments. The completely renovated 10,000-square-foot space, located on the third floor of the Dickstein Cancer Treatment Center, includes new finishes and furnishings and nine private infusion bays complete with individual television and temperature control, as well as Wi-Fi access.

Many additional chemotherapy chairs in a communal space are also part of the new center. "With the continued success of our cancer program in recent years, we have been faced with the challenge of running out of space," said Una Hopkins, DNP, administrative director of the cancer program. "This new infusion center, and the entire expanded cancer center when it opens next year, will provide our patients with better access to the exceptional outpatient thera-

pies we provide when and where they need them, in a comfortable and convenient location close to home."

The new infusion center was initiated out of a need for more room due to the hospital's growing patient volume in its award-winning cancer program. This is a preview of exciting things to come as more extensive renovations to the hospital's Cancer Center are currently underway. In addition to the new Infusion Center, the hospital is in the process of renovating other areas of the Dickstein Cancer Treatment Center and constructing a new 40,000-square-foot building for physician office space and patient consultations that will connect to Dickstein.

Posen Architects is responsible for the re-design of the Dickstein Cancer Treatment Center, including the new infusion center, and Posen Construction is handling the contracting work.

Free Flu Vaccines Available

To help residents stay healthy throughout winter and beyond, the Westchester County Department of Health will offer more than 1,000 free flu shots and vaccines that provide protection against several other communicable diseases at six clinics this fall.

"Getting a flu shot each year is a smart way to protect yourself," said County Executive Robert Astorino. "The idea behind setting up the clinics and offering the vaccine for free is for the county to do its part in keeping residents healthy this flu season."

"I strongly encourage everyone who has not already done so to schedule flu shots for all family members 6 months old and up, including pregnant women," added Dr. Sherlita Amler, Westchester County commissioner of health. "The vaccine is safe and well-proven to provide protection throughout flu season, which can last throughout the spring."

The county will hold four free walk-in clinics this fall at four community organizations for residents who lack insurance or whose insurance doesn't cover vaccines. These clients can get free flu, Tdap, pneumococcal and MMR vaccines at Grace Community Church in White Plains, Hope Community Services in New Rochelle, Neighbors Link in Mount Kisco and Don Bosco Community Center in Port Chester. A clinic for all college students who are

uninsured, or whose insurance does not cover vaccines, will be held Tuesday, Oct. 21 at Westchester Community College. Students with current ID can sign up or drop in to the clinic in the tech building lounge on the Valhalla campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or from 3 to 6 p.m. In addition to the flu vaccine, uninsured and underinsured students also can get free HPV and meningococcal vaccines.

Each year in the U.S., more than 200,000 people are hospitalized with flu complications. People most at risk are pregnant women, adults age 50 and older, children under the age of 5 and their caregivers, residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, and anyone who has certain underlying medical conditions.

To prevent spreading the flu, cough or sneeze into your elbow and wash your hands often with soap and water. If you do get a respiratory infection, stay home until 24 hours after your fever subsides to avoid spreading your germs, and clean surfaces you touch frequently, such as doorknobs, water faucets, refrigerator handles and telephones. Get plenty of rest, exercise and eat healthy food.

For more information about the flu, contact the Westchester County Department of Health at 914-813-5000 or go to www.westchestergov.com/health.

Westchester Libraries

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Dec. 7, when you are free to switch coverage for the next calendar year. Whether you have original Medicare with a Medigap (supplement) plan and Part D prescription K plan, or a Medicare Advantage Plan, this is the time to re-evaluate your needs.

What would be a reason to switch?

If you have original Medicare with a Medigap supplement and Part D, and your financial condition changed requiring you to evaluate the less expensive option of an Advantage plan, you may want to research your options.

Has the company providing your Part D coverage removed any of your drugs from the formulary? Or have they raised your drugs to a higher, more costly tier? Or have any of your expensive drugs gone off patent this year, allowing you to get a less expensive Part D plan?

These are all reasons to re-evaluate.

If you have a Medicare Advantage plan, has your health changed requiring expanded, more flexible coverage? Have any doctors or hospitals opted out of your current plan? Or has your plan removed any of your drugs from the formulary, raised their cost or moved them to a more costly tier?

