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## Armonk Bids Goodbye to Two Longtime Stores

By Martin Wilbur

Shoppers and residents saw a store that had been on Armonk's Main Street for 30 years shutter its doors on New Year's Eve.

Another downtown merchant with an even longer run will soon be retiring and closing her doors by the end of February.

For Elida Renna and Angelina Himmelstein, the sisters who owned and operated the card and gift shop The Right Thing since October 1987, they were largely victims of the changing shopping habits of consumers in the digital age.

During their next-to-last day in business, with the shelves already mostly bare, Renna looked back at 30 terrific years but also lamented losing customers to the ease of online shopping for everything from cards and knick-knacks to clothes and gift items.

"Over the last 30 years, the landlord and the community have been very good

to us. There were so many positives, said Renna, who opened The Right Thing at 387 Main St. shortly before Halloween and plans to retire.

Ronnie Zeidenberg, owner of Sheep Shack, a woman's clothing store that has called Armonk home for 42 years, also said she is retiring next month. Unlike the owners of The Right Thing, however, Zeidenberg said she was closing shop because she felt it was the right time for her. She hasn't been impacted as much by e-commerce because there is merchandise that she carries, both casual and formal, that her customers can't get anywhere else.

"I think in the past two years I've seen that, but I have a very unique business, we're very personalized, so I think that my customers are the type of customers that will be coming in now to get the

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## Bathroom Fan Cause of Fire at Clinton Compound in Chappaqua

By Anna Young

The small fire that broke out at the Secret Service facility on the Clinton property Wednesday afternoon in Chappaqua was caused by a bathroom fan, New Castle Supervisor Robert Greenstein said.

"Apparently a bathroom fan shorted out - burned a hole in the bathroom ceiling," Greenstein explained. "Our incredible volunteers with Chappaqua Fire Department promptly responded. The Clintons were not home."

A Secret Service employee within the compound reported the fire to the Chappaqua Fire Department at 2:40 p.m. Wednesday and it was put out by 3:17 p.m.

The Clintons bought the five-bedroom home on Old House Road in 1999 as Bill

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The Clinton compound is located on Old House Rd., Chappaqua.

## Pond Hockey



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

With the recent frigid temperatures gripping the area, a pickup hockey game broke out last Saturday at Mount Pleasant's Opperman's Pond Park. Although temperatures hovered around 10 degrees, it didn't stop these hardy players from taking to the ice that was frozen solid.

## Local State Representatives Call for Action Against New Federal Tax Laws

By Pat Casey

State Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale) says she is set to introduce a package of bills aimed at helping mitigate the harm that new federal tax laws could cause many New Yorkers.

According to Paulin, the provision to cap the amount of the state and local tax deduction at \$10,000 disproportionately affects residents in areas of the state with high property taxes, like Westchester—which has the highest property taxes in the country. These residents will now face an increase in federal and possibly state income taxes on top of those steep property tax bills. According to ATTOM data solutions, 73 percent of Westchester homeowners pay more than \$10,000 in property taxes.

The first bill, which Paulin announced

in mid-November, would allow New York residents to itemize their New York State tax return even if they do not itemize their federal returns. The categories of itemized deductions used at the federal level are also used for the New York State personal income tax.

The way the law is written now, New York State residents are prohibited from itemizing their state taxes if they do not itemize their federal taxes, Paulin told The Examiner. As well, the new tax laws will cause many NY residents to fall into the alternative minimum deduction category, Paulin said.

According to a July 2017 report from The Office of the State Comptroller, without legislation to change the State tax law, eliminating deductions at the federal level

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sale things, they're the kind of customers that I don't think buy clothing online," Zeidenberg said. "I think they like the personal (touch); this is the right fit. That's the dying breed."

For a hamlet to see two venerable businesses like The Right Thing, and Sheep Shack disappear from its downtown landscape within a couple of months might be cause for alarm. However, Armonk Chamber of Commerce President Neal Schwartz said the downtown should be able to weather this mini upheaval.

There is already talk of another shop moving into the space occupied by The Right Thing, Schwartz said.

Meanwhile, several other new businesses have been confirmed for some of the other vacancies or will be replacing existing stores, he said. An Indian restaurant is moving into the space where Zero Otto Nove is currently located on Old Route 22; the Leone Dental Group is expanding to take over the space that had formerly occupied by Bowls; and a Lifestyle Nutrition will be moving into 475 Main St.

