

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Drivel, Environment, Shops

### To Whom it May Concern -

Why are we now giving prime news reporting slots to jailbirds? I was quite disturbed to read the latest article about the layabout's point of view from the jail. Is it now a virtue to be breaking the law? Are criminals now our heroes? Why are we not hearing the points of views of those wronged by his actions, the real heroes in these situations? I am not afraid of standing up for prudence and virtue when none else will. But please refrain from printing this drivel in the future.

Sincerely, **Annabelle Lanz**

### Unreliable Shops - it's getting worse

I am becoming very concerned about our town shops. Yesterday I was doing some errands for my job, and there was hardly anyone working at their shops to help me. With the new "pay yourself system" at the Market it was alright, but I could not get change at the bank (it was set up for court?) And the General Store was open but no one was working there. It's no wonder that business is declining- the people behind the stores are nonexistent!

Signed, **Frustrated Customer**

### Nature Disturbed - Kaya and our wilderness in peril

Is there going to be some kind of town meeting to address the issue of how Cristal's Clothes Boutique is now polluting the river and blocking Kaya's cave from her natural environment? This is a problem! The natives and the nature have rights!! -A Worried Citizen

### Mysterious Lanz Family - Visiting or here to stay

As to the "Lanz Family Visits Pleasantville article," I am very curious, how long are they going to be staying exactly? I mean to say, it has been over a year. If they are staying for good, why have we not seen them or had a welcoming party? Lily, this is mainly directed to you. Why are the Lanzes being hidden away? - Curious Neighbor



Disagree with something reported? Have facts or proof a similar opinion as one of the columnists? Don't just sit at home without weighing in and letting the town know what you think! Send in a letter to the editor. Use regular paper and stationary and send by post as soon as you can. Letters to the editor are printed no matter what they are courteous and legible to the editor! Please print and sign with your name.

# School Season Tips

from Samantha Parkington

**PROPER SCHOOL** - speaking excitedly about the upcoming schoolyear, Samantha Parkington can't wait to see her students begin to thrive in their studies again. She has a few helpful tips for all her students, to help them get through the season happily and productively.

"Homework is not a large problem for my students," she said, glowing, "they are all such wonderful young ladies. I know that they are so dutiful in getting home and doing their small assignments. They love to read and write and also to do their homework. But if you are having a hard time getting started on your schoolwork, why not fix yourself a nice cup of tea first so you can really settle in and focus before you do your homework?"

Samantha says she's also seen that working with friends on schoolwork is a good method.



"Have your friends from proper school over to help you learn your recitations, or ask your parents or siblings to help you learn. It is much easier and faster that way. When learning your recitations, you can also recite while walking around the house or your yard, and it is a good idea to get plenty of fresh air when studying.

"Don't lock yourself up inside with your books," she added, "do your homework in the woods! How fun!"

### Community Activities-

Hey all Pleasantville folks! It's Celine Windmill here, and I was just thinking we should have some more community activities in down town. Other than balls and parties, (I don't really fit it with that fancy stuff,) it seems like there's nothing to do. What happened to Yoga? And we could have monthly town BBQ's. Although the season's over for that... But ya know? If anybody has ideas write 'em here! - Celine W.



# The Blue Rose

## A hotel for everyone in Pleasantville

**CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1** - School homework without the distractions of town square. It can also work as a boarding house for people who have no home of their own at the moment, or who are looking to have their own space for a while."

Rebecca and Samantha still live in the house, but have moved to a smaller quarters in the back to accommodate their three large guest bedrooms, a new parlor and a new dining room for the guests' breakfast.

Parkington also agreed to give the pricing for the newspaper, so all could know how affordable their hotel really is.

"Well, we really wanted to keep the costs down so anyone could stay here," Rebecca dished, "We have three rooms of various sizes and prices. The French Suite is our most expensive, at \$7 a night, while the Green Room is \$6 and the Pink Room is \$5. Each room price also includes a free breakfast cooked by the fabulous Suzanne Wickon. If guests wish to purchase dinner, they can do so separately."