It may be time to consider your options.

Medicare.gov allows you to search for the best plans available to you considering the medications you currently take. Many seniors, however, are not adept at navigating it – and there's a solution: Senior Benefits Information Centers, available at 10 library locations and through a county-wide helpline, are available to walk each individual through their options – online, in-person and one-to-one.

And if you or someone you know will

soon be new to Medicare, these counselors will assist you with the thorny web of considerations required to plan for enrollment.

To find library locations and times, or to leave a message with the Helpline, call 914-231-3240 or visit www.westchesterlibraries.org/senior-benefits-information-centers/.

In addition to private counseling, trained volunteers also provide educational presentations that work to demystify the various parts of Medicare. The group sessions are helpful for those currently in Medicare and their caregivers, as well as those soon to be eligible. Topics include original Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans, prescription drug plans (Part D), Medigaps (supplemental plans), and other cost saving plans (MSPs, Extra Help, EPIC).

Presentations currently scheduled include: Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to noon at Briarcliff Manor Library, Oct. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Pleasantville Senior Center, Oct. 27 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Greenburgh Town Hall, Nov. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Mt. Pleasant Community Center, Nov. 3 from 6:15 to 8:45 p.m. at Warner Library in Tarrytown, Nov. 6 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Peekskill Neighborhood Center at 4 Nelson Ave., Nov. 10 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Ossining Community Center at 95 Broadway, Nov. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Tuckahoe Public Library, Nov. 13 from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. at White Plains Public Library, and Nov. 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pleasantville Senior Center.

Pre-registration is required for many of the presentations.

Counselors are trained volunteers with the Westchester Seniors Out Speaking program. In addition to Medicare guidance, counselors provide information about different types of government programs, including federal and state financial assistance programs, and county-wide benefits.

Elder Law Attorney Earns Golden Harvest Corporate Award



From left are Mary Beth Morrissey, chairwoman of the Westchester Public/Private Partnership; Mae Carpenter, commissioner of Westchester County's Department of Senior Programs and Services; elder law attorney Anthony Enea, managing partner at Enea, Scanlan and Sirignano, LLP; and Mary Calvi, anchor for CBS 2 News at the 32nd annual Golden Harvest Award Breakfast held recently at Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill, Tarrytown.

Elder law attorney Anthony Enea, managing member of Enea, Scanlan and Sirignano, LLP in White Plains and Somers, was honored Oct. 2 with the Golden Harvest Corporate Award at the 32nd annual Golden Harvest Award Breakfast sponsored by the Westchester Public/Private Partnership for Aging Services. The event, held at Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill in Tarrytown, recognized outstanding and lasting contributions by individuals and corporations to Westchester seniors.

Enea has spent the past three decades educating and protecting the rights of seniors, the disabled and their families. Named Westchester County's Leading Elder Care Attorney at the 2013 Above the Bar Awards and Best Lawyers' 2015 Trusts and Estates "Lawyer of the Year" in White Plains, his practice areas include elder law; Medicaid planning and applications; special needs planning; wills, trusts and estates; nursing home negligence; guardianships and estate litigation.

"It is always an honor to be recognized for work that I find so personally rewarding," said Enea. "Educating seniors and their families on the need for advanced planning is extremely important to me and my colleagues. There are a number of planning options available, yet many in or approaching their elder years remain in the dark."

Fellow Golden Harvest honorees include

Janet Langsam, CEO of ArtsWestchester, who received the Humanitarian Award; and Dr. Catherine Wynkoop, a health care executive and management consultant honored with the Jim Curran Leadership Award.

"Each one of these three honorees has set a wonderful example for us all to follow," said Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino. "Their achievements live up to the prestigious merit of the Golden Harvest Awards. Their outstanding contributions have greatly enhanced the quality of life for seniors and all residents of Westchester County."

A strong leader in Westchester's legal community, Enea is president of the Westchester County Bar Foundation, past chairman of the New York State Bar Association's Elder Law Section, and a former president of the Westchester County Bar Association. He is a member of the Council of Advanced Practitioners of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and is a past president of the organization's New York Chapter. Enea is also on the Guardianship Advisory Committee of the Office of Court Administration for the State of New York.