Schwartz said many businesses fall prey to "the Amazon effect," but with Armonk having become a sort of restaurant hub along with some



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTOS

Ronnie Zeidenberg, owner of Sheep Shack, a women's clothing store, will be closing shop at the end of February, the second longtime Main Street store to close within two months.

unique shops and spaces that don't lend themselves to chain stores, the downtown has withstood the challenges so far.

"The people that I know like visiting the downtown stores," he said. "There are always pressures from online (shopping) and big-box stores, but overall I think we're doing pretty well."

North Castle Supervisor Michael Schiliro said he will miss Renna and Himmelstein at The Right Thing because they had been a major part of the community. Visiting their shop or many of the other independently-owned businesses in town was like visiting relatives, he said.

"Going in with my daughters one



The Right Thing, a card and gift shop on Armonk's Main Street for the past 30 years, closed its doors for good on Dec. 31. It will soon be joined by Sheep Shack, which has been in business for 42 years.

last time on the store's last day to say goodbye was like saying goodbye to family, as my daughters have so many memories of shopping there," Schiliro said. "Even more so, they were part of the community's life, as so many small businesses are. Businesses like this mean the world to the community, and are sorely missed when they close."

Longtime merchant Judy Willsey, owner of Framings, said she was elated to learn that a florist will be moving into the Sheep Shack space that is next door to her store.

But losing a business like The Right Thing was heartbreaking for Willsey

because she also has great memories of having her daughter shop there when she was small. Willsey hopes whatever does move into that space will generate foot traffic and something that is appreciated and has staying power.

"I will be so sad not to be able to pop in and buy something I need for my shop or get a birthday card," she said of The Right Thing. "And you can bet your bottom dollar you will never catch me in CVS."

Zeidenberg said a key to retail success today is offering merchandise that customers won't be able to find elsewhere. She's appreciative that Armonk residents and shoppers have helped her maintain a thriving shop for more than four decades.

Last week, she posted a sign with the news that she's leaving at the end of next month. It reads: "Thank you for being a part of your life. You will be remembered."

"Armonk's been very good to me," Zeidenberg said. "Not everybody can say that, not even the big chain stores."

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## The Pap Test

What every woman must know about this test and possible results...

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#### Q: What does the Pap test show?

**A:** The Pap test (or Pap smear) screens for pre-cancerous cellular abnormalities in a woman's cervix. If abnormalities are found, you can be monitored or treated so you don't develop cervical cancer. A Pap test involves scraping cells from your cervix to examine for pre-cancerous changes in tissue. Depending on your age, history and previous Pap test results, the cells might also be tested for high-risk types of the human papillomavirus (HPV), the most common cause of cervical cancer. Ninety-nine percent of cases of cervical cancer are caused by the human papillomavirus, which is generally sexually transmitted.

#### Q: If my Pap results are abnormal, what are the next steps?

**A:** If your cervical cells appear abnormal and/or you are positive for high-risk HPV, you may undergo a colposcopy, an examination of the cervix under magnification, to find areas most likely to have abnormal cells. If these are found, a biopsy is used to make a definitive diagnosis.

Among women aged 20 to 30 years, cervical cell abnormalities often go away by themselves, so we typically monitor rather than treat these women,

as cervical cancer develops slowly. However, when an older woman receives a positive biopsy report, we more often treat because abnormalities don't always go away on their own. We usually surgically remove the abnormal area.

#### Q: How effective is the Pap test?

**A:** Very. Routine Pap tests have decreased the rate of cervical cancer in the U.S. by 80 percent. Women who get screened for cervical cancer have an extremely low rate of this cancer.

#### Q: At what age should I start and stop having Pap tests?

**A:** Start at 21. Women under 21 have a very low incidence of the type of high-grade abnormalities that will progress to cervical cancer. Screening after age 65 isn't needed if you have a recent history of normal Pap results. If your Pap test and HPV test are negative, you should repeat both tests in three years.

### Did you know?

Routine Pap tests have decreased the rate of cervical cancer in the U.S. by 80 percent.



# Latimer Issues Executive Order to Ban Gun Shows at County Center

By Anna Young

New Westchester County Executive George Latimer issued an executive order last week banning gun shows from being held on county-owned property.

Despite a record-breaking turnout at last year's knife and firearm show at the County Center in White Plains, Latimer cited a national rise in gun violence, stating that he doesn't want gun culture glorified on county property.