The Parkingtons also plan to use their talented cook as a means to open a competitive European restaurant in their dining room.

"Mrs. Wickon has agreed that we should use the dining room in the evenings as a restaurant. She is devising a fashionable menu of Italian, French and European cuisine that will be attractive to all of Pleasantville's society. It will hopefully be a lovely new spot for people to consider for an evening out."

A stay at the Blue Rose Hotel is marked by how many *plays* you have stayed there. "We would love for everyone to get to come stay here often. Please do come visit us soon!" \*



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## "The Blue Rose" New Hotel Opens

**SUZANNA WILSON** - order to help these Sitting in the front people, we decided to parlor of the open the hotel. Rooms Parkington's mansion, are very inexpensive, you would never and it comes with notice the difference in food cooked by our how it looks now from fantastic chef and cook how it looked six -Suzanne Wickon!" months ago. But there

have been some major Parkington wishes to changes recently. assure people in I sat down with Pleasantville that the Samantha Parkington hotel is for them, not to discuss the just for out-of-Parkington twins' new towners.

business venture - the Blue Rose Hotel, "Occasionally we may Pleasantville's first have someone coming official hotel and in from out of town, rooming house.

more frequent train what with the new "We had the lovely trips to Lincolnvillle," she explained, "but available for people to mostly the hotel is for stay in," Samantha all of us to enjoy, explained, sipping tea Come and stay for a in the hotel's new weekend as a getaway grand parlor, "because from work or the there is always children, or come someone in town who simply for a change of got locked out of the scene. We've had gates or stranded in people come here just town for whatever to sleep in a fancy bed reason, and they have for one night, or to no place to stay. In work on their Proper

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## Fall Food Specials

by Suzanna J. Wilson

**GRUMPY TROLL PUB** - Fall is on our doorstep, and that means lots of Fall food specials around town at our favorite restaurants, cafes and pubs. I have been out and about to find out what is hot for this Fall by way of foodstuffs.

First, at the Grumpy Troll pub and cafe, owner Angelica

says their Fall specials include a new soup, made up by Mrs. Larson, is their *Autumn Butternut Squash soup*, a warm and hearty (as well as colorful) stew with an aroma that smells "just heavenly!" Pair this with a *pumpkin spice latte* (a seasonal favorite) or a fresh *hot apple cider*.

At Bamboo Terrace, Alexandra Chen is quick to recommend their *Chinese Curried Crab* for a fall evening out, as well as a hot cup of *rose hip tea*, brewed longer and stronger.

At the new Blue Rose Hotel restaurant, Suzanne Wickon is still putting together her menu, but she would recommend *ratatouille* as a good Fall favorite, along with a cup of *Riesling wine* and a *fresh artisan baguette*.



Blue Rose Restaurant - the Pleasantville Gazette



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**Out and About**  
Photos from around Town



**COMIC STRIP BY NANCY MERRIMAN - PLEASANTVILLE GAZETTE**

**Black Purse Found** - A purse was found by the Montoya's river yesterday. It is black with a gold clasp, and has many various calling cards in it, a lot of cash, a handkerchief and nothing to identify it. It was found by Rebecca Montoya, who is trying to get it back to its owner. It is not owned by anyone in the Merriman house.

**Long Winter Ahead** - Anders Larson, head farmer at Rainbow Farms, is pretty good at analyzing the coming weather and he also regularly consults his almanac, so we should trust him when he says the Summer has been a great one, which means we're in for a hard Winter.

**Boys School Officially getting Underway** - The Parkington twins' boy's school is finally getting started after many months of discussion and planning. Rebecca Parkington is starting the school today with the boys that have signed up - holding their first classes at the Blue Rose Hotel while Proper School takes over the courthouse in town square. The boys and girls schools will happen at the same time on school days.