Enea, Scanlan and Sirignano, LLP is located at 245 Main St., White Plains, with additional offices in Somers. Enea can be reached at 914-948-1500 or a.enea@esslawfirm.com. For the latest news, visit www.esslawfirm.com or westchesterelderlawblog.wordpress.com.

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Op-Ed: Protesting New York's Tenure Law

By Peggy Godfrey

For many years, academic debate has occurred over whether teaching is an art or science, but it appears now that the criteria has shifted when evaluation of teachers and their students is considered.

The attacks on teacher effectiveness are bolstered by insistence on using test scores for evaluating both teacher effectiveness and student progress. There is less heard about concepts such as students' plateaus in learning, readiness, creative activities, individual differences or limited English proficiency. Because of levels of achievement demanded on language arts and mathematics achievement tests, it is well documented that teachers have been spending less time teaching other subjects, such as social studies.

Supervisors are required to rate teachers on many criteria, and students often are faced with attaining predetermined achievement test score levels to be promoted.

But after many protests by parents and teachers on the pressures of this testing mandate on both students and teachers, some districts – such as New York City – have a new policy that suggests standardized test scores cannot be the only basis for making promotion decisions. Under Common Core, teachers were also supposed to be rated on student test scores, but for the next few years in New York State, these test scores cannot be used to rate teachers.

The trend is evident, however, and rating teachers and students on test scores alludes that there is a scientific basis to the process. This is a theory that needs a lot of study before this conclusion is reached. Recently a group of school superintendents asked the state to remove a "flawed" mandated teacher evaluation system, while other groups are filing lawsuits to remove teacher tenure.

Reaction to the need for greater student achievement has not been uniform. While some principals and administrators have sided with teachers, suggesting the test results should not be the criteria for evaluating teachers and students, others have sided with the private companies or individuals who want achievement tests to be the evaluation process used to measure both students' and teachers' effectiveness.

On one side of the issue are various advocacy groups who feel teachers, particularly New York teachers, have excessively strong job protections. Since the United Federation of Teachers represents 75,000 educators in New York City, it has responded by saying tenure laws help to protect teachers against unfair treatment and firing.

There is a process that allows city officials to remove teachers who are ineffective.

California has recently removed tenure.

Because there is some sentiment that the tenure law makes it difficult to remove underperforming teachers, Mona Davids, president of the New York City Parents Union, filed a lawsuit in Supreme Court criticizing "lackluster" teachers and blaming this condition on the tenure laws.

A second lawsuit was filed by television anchor Campbell Brown, saying the teacher evaluation process is not adequate because a teacher gains tenure in three years.

It should be noted that New York State's tenure law was stronger than the California law.

Since there is so much controversy emanating from the federal level over the Common Core standards and curriculum, the UFT and other groups have protested these newly-created mandates. Principals, it has been suggested, can "strong arm" teachers to resign.

Tenure laws will continue to be attacked. Some teachers have voluntarily removed themselves. And the media has been accused of using "fuzzy math" to build its case against teachers. Criticism of the tenure law process for removing teachers is bolstered by the public belief that too few teachers are fired every year. There are also those that believe an "amazing" teacher can help students with academic difficulties.

However, the argument remains that tenure is really due process. States without tenure – such as Mississippi – have lower achievement scores. There are many facets that impact learning, which are beyond the teachers' control, such as large class size, crime and poverty. Statistics tell us that when a teacher is brought up on charges, only a small number win acquittal.

Let us hope reasonable people will reach reasonable conclusions. Education of youth is important for the future of this glorious country.

New Trustees Inducted into New Rochelle Library Board



From left are NRPL Director Tom Geoffino, Board President Haina Just-Michael, and new board members Charles Burke and Damon Maher.

The New Rochelle Public Library Board of Trustees inducted two new members at its Oct. 2 meeting: Charles Burke Jr. and Damon Maher were appointed to fill two vacancies resulting from resignations of two elected board members.