"This venue, which was created decades ago, is a showplace for family entertainment and for family programs and services," Latimer said at the Jan 2. press conference at the County Center. "This center has always been a place for those types of family values."

Following intense debate last January after former county executive Rob Astorino scheduled the Northeast Gun Show, the Board of Legislators, in a straight partisan vote, approved legislation that would have banned gun shows on county property by a 9-8 margin.

But days before the scheduled show, Astorino vetoed legislation without any time for an override vote, stating that he was protecting First and Second Amendment rights.

A push was made by members of the Democratic Caucus to override Astorino's veto following the mass shooting in Las Vegas that killed 59 people and injured



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

County Executive George Latimer announces his executive order last week banning gun shows on county-owned property. Latimer is surrounded by members of the Board of Legislators and supporters of the action.

more than 500 last October. The action was denied.

From 1999 to 2010, the county discontinued gun shows. But Astorino lifted the ban after taking office. After the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy, a 2013 show was canceled, and a handshake agreement was made among county officials that the venue would no longer host the shows.

Latimer recognized that some may not agree with his decision, but said he feels strongly that the County Center is the wrong venue to host the event. He also condemned the sale of Nazi

and confederate memorabilia that was spotted at last year's show, stating that there's no purpose for it to have been there.

"Westchester County government should not be in the business of advancing the sale of weapons and other items often sold at gun show – plain and simple," Latimer said. "This is not a restriction on gun shows in the entire county, but rather just on public land."

Minority Leader John Testa (R-Peekskill), who voted against the ban last year, said Latimer's decision will result in the county having much less control over how gun shows are operated if they are held in private venues.

"I believe that taking a discriminatory approach by banning law abiding gun owners, sportsmen and businesses from holding a gun show at the County Center is wrong," Testa told The Examiner. "A better approach is to require operators to follow the strict guidelines for gun shows

that have been established by Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, the same guidelines which are observed for the gun shows that Gov. Cuomo allows in New York State-owned buildings."

Members of the Democratic Caucus were in attendance supporting Latimer, stating they would work to make his Executive Order an official law.

"This is a great first start to our new year," Majority Leader Catherine Borgia (D-Ossining) said. "It's not appropriate for the government to make money selling weapons to its citizenry."

"Gun culture does not belong in Westchester County and certainly not in our municipal buildings," Legislator Catherine Parker (D- Rye) asserted.

Legislator Maryjane Shimsky (D-Hastings-on-Hudson) said this would be the first of many cooperative efforts in creating the kind of government the people of Westchester want, expect and need to thrive and move forward constructively.

"We're going to listen as best as we can to the voices of the people, we won't always do things that everybody likes, but we will try to always engage so people understand that this is their government at the end of the day," Latimer said. "We've got a long way to go. This obviously is just one decision on a path of decisions."

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# Joint Meeting Slated for Proposed Mt. Kisco ShopRite This Month

By Neal Rentz

A joint meeting of the Mount Kisco Village Board and Planning Board is scheduled for Thursday evening, Jan. 18 at Village Hall to discuss several projects that are currently under consideration.

Mayor Gina Picinich said the agenda includes a discussion of the proposal for construction of a ShopRite supermarket at 333 N. Bedford Rd. and a plan to create a

solar power field at Oakwood Cemetery at 304 Lexington Ave.

The purpose of the joint meeting is "to insure both boards are on the same page with reference to maintaining high standards while expediently moving projects forward," Picinich said.

Diamond Properties has signed a lease to move the Bedford Hills ShopRite to Mount Kisco, but the applicant will need a zoning text amendment from the Village Board for that to happen.

The 70,000-square-foot supermarket would relocate from its current location at 747 Bedford Rd. to the Diamond

Properties complex at 333 N. Bedford Rd. The complex, called The Park, is zoned light manufacturing (LM) and is home to Grand Prix New York, Saw Mill Club East and other establishments.

Developer Jim Diamond's request was outlined in a petition submitted last month to the Village Board.

Mount Kisco officials are involved with other initiatives as well, Picinich noted.

"We are beginning the planning for renovations at the firehouses and reviewing options for the streetscape project," she said. "Our Energy Advisory Panel is looking at installing electric vehicle charging stations

and how to incorporate more electric vehicles into our fleet as existing vehicles need replacement."

The Village Board has been interviewing residents to serve as volunteers on various committees and boards, Picinich added.

