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Coming up sunshine

Michael Kosinski, a resident at Glenwell, a DePaul Senior Living Community in Cheektowaga, shows off the planter he painted that is now filled with flowers and adding a beautiful touch of color to the community's grounds.

Sloan officials report 'all quiet' at 333 Reiman

■ Owners and tenant have agreed to break lease

by ALAN RIZZO
Reporter

Following complaints lodged in the past two

months by neighbors about parking violations, alleged intimidation, and rumors that a gentleman's club was in the works, all is quiet at 333 Reiman St., according to Village of Sloan officials.

During a meeting on June 12, Code Enforcement Officer Vince Ferraraccio reported that his department issued a permit to a local contractor hired by Martyn and Mary Anne Merritt, owners of 333 Reiman, to remedy remaining exterior violations, which include improper painting, a missing railing on the building's rear exit, as well as rotted bases and inadequate roofing on the building's garage.

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Maryvale ponders facial recognition software to bolster security

by BRYAN JACKSON
Editor

In the wake of deadly school shootings throughout the country, Western New York districts are considering enhanced security measures in their buildings, and now, Maryvale could be the latest area school to implement a cutting-edge — and controversial — surveillance system with the ability to spot specific faces and weapons out of real-time video feeds.

Orchard Park-based consultant Tony Olivo, whose Corporate Screening & Investigative Group provides risk management and advisory services to the education, health care and legal industries, pitched Maryvale on the Aegis system, a three-pronged security suite combining facial- and shape-recognition tools with a forensic search engine.

Olivo said at Monday's School Board meet-

ing that he offered free, initial security assessments to school districts in the area following the 2012 Sandy Hook massacre, adding that three schools accepted his offer, including Lockport City School District, which is on course to be the first school in the world to roll out the Aegis system this coming school year.

He also showed the system at an Erie 1 BOCES conference in 2016. In Maryvale's case, Superintendent Joseph D'Angelo contacted Olivo about presenting the security suite. Additionally, Depew schools have signed onto the Aegis system.

According to Olivo, the system is one-of-a-kind, developed by a Canadian company, SN Technologies, and built up from counterterrorism technology that's been used at the highest levels in Europe by agencies such as Scotland Yard and Interpol.

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Kazmierczak honored by Cheektowaga-Sloan board on verge of retirement

by ALAN RIZZO
Reporter

John F. Kennedy High School Principal Kevin Kazmierczak will retire on June 30, and on Tuesday, the Board of Education made sure he knew how much of a difference he's made in the past eight years.

During the last board meeting before his retirement date, they presented him with an honorary plaque, warm wishes and congratulatory handshakes.

In accepting the honors, Kazmierczak said it feels like "about a minute ago" that he was joining the district, and expressed respect for Superintendent Andrea Galenski and her intense focus on education.

"It's been a real joy and a real charge working with her, because she's very intense," he said. "I didn't want to take sick days, because every day there's been something to look forward to."

He also complimented high school students in the room for their speaking, acting and academic talents, and recalled a comment from board

Vice President Debra Smith that education is "not all about grades" but the whole child, an emphasis that has

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Retiring John F. Kennedy High School Principal Kevin Kazmierczak receives honors on Tuesday night from the Cheektowaga-Sloan Board of Education and Superintendent Andrea Galenski. From left are board President Claire Ferrucci, Galenski and Kazmierczak.

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