Following the resignation of former board members Bernardo Nunez, who moved out of state, and Bo Kemp, whose work now requires extensive travel, the library's Board of Trustees instituted the process for the appointment of temporary replacements. Burke and Maher, both New Rochelle residents, submitted the requested applications for the positions.

Burke, an executive director of Morgan

Stanley, and Maher, a partner in the law firm of Levy and Maher, will each bring to the board valuable expertise and a commitment to strengthening the library.

The annual library election in May 2015, will now include elections for three library trustee positions: one for the regularly-scheduled election of a trustee for a five-year term; one to complete Kemp's term, which will end in 2018; and one to complete the remainder of Nunez's term, which will end in 2017.

The Library Board of Trustees meets in the library's Ossie Davis Theater on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m., with a public-to-be-heard session at 8:15 p.m.

Maria Regina H.S. Holds Open House on Oct. 26

Maria Regina High School will welcome all sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students and their families to its fall open house Sunday, Oct. 26 from 1 to 4 p.m.

"In the short time that I have had the privilege of serving as principal, I am impressed with the infectious spirit and level of scholarship of this terrific school," said Principal Valerie Reidy. "All prospective students and their families are encouraged to attend our open house so that they can experience firsthand the value of a Maria Regina High School education."

In addition to meeting the school's faculty, staff and students, guests will have an opportunity to tour the school's facility and learn about

academic programs, admission requirements, tuition schedules, transportation, athletics and extracurricular activities.

Maria Regina High School is a Catholic school dedicated to the education of young women. Committed to academic excellence and student achievement, its programs challenge students to develop their intellectual potential as well as their physical/social skills to enable them to become valuable members of the church, the community and the nation.

Maria Regina is located at 500 West Hartsdale Ave., Hartsdale. For additional information or directions, contact the school at 914-761-3300 or visit www.mariaregina.org.

\$90M Saved With Bond Act for Water Treatment

The Westchester County Board of Legislators passed a critical bond act Oct. 6 that will save Westchester County taxpayers up to \$80 million and hopefully end the threat of \$37,500 per day in fines levied against Westchester County from the federal Environmental Protection Agency, according to lawmakers.

The bond act will provide \$765,000 to design an engineering plan to bring the county's Water District 1 into compliance with enhanced federal guidelines for safe drinking water. The final construction of the project is expected to cost approximately \$10 million.

The federal government had originally directed Westchester County to build a treatment plant that would have cost approximately \$100 million.

The EPA requires the county to use an ultraviolet treatment facility to kill cryptosporidium, a parasite that can cause gastrointestinal illness. Some municipalities in Westchester County's Water District 1 – Scarsdale, White Plains and North Castle – are not receiving the ultraviolet treated water.

Westchester County Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler has assured residents of the communities in question that their water is safe for drinking. Mount Vernon and Yonkers, which are also in Water District 1, are already receiving treated water.

The U.S. Attorney brought a civil lawsuit against Westchester County in August 2013 for non-compliance with the EPA standard, and the fines for non-compliance could accrue at a rate as high as \$37,500 per day.

Board of Legislator Chairman Michael Kaplowitz of Somers praised the chairpersons of several BOL committees for their arduous work on this complicated legislation.

"This bond act stands as an example of the incredible successes we can deliver when we work together across party lines, branches of government and municipal borders," he said. "Balancing the requirements of the federal government against the needs and resources of county and municipal governments resulted in a piece of legislation that will likely save Westchester Taxpayers tens of millions of dollars in capital projects while providing the safest, cleanest drinking water possible."

"I specifically want to thank Legislator Lyndon Williams for his leadership and hard work in advancing the negotiations that have made this bond act possible," said Kaplowitz.

Legislator Lyndon Williams Mount Vernon is chairman of the Law Committee and played a key role in getting the bonding legislation passed.

"I am glad we were able to work with County Executive's Office as well as our municipal partners to find a solution to treating our residents' drinking water that will be a lot less expensive than the option we were originally faced with," said Williams. "We have a responsibility to make sure that our infrastructure is adequate to deliver clean, safe drinking water to our residents and we also have a responsibility to administer taxpayer funds prudently. This legislation achieves both of

those objectives very well."