"We have filled almost all open committee positions. There are more interviews scheduled," she said. "We expect all will be done by the end of January. We have a great group of folks who stepped up to lend their time and talents to the village."

The joint meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Mount Kisco Village Hall is located at 104 E. Main St. in Mount Kisco.

## Bathroom Fan Cause of Fire at Clinton Compound in Chappaqua

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Clinton was wrapping up his second term as president.

The fire started in the ceiling of the facility used by the Secret Service, on the second floor. The facility is located behind the Clintons' home, not attached to the house.

"Fire extinguishers were utilized to suppress the fire and members of the Chappaqua Fire Department responded and inspected the area above the fire to ensure it had been completely extinguished," a statement from the Secret Service on Wednesday said.

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would eliminate them at the state level and potentially increase taxpayers' state income-tax burden.

Paulin's proposed legislation would ensure that taxpayers will still be able to itemize on their New York return, preventing them from facing a higher New York tax bill.

Paulin's second bill, would establish a two-pronged approach. The first portion of the legislation would establish a dollar-for-dollar state income tax credit for charitable donations made to foundations that support state-funded institutions, such as the State University of New York.

The second portion of Paulin's legislation would allow a taxpayer to receive a credit on

their property or school taxes for donations made to local foundations working alongside school districts and municipalities. Some examples of these types of foundations that already exist are The Pelham Education Fund or the Scarsdale Schools Education Foundation.

Since charitable gifts remain deductible on federal taxes, taxpayers would be able to receive a federal deduction to help offset the loss of the state and local tax deduction.

"We must do everything we can to lessen the damage that the new federal tax law will cause for so many New Yorkers," Paulin said. "I have fielded dozens of calls from constituents about the new tax law and many people are considering moving,

because the cost to stay here will be too high. We cannot allow that to happen. This legislation would enable taxpayers to make up for some of the losses they will experience under the disastrous federal tax law, while maintaining the revenue that the State and local school districts receive."

Paulin said that she is working with a group of lawyers and law professors from around the country that have come together to support legislators in "blue" states like New York and California that are particularly hurt by the new federal tax legislation.

The group is working to ensure that whatever changes are made to state taxation

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# Latimer Sworn In As County Executive, Calls for Bipartisan Cooperation, Respect

By Anna Young

County Executive George Latimer was sworn into office Jan. 1, by Supreme Court Justice Gretchen Walsh in White Plains.

On Jan. 7 at Westchester Community College, Latimer was again sworn in by Gov. Andrew Cuomo. During his inauguration speech, Latimer described a plane flight over Westchester County with a view of trees stretched out before him. "Westchester is a beautiful piece of land," he said. He described how each community melded in with the next, no matter what the cultural, financial or other distinction might be. "Together under that blanket of green trees we are all in this together," Latimer said.

Latimer called for bipartisanship and cooperation among colleagues within county government and across all levels of government, emphasizing that voices on both sides of the aisle must be heard and respected.

"When we make rudeness a right, we work at destroying this fragile democracy," Latimer said. "We cannot let it tear us apart."

In an earlier announcement, Latimer vowed he would pursue more transparency in governance. One of his first actions was a formal request to New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli to perform a full and open fiscal review of the county's policies and procedures.

"We want to make sure we know exactly where we are fiscally as we begin this new administrative year," Latimer said on Jan.

1 at the Michaelian Office Building. "We have a long road ahead of us and we need to know exactly where we are and where we're going."

In September, former County Executive Rob Astorino came under fire after DiNapoli released a report stating that Westchester was a fiscally stressed county.

"Whatever decisions we have to make going forward, we make them openly, transparently, and we make them together as a group of people trying to deal with our issues," Latimer said.

Latimer added that privatization of the Westchester County Airport is a high priority economic issue he'll be delving into during his administration.

Latimer signed an Executive Order that will remove the names and likeness of any elected official from any county owned facility, along with all directional, informational and promotional signs. He said the only exception would be the office building where that official is based.

"All of these facilities are owned by the people of Westchester. Their effort, their tax dollars, their faith have put these things into place," Latimer said. "It is not the possession of any one County Executive over any period of time."