"Yup, the party's almost over," he chuckled, "I know it seems just heavenly out there right now folks, with all the Fall colors and birdsongs, but we're in for a tough one this year. We haven't had deep snow for a few years now. I can tell ya, I think this one might rival the deep snows of '09. Everyone should start stocking up their Winter cupboards now and make sure you have all the items you need in the case of power outages and so forth. Everyone should have a fireplace or a means of staying warm, plenty of lanterns, candles, matches, warm blankets, thick socks and food supplies for the Winter ahead."

**Courthouse Open** - The courthouse is open for anyone who wishes to discuss government with our officials during business hours.

Anyone with questions, ask Mr. Larson.

**Election Update**

*What to expect during year two*

TOWN SQUARE - With the second full year in our new government system approaching, people are wondering if we will be holding another election or if the government will stay as-is. I caught up with the mayor to discuss the town's worries and fears.

"The election process is very important in a republic," Mayor Merriman said, "and it is especially important that it is frequent and regular to ensure the smooth and peaceful transition of power should there need to be one. So yes, we'll be holding the official town election and ballot on November 4th at the courthouse."

This would be an update to those who thought we should hold the elections only once very two years rather than the traditional annual election.

Taxes will be collected for the budget on the tuesday before election day by the secretarial and treasury offices, and nominations for the ballot are open now at the courthouse - if you stop in anytime in the next two weeks, you will be able to nominate yourself or someone else for any of the town offices.

Please register your nomination with Lisa DeVecamont and she will ensure that it is on the ballot for this year. SUZANNA WILSON

**TARTAN LACE**



**CLOTHES BOUTIQUE**

Dress stands in the window of Cristal's latest fashion reveal. Tartan and lace are in style all year round this time.

**Animal Cruelty**

**Horse tried for eating flowers, secretary objects courthouse drama**

COURTHOUSE - A variety of people gather outside the courthouse in town square - Francisca meanders into town after purchasing a silk from the clothes boutique and Mr. Merriman sits in thought outside on the steps of the courthouse as Josefina gets the trial underway with the first examination of the case of Cristal Purr vs. Tomas Valasquez.

courthouse happily, zooming away in her motor car.

Cristal spoke first, decrying the destruction of her precious rose bushes outside the clothes boutique by Tomas's horse, Pimientos several months earlier. Tomas argued that horses like to eat flowers, so he thought it was perfectly reasonable what happened. He also mentioned that he had a sword at home in order to defend himself, which was promptly admonished by Judge Montoya.

The trial wrapped up after this short case, Tomas taking his poor horse home to get some new food after starving in the jail, and the rest of the court arguing about wild animals wandering around the town. Lisa argued that they should have wildlife control be a part of the government after finding a moose going through her trash can earlier that day. Mrs. Larson made a point that the moose going through her trash was hardly a matter for the court - it was wildlife, not another person and therefore not under the jurisdiction of the government. She also offered Mr. Larson's help in getting rid of the moose with his gun, but Lisa responded rapidly that she "didn't believe in that sort of thing." When Mrs. Larson pushed that Mr. Larson could very well get his gun and take care of the problem, Lisa yelled "I don't believe in animal cruelty! I'm a vegetarian! I just need someone to exterminate it!" And stormed out of the courthouse.

Sonja testified to having heard munching noises outside the boutique's window and having called John Wickon to the scene of the crime, who then took the horse away and put him in jail. Josefina resolved that Tomas was indeed in fault, as he shouldn't have tied the horse up where it could eat the flowers outside Cristal's business. Tomas was fined \$30 - \$25 to a jubilant Cristal Purr and \$5 to the court for Josefina's fee. Everyone giggled and Ana told her husband never to do this in the future as she opened up her purse to pay the fine

After the witnesses left the building, the remaining people stood around in small groups and chatted about preparations for winter, firewood, sewing projects and Lisa's strange views on animals until the court was closed for the evening.



**Pleasantville Gazette**

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Pierre le Fox  
Annabelle Lanz  
William Merriman

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Nancy Merriman

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