Legislator Sheila Marcotte, representing Eastchester, New Rochelle and Tuckahoe and chairwoman of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, added: "The financial savings achieved through this alternate plan are tremendous. While the federal government is all too happy to levy fines and mandate work that they are not willing to fund, it is our job at the local level to protect our taxpayers, and the taxpayers of Westchester County should be thrilled with the work that has resulted in this \$90 million savings."

Legislator MaryJane Shimsky, representing Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Edgemont, Hartsdale, Hastings-on-Hudson and Irvington is chairwoman of the Infrastructure Committee and has been a tireless advocate for infrastructure maintenance and upgrades of this nature.

"There are few government functions as important as providing clean water," she said. "This legislation should go a long way in settling one of the county's lawsuits with the federal government and more importantly, ensure that our county residents will have clean drinking water for many years to come. I would especially like to thank Law Committee Chairman Legislator Lyndon Williams, who negotiates major legal settlements for a living, for bringing his professional skills to bear on this important issue."

Legislator Michael Smith of Mount Pleasant, North Castle and Pleasantville, and chairman of the Economic Development and Capital Projects Committee added: "I am pleased that at long last, the BOL has moved on this bond act to ensure that we are compliant with the requirements of the federal government without spending the \$100 million that the EPA would have us spend."

Legislator Ben Boykin represents White Plains and Scarsdale residents in Water District 1.

"I am pleased that progress is being made finally to comply with federal requirements that the county provide ultraviolet treatment to ensure safe drinking water for our residents," he said. "The bond authorization of \$765,584 for design and construction management will allow the county to move forward with the project and protect taxpayers while getting 'assurances' from the EPA prior to spending \$9.957 million for the total project."

Legislator Virginia Perez, representing Yonkers and chairwoman of the Legislation Committee, added: "I am happy to help ensure the delivery of both clean water and tens of millions of dollars in savings to the people of Yonkers and Westchester County. It can be easy to forget how fortunate we are in the United States to be able to turn on a faucet and get clean, safe drinking water so simply. It may also surprise people to learn how much it costs to maintain the necessary infrastructure to provide clean safe water. This is one of the more complicated bond acts that have passed through the Legislation Committee while I have been chair and I am proud of the level of cooperation and compromise that all the stakeholders exhibited during this process."

Meet the Candidates Forum Coming Up in White Plains

A "Meet the Candidates" forum will take place Monday, Oct. 20 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Pace University Law School in the Moot Court Room, at 78 N. Broadway, White Plains.

The event is a presentation of candidates for elective offices and an opportunity for all individuals interested in politics to meet the candidates in the November election in person to have a meaningful dialogue. An exchange

of questions and answers will take place.

For more information, call Bill Kaung at 914-761-4338 or email williamkaung@oca-whv.org.

The forum is organized by ADVOCATE OCA-Westchester and Hudson Valley Chapter in co-sponsorship with the Asian American Law Students Association of Pace Law School and Professor Vanessa Merton with Pace University – Project Pericles.

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Philip Seymour Hoffman's Last Film Featured at Yo-Fi



Yo-Fi Fest will feature the movie "God's Pocket," which was filmed in Yonkers, on Oct. 17.

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers and the tri-state region are anticipating the second annual Yonkers Film Festival, better known as Yo-Fi Fest, which will be held next weekend, Oct. 17 to 19. Yo-Fi Fest will feature many Yonkers and Westchester filmmakers presenting their works on-screen for the first time.

Yo-Fi Fest also announced that the movie "God's Pocket" will be shown in Yonkers and at Yo-Fi on Friday, Oct. 17 at 8:30 p.m. in the atrium theater

"God's Pocket" is one of the final films of actor Philip Seymour Hoffman. The film was also shot in Yonkers, giving the city a double-take of publicity and positive coverage, with both the festival and the feature film showcasing Yonkers.

Another YoFi Film with a completely "Yon-



Jess Pezzutto will be the subject of a short film "The Yonkers Leprechaun" at Yo-Fi Fest.

kers" feel is the six-minute film by Stephanie Schleicher titled "The Leprechaun of Yonkers." The film highlights the life of longtime Yonkers resident Jess Buzzutto, who was known for two things in Yonkers:

Jess dressed up like an Irish leprechaun every year and was always found at the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day parade. Spectators enjoyed seeing Jess at every parade – wanting a photo – and his legend slowly grew.