An Executive Order was also signed



Westchester County Executive George Latimer takes the Oath of Office before Supreme Court Justice Gretchen Walsh in White Plains, Jan. 1.

that will better involve municipalities in decisions that impact their community. Under the Good Neighbor policy, the county would be required to make a formal presentation at the designated city, town or village board meeting whenever they have a major action or change to make. The municipality would be given 60 days to gather information and allow for a public form

before submitting their support, neutrality, or opposition to the county.

Latimer will also form a task force aimed at revisiting shared-services within the county, stating how government officials need to be more proactive in delivering services to all residents in the most cost-effective manner.

A social media campaign entitled, #MyWestchester will also be launched, encouraging residents to share images, videos, and anecdotes about what makes Westchester special. Latimer said this will maintain the county's positive profile.

"Westchester is home to so many wonderful people, businesses, parks, waterways and a whole host of other things that make it such an ideal destination for folks to live, work, visit and raise a family here," Latimer said. "This is a way to show our pride. Westchester is a special place and

we are eager to show it off."

Latimer said he is enthusiastic about his upcoming term and intends on being very active and open within the community. Over the next two weeks, the Democrat will be announcing his two-week "Tour of Change" campaign, where he will be making announcements on issues throughout the county.

"The people of Westchester County are uniquely successful, uniquely talented in so many different fields," Latimer said. "And we need to bring that talent that resides outside these windows into the decision making process of government."

Pat Casey contributed reporting to this story.

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# Cuomo Promises a Tough Fiscal Fight in 2018 State of State Address

## By Pat Casey

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo delivered his eighth State of the State Address at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany last week.

Emphasizing that New York has vindicated the promise of progressive government, Cuomo counted off a list of accomplishments including marriage equality, paid family leave, \$15 minimum

wage, free college tuition, gun safety, the climate coalition, and MWBE (minority and women businesses).

"No other state has done what we have done – we are once again the nation's vanguard for social progress," Cuomo said.

Looking toward 2018 as possibly the toughest year New York has faced in modern history, Cuomo said, "We are

facing a three front war." First, we have the old challenges of discrimination and sexism. Second, we face the challenges of terrorism, climate change, environmental threats including to our drinking water, and the growing opioid epidemic. And lastly, we have federal and economic challenges never experienced before. Short term: a \$4 billion deficit and \$2 billion in cuts in federal aid. And long

term, our federal government has hurt our state's economic position by taxing our state and local taxes."

Cuomo proposed that no taxpayer funds should be used to pay for any public official's sexual harassment or misconduct, and no state or local government enter into a secret nondisclosure agreement.

He proposed that the State of New York pension funds only be invested in companies that the Comptroller determines have adequate female and minority representation in management or on the board of directors, and that the legislature enact the contraceptive care act and pass Roe v. Wade.

Cuomo asked for no more procrastination in protecting the state's drinking water and called for an end to any investment in fossil fuel related activities in the pension fund.

He asked for more funds toward anti-terrorism protections and improvement of the state's transportation system.

Likely one of the most pressing issues for New York is the growing property tax burden of residents, which Cuomo said is three times that of the state income tax. "And, property taxes have just been raised by the federal tax plan 20 to 25 percent," Cuomo said emphasizing that a priority is finding legal ways around the new tax plan to help New Yorkers.

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laws cannot be challenged by the Internal Revenue Service.

The professors represent Michigan Law School, NYU School of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Maurer School of Law, Indiana University, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, University of Chicago Law School, Fordham University School of Law, UC Davis School of Law, and UC Hastings College of the Law.

Assemblyman David Buchwald (D-White Plains), himself a tax lawyer, said, "After working the last few weeks to enable as many Westchester taxpayers as possible to pay their property taxes early, my efforts are now focused on updating the state tax code. Since the Governor will in the first instance propose changes as

part of the state budget, I have offered my services to his team. I am optimistic that New York State will respond on behalf of all New Yorkers to this awful federal tax bill."

Assemblyman Tom Abinanti (D-Greenburgh) has also called for New York to fight back. "New York must remain a progressive leader and fight back against the reactionary unconstitutional power grab which increases New Yorkers' federal taxes and limits the state's ability to meet the needs of the state's diverse population," Abinanti said in a press release.

Abinanti is asking the Governor to immediately create a blue ribbon taskforce of tax experts to report back on how to restructure New York's tax system.

Abinanti wants the task force to consider such ideas as incorporating a "payroll tax"

as a tax collecting mechanism into New York's income tax system. Under a payroll tax system, employers – not employees – pay state taxes on their total payroll and can deduct the state taxes on their federal tax returns without any limitations.