Jess was also known for putting up a great display of Christmas lights at his house off Nepperhan Avenue. Everyone in Yonkers enjoyed driving by Jess' house each year to get a bit of holiday cheer.

"The Leprechaun of Yonkers" will be shown Sunday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Riverfront Library. For a complete list of films and to purchase tickets, visit www.YoFifest.wix.com.

Politicians' Comments

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Village Board to withdraw their names from consideration in the Nov. 4 election. To date, there have been no calls for Miller to resign from her village trustee seat.

Mayor Rosenblum, who played no role in the incident and is not up for re-election this year, said: "This type of bigotry cannot be permitted to stand. Bermudez Hallstrom is a good village trustee, who votes his conscience on every issue and is not concerned with party but what is best for the Village of Mamaroneck.

"While I have not agreed all the time with Trustee Hallstrom, I respect him for taking a stand and having a core set of beliefs," continued Rosenblum. "He was the first and only Latino trustee on the Village Board, and the reason he will not be on the Village Board is only about petty politics, which is the problem we have too much in local government."

Two weeks ago, Rising Newspapers asked our readers the question of whether they can forgive elected officials who use drugs. Two Westchester Republicans were caught drugging in public and remain in office, which begs another question: What if a Democrat was caught using drugs; would they be forced out of office?

A similar question can be asked in Mamaroneck. What if Miller's hateful words were uttered by a Republican in Mamaroneck, or anywhere in Westchester? Would the public response, and protest, and media spotlight be placed with a call for that person to resign?

This story will be passed along to prominent Latino elected officials and community leaders in the county for their response. We will also interview Trustee Hallstrom for a future issue.

Thanks to our friend and media colleague Mark Lungarelllo for highlighting this issue for us on his WVOX 1460 AM show.

Please send your comments on this story to risingmediagroup@gmail.com.

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a Left Wing Liberal who is out of touch with the 37th District, which was crafted two years ago to try and elect a Republican.

Latimer, who has not yet begun his TV or mailing counter-offensive to Dillon's attacks, recently called for an investigation into the Dillon campaign's attempt to secure his name on the Stop Common Core ballot line this fall.

According to a Daily News story by Ken Lovett last week, a woman whose name appears as a witness on Stop Common Core petitions now says she never collected or witnessed the signatures. Dillon, who needed 3,000 valid signatures, was thrown off the Stop Common Core ballot line by the Board of Elections last month. The line will appear on the ballot throughout the state this November, with more than 100,000 signatures collected and approved by the Board of Elections.

Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino will appear as the candidate for governor on the Stop Common Core line, and attempts to link him in the Lovett story were characterized as "utter nonsense" by his campaign.

Regarding the Dillon campaign's possible role in the fraudulent Stop Common Core petitions submitted, Latimer said: "If fraud was perpetrated, it wasn't done by one or two people – like Watergate, it was a conspiracy of a number of people that planned and/or condoned these actions. The public deserves to know who did what in the Dillon campaign, and who is culpable under the law."

"Mr. Dillon has made cleaning up Albany's corruption part of his campaign message," added Latimer Spokesman Brian Hegt. "He can start first by cleaning up the potential corruption in his own campaign."

Finally, Westchester and New York voters will likely not see a one-on-one debate for governor between Democrat incumbent Andrew Cuomo and challenger Astorino. The two sides could not come to an agreement, resulting in one scheduled TV debate with Cuomo, Astorino and Green Party candidate Howie Hawkins in Buffalo.

Last year, Astorino debated his opponent for county executive five times. Cuomo, whose lead in the polls has narrowed from 34 point to now a 20-point lead, has been reluctant to debate Astorino, and has been chastised in editorial pages across the state for ducking a vigorous debate schedule this fall.