In addition, Abinanti is introducing legislation drafted and introduced by State Senator Simcha Felder to restructure New York law to keep in place the deductions and exemptions that were effective in 2017.

Abinanti is also calling for the State to bring a court challenge to the Federal "tax reform" law as unconstitutional because it interferes with the inherent power of the State to raise revenue through taxes on its citizens. "The Federal "tax reform" law taxes monies, which belong to New York State," he said.

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# Pleasantville Man Arrested for Spying on Nanny

By Anna Young

CNBC director and Pleasantville resident Daniel Switzen appeared in Village Court Tuesday night after he was arrested for allegedly installing cameras in his home to spy on his live-in nanny.

Switzen, 44, was arrested on Nov. 14 after his nanny discovered the camera allegedly placed inside a tissue box in a bathroom at his home on Anne Place. The married father of two is charged with second-degree unlawful surveillance, a felony, and could receive up to four years in prison. Switzen's 18-year-old nanny invited a pair of her friends, also 18, over to the home on Nov. 13 and one of them found the camera in the bathroom, according to The Daily News.

"He intentionally installed a video recording device to surreptitiously view a person dressing or undressing or the sexual or other intimate parts of such person at a place and time when such person has a reasonable expectation of privacy, without such person's knowledge or consent," the complaint stated.

The case, which appeared in front of



Daniel Switzen

Judge John Curley on Jan. 2, has been continued to March 13.

Switzen and a woman both hurried into an SUV following court refusing to comment.

Switzen's lawyer, Jeffrey Chartier, said the allegation against his client has been very trying on the family. He declined to comment further about the case.

# Democratic Convention for State Senate Seat Set for Jan. 9, Spano Drops Out

As George Latimer took the oath of office to become Westchester County Executive, Jan. 1, the field of Democrats vying for the nomination to run for the 37th District state senate seat he left vacant lessened as Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano said he has dropped out of the race.

According to nystateofpolitics.com, Spano said his job as mayor of Yonkers "is all consuming." He also indicated he had anticipated a March nominating convention when he made his bid to run for the senate seat in mid November. The Jan. 9 convention date left little time to reach out

to district leaders, he said.

The convention will be held Tuesday at the Westchester County Center in White Plains.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo has not set a date for the special election, but speculation indicates it may be held this spring.

Democratic district leaders will choose their candidate from four contenders: State Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer (Yonkers), Kat Brezler (White Plains), Mark Jaffe (West Harrison), and Chris Burdick (Bedford Town Supervisor).

## Mount Pleasant Reaches Tentative Settlement With Police Union

The Town of Mount Pleasant has reached a tentative contract agreement with its 40-member Police Benevolent Association (PBA), Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said last week.

PBA President Jim Reilly said attorneys for the town and the union were hashing out the final details of the proposed contract before it can be voted on by his members.

Neither Fulgenzi nor Reilly provided any details of the agreement. The union's

prior contract expired at the end of 2015.

"This is a pretty good deal," Councilwoman Laurie Smalley said at last week's meeting, a sentiment shared by Fulgenzi.

"It would be in their best interest to vote for it," Fulgenzi added.

Councilman Mark Rubeo praised the work of the town police.

"They do a great job," he said.

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# Police Blotter

## County Police/Mount Kisco

**Jan. 1:** A Timber Ridge resident discovered footprints in the snow on his deck at 4:34 p.m. and reported that someone had trespassed on his property. A check of the residence and its exterior determined there had been no attempted entry.

**Jan. 1:** Police responded to Forest Drive at 10:24 p.m. after a resident of a neighboring street reported seeing a fire. It was discovered that a resident who lives on Forest Drive had made a fire in a barrel and was cooking over the open flame. The resident was

extinguishing the fire as officers arrived because other neighbors had expressed a concern.

**Jan. 1:** Report of a complaint of loud music coming from a basement apartment on Spring Street at 10:45 p.m. The resident agreed to lower the volume of the music.

**Jan. 2:** Police responded to North Moger Avenue at 6:50 a.m. on a report of an injured man lying on the sidewalk. The man, who was intoxicated, was not seriously injured but was transported to Northern Westchester Hospital as a precaution.