This, Too, is Westchester & Ebola vs. Speeding

By Eric W. Schoen

Like you, I watched and listened over the weekend to the reports on the plane coming into Newark Airport from Brussels with passenger vomiting profusely. Not the most appetizing talk, as I was getting ready to have my first full meal after the Yom Kippur fast.

But an experience I had close to home in Bronxville last week made me more concerned about speeding cars than an Ebola outbreak – or ISIL, ISIS or whatever the government is calling it today.

Is the country going to go into panic mode every time someone starts vomiting on a plane? Last time I looked, there were airsickness bags in the seat pocket in front of me on the plane I was traveling on. I must admit that I don't venture too deep in the seat pocket, as with cutbacks you never know what kind of garbage you will find that was not picked up by the airplane cleaning crew.

Who knows, maybe to cut back on expenses airlines have eliminated airsickness bags. But let's just say that a passenger vomiting on a plane is not unusual or something that is unexpected. Turbulence, consumption of too much alcohol, nerves, lack of sleep and stress all are factors that contribute to airsickness.

The plane was coming from Brussels; the first thing I thought was that the passenger consumed too much chocolate.

So at Newark on Saturday, we had the Centers for Disease Control boarding the plane in full hazmat suits detaining passengers for hours after a Liberian man traveling with his daughter began vomiting on the flight from Brussels. It ended up the man did not have Ebola, but had another, minor illness that was easily treatable.

The man, we assume, is being treated. I bet the other 260 passengers on the plane are still in a panic over the experience. Probably three quarters of those 260 people have seen someone with airsickness during their aeronautic travels. I know this traveler certainly has.

Which takes us to my experience in Bronxville a week ago: Tuesday night, for those of you who follow these columns, is \$6 movie night at the Bronxville Bowtie Cinema on Kraft Avenue. It's a great night to catch a flick!

Four years ago, a dear colleague and friend lost her life when she was crossing Kraft Avenue and a driver came barreling down the street and did not see her crossing. Her loss devastated not only her family and friends, but the whole Yonkers Public Schools community.

Ever since that tragic accident, when I am crossing Kraft Avenue in Bronxville from the parking lot to shop at stores in the village, I am particularly careful to cross at the crosswalk. The crosswalks are clearly lined and there are big signs alerting drivers that they must yield to pedestrians.

So there I am a week ago Tuesday night, probably around 6:45 p.m., crossing in the crosswalk on Kraft Avenue nearest to the Haagen Daz shop and a car comes speeding down the avenue toward me. Luckily I am a big guy and the driver who seemed oblivious to what was going on saw me and stopped in the nick of time not to hit me.

It frightened the daylights out of me!



Eric W. Schoen

Did the driver stop to apologize? No.

Did he continue speeding along Kraft Avenue? Yes.

He wasn't driving a fancy car and his car came so close to me that I could see he wasn't distracted by a cell phone or other device. He was just oblivious to his surroundings and in a daze. Unfortunately, he was going so fast that I was unable to jot down his license plate number. Even if I could have noted his li-

cence plate, there is probably little the authorities could do.

Readers know that I am not a fan of red light cameras, as they are simply money-making devices for the municipalities that have them and cause motorists to stop short, causing rear-end collisions. Yonkersites are well aware of this fact. Friends also know that I am a slow driver.

Do I have a problem with speed cameras either at school zones or on any street to catch drivers going too fast? Not at all. In our fast-paced world everyone is rushing and people are oblivious to speed signage on our roads and – in the case of my interaction – clearly marked signage at a crosswalk stating that motorists need to give the right-of-way to pedestrians.

As this column goes to press, two new studies have found that voice-activated smartphones and dashboard infotainment systems may be making the distracted-driving problem worse instead of better. These systems let drivers do things like tune the radio, send a text message or make a phone call while keeping their eyes on the road and their hands on the wheel. The studies by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety and the University of Utah found that many of these systems are so error-prone or complex that they require more concentration from drivers rather than less.

So much for technology.

I don't have a solution to drivers who are oblivious to their surroundings, like the one who almost hit me. But I worry more about that than someone with airsickness on a plane. I would love to know your thoughts on this problem that plagues everyone crossing the street.

Briefs

We saw a massive union protest at City Hall last week regarding the lack of contracts for most of our municipal unions. Next year is a local election year in Yonkers – watch how fast the contracts get settled.

Numerous readers emailed me wondering why Mayor Mike Spano did not march in the Yonkers Columbus Day parade. I have known the Spano family for many years and, of course, the first thing you worry about is health issues. I posed the question to City Hall and got the response that "he was committed to be the grand marshal of the Pulaski Parade in New York City at the same day/time. He was committed to it before the Columbus Day (parade) was determined." In fact, according to the 2014 New York City Pulaski Day Parade orders posted online, he was a contingent marshal in the New York City parade.

Reach Eric Schoen at thistoisyonkers@aol.com and follow him on Twitter @ericoyonkers. Catch the Westchester Rising Radio Show featuring Dan Murphy and Eric Schoen on Thursdays at 10 a.m. on WVOX 1460 on the A.M. dial.



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Eastchester Girl Scout Helps 'Green' Westchester



Eastchester Girl Scout Samantha Danko is joined by volunteers to clean up and create a garden at Williams Elementary School in Mt. Vernon.



Meet Samantha Danko, a 17-year-old senior at Eastchester High School who has been a Girl Scout since kindergarten in the Eastchester/Tuckahoe community, and is working on her Girl Scout Gold Award project at Edward Williams Elementary School in Mount Vernon.

Samantha decided on a project where she was able to interact with the children who attend this elementary school after they return from a day at camp. She decided to create a garden for the children, which would allow them to have a beautiful, comforting environment to learn and grow in. The children, along with Samantha and several volunteers, helped to beautify the community by creating a garden and educating the

kids on how to live an organic, healthy lifestyle by harvesting their own vegetables and herbs.

Every Tuesday after camp, the children helped to clean out the garbage within the garden space and helped to plant vegetables, flowers and bushes. The children, as well as Samantha, were eager to help clean up their community and make it pleasing to the eye. Samantha also wanted to stress the idea that eating healthy can be easier than going to your local fast food restaurant.

Overall, Samantha wanted to make this garden to help beautify the area for the children, and for them to be proud of themselves for having a hand in creating it.

Thanks for giving back, Samantha!

Celebrate 'Day of the Dead' At Pelham Art Center



A Telpochcalli traditional Mexican performance.

Pelham Art Center's Folk Arts Series continues Saturday, Oct. 25 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. with the folk arts celebration of Mexican Day of the Dead (El Día de los Muertos). Join in this festive Mexican tradition in which Mexicans remember passed loved ones with joy and celebration.

Renowned artist Zafiro Romero-Acevedo returns to the Pelham Art Center to share the history of one of Mexico's richest traditions.

Traditional Mexican paper art is given a contemporary twist in a free hands-on art-making workshop where participants can construct their own farewell pop-up card to honor past loved ones.

The workshop will be followed by Telpochcalli Traditional Mexican Performance Arts and Theater, composed of Peruvian, Dominican, Puerto Rican, Nicaraguan and Mexican dancers, ages 3 to 16. These young performers will charm the audience with the traditional Day of the Dead dances, Los Chinelos and Danza de los Viejitos.

The Chinelos dance, meaning disguised, developed in Morelos, Mexico after the Spanish conquest and blended indigenous and Christian traditions. The native people characterized the

Spanish in this dance with colorful top hats with large feathers. The original name of the dance was called "Le Brinco," which means to jump.

"Danza de los Viejitos," a comical dance originated in Michoacan, Mexico, and was originally named "Danza de viejo fuego," which means "dance of the old fire."

In the Mexican culture, death is addressed through many cultural and religious rituals. It is believed that the souls of the dead return each year to visit with their living relatives – to eat, drink and be merry. In Mexican tradition, this is a day to remember the dead and to celebrate by preparing special foods in honor of those who have departed.

On this day, the streets near the cemeteries are filled with decorations of flowers and calaveras, skeletons and skulls made of candy. Pelham Art Center continues these folkloric traditions and honors the memory of loved ones as part of its Folk Art Series.

Pelham Art Center is located at 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham, and can be reached at 914-738-2525 or info@pelhamartcenter.org. Hours are Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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