**Jan. 3:** A 38-year-old Valley View Terrace man was arrested at 5:59 p.m. on multiple charges following a disturbance at the man's home. Police said the man, who is accused of striking several people and taking a phone from a person who was calling 911, was charged with third-degree assault, endangering the welfare of a child and criminal mischief, all misdemeanors, and second-degree harassment, a violation. He was arraigned in Mount Kisco Justice Court and released on his own recognizance. An Order of Protection was issued by the court barring him from having contact with people at the home.

**Jan. 3:** A 35-year-old Gregory Avenue

man was arrested at 11:30 a.m. on multiple charges following a traffic stop on East Main Street. The suspect is accused of driving without a valid license and operating a vehicle without an ignition interlock device as required due to a previous DWI conviction. Both offenses are misdemeanors. He also was issued summonses for not having a valid inspection, driving an unregistered vehicle and having illegally tinted windows. The man was released on \$500 bail and is due in Mount Kisco Justice Court on Jan. 25.

**Jan. 4:** Report of a man who was having difficulty breathing on Carpenter Avenue at 6:06 a.m. Officers helped the man until EMS arrived.

**Jan. 4:** Police responded to Sutton Drive at 3:06 p.m. on a report that a fallen tree was blocking the road. The Mount Kisco Highway Department was notified to remove it.

## North Castle Police Department

**Dec. 29:** Report of a dispute at Equinox Gym on Business Park Drive at 10:59 a.m. One of the responding officers stated that the dispute was verbal in nature and the parties have agreed to go their separate ways.

**Dec. 29:** Report of a suspicious vehicle

on Maryland Avenue at 11:13 p.m. The complainant reported the vehicle was a black Honda Civic with New York plates occupied by three males. After the responding officers arrived, arrests were made for criminal possession of a controlled substance.

**Dec. 31:** Armonk Fire Department ambulance was dispatched at 12:22 a.m. on a report of a motor vehicle accident with injuries on southbound I-684 ramp to Route 22. State police was also notified and reported a unit was on the scene.

**Dec. 31:** A complainant stated at 3:02 p.m. that she will be at her Byram Ridge Road North Road home in about 20 minutes to allow her son to pick up his belongings. A Temporary Order of Protection is in place for the woman. The son retrieved his belongings without incident.

**Jan. 1:** An Uber driver reported at 4:46 a.m. driving an intoxicated male party home to his residence, but the passenger was unable to get inside his residence. The driver stated he did not want to leave the man outside. The driver took the party to police headquarters on Bedford Road. The intoxicated man was subsequently transported by Armonk Ambulance to North Westchester Hospital for evaluation.

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# Holocaust Survivor Speaks Out at Boys & Girls Club Civic Advocacy Event

By Anna Young

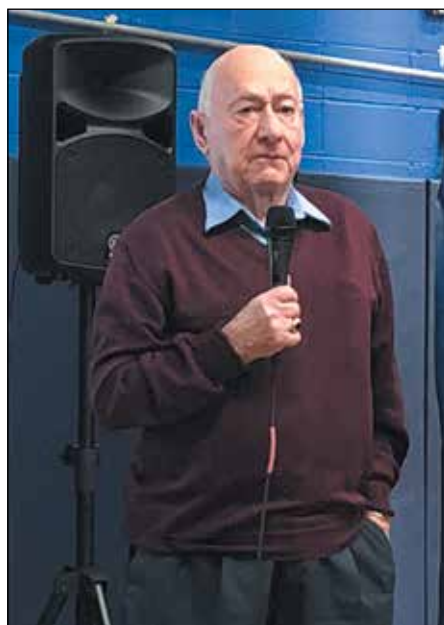
Holocaust survivor Peter Somogyi recalled the grueling memories of his imprisonment at the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp on Sunday night describing how Nazi physician Josef Mengele used him and his twin brother for experiments.

Nearly 100 people were in attendance at the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester in Mount Kisco to hear Somogyi's story of survival during the club's inaugural Civic Advocacy and Leadership Speaker Series.

When German troops invaded Hungary on March 19, 1944, Somogyi's life at 11 changed rapidly when he was forced to wear the yellow Jewish star, which led to him getting beaten up on the streets and harassed at school. Within months, his father was taken away and the rest of his family was herded into a ghetto and forced to live in one room for six weeks until they were loaded into cattle cars and deported to the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp.

Somogyi said 70 to 80 people were forced into one train car where they stood for three days without water and with one bucket provided for bathroom use.

"It was the middle of July, very hot. We were thirsty, hungry. There were little kids, a couple of babies all cried," Somogyi, 84, described. "All of us, we didn't know what was happening."



Peter Somogyi

When Somogyi arrived at the camp with his mother, sister and his twin brother, they were separated into one section where Mengele called out for twins. His mother raised her hand, thinking she was helping her sons, and instructed them to say they were nine years old, rather than 11. Mengele told the twin brothers to step out of the line and they were taken away. His mother and sister perished in the gas chambers immediately after.

"They (the guards) grabbed us right

away and I never had the chance to say goodbye," Somogyi said. "They didn't know within 10 minutes they would be dead. They took them into a room that was supposed to be a shower and they locked the doors."

Somogyi remembered the stench of death and burning hair upon his arrival at the death camp.

The brothers were transported to a barracks intended for twins and dwarfs where they were both stripped of their belongings and forever marked with an identification number. Somogyi said he lost his identity and his new name became A17454.

When all the twins and dwarfs met Mengele the next day, Somogyi said they all became his guinea pigs. Mengele, also known as the "Angel of Death," subjected many of his patients to painful injections, surgeries, and countless other grueling experiments. While the brothers didn't endure many experiments, Somogyi explained how Mengele's tests left hundreds dead, describing the sight of stacked bodies every morning outside the barracks.

"They just threw them away, so many dead people," Somogyi said. "We had seen so much death it was unbelievable."

Somogyi said he was sent to the gas chambers one night, stating Mengele nullified his extermination to continue his research. Despite nearing death, Somogyi

said he never gave up hope that he would someday be free.

Soviet troops liberated Auschwitz in 1945 and Somogyi and his brother eventually made their way back to their hometown in Pecs, Hungary. Months later their father returned after his liberation from the Dachau concentration camp. Only four people on his mother's robust side of the family survived.

"Why did they have to die?" Somogyi asked himself. "Because they are Jewish and they prayed differently than other people."

Several years after his liberation, Somogyi escaped to Israel where he said he no longer had to live in fear of being Jewish. In 1956, he moved to England and eventually made his way to Canada and then the United States where he now resides with his wife in Pleasantville. His brother, Thomas, resides in Toronto, Canada.

While Somogyi never spoke of his experience for several decades he said he felt compelled to come forward to shut down those who claim the Holocaust never happened.

"The reason I am talking about it today is because there are people who say it never happened and in 10 to 15 years they'll be no more eyewitnesses," Somogyi said. "Well I'm still here to tell them it did happen and luckily I survived."

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# Obituaries

## Anthony Packes

Anthony J. Packes, of Stamford, Conn. and formerly of Hawthorne sadly passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Dec. 30.

He was 36.

Packes was born on Oct. 31, 1981, to John and Patricia (nee Batiste) Packes in Mount Vernon. He loved music, sports and above all his wife, Toni. He was a project manager for Life in Mobile in Stamford.

Besides his beloved parents, John and Patricia Packes, of Hawthorne, he is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Toni (nee Maldonado) Packes, of Stamford; his cherished newborn son, Paul Anthony Packes; his brother, John, Jr. (Kristen Van Varick) Packes of

Norwalk, Conn.; and his sisters-in-law, Michelle Arellano, Noelle McManus and Cris DeCiccio. He was predeceased by his in-laws, Donna and Raul Maldonado, his maternal grandparents, William and Mary Batiste, and his paternal grandparents, Clement and Mildred Packes.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Jan. 4. A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne on Jan. 5 followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, an educational fund is being arranged for the benefit of his son. Details can be found on the Hawthorne Funeral Home website at [www.hawthornefuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornefuneralhome.com).

## Marilyn Heideman

Marilyn S. Heideman of Pleasantville passed away peacefully on Dec. 30 at Glens Falls Hospital following a brief illness.

She was 83.

Born in July 1934 in Canandaigua, N.Y., Heideman was the daughter of the late Milton Hall and Charlotte (Dewey) Hall.

She was a devoted teacher at Pleasantville Elementary School and Pleasantville Middle School. Besides being an avid reader, she loved to dance and spent many years traveling with

local square dance clubs.

Besides her parents, she is predeceased by her sister, Amy Hilton, her beloved husband of 61 years, Edwin Heideman, and her son-in-law, Richard Zizza. She is survived by her daughters, Cathy, Judy and Patty, their husbands, Jamie Thackaberry and Joe McCormick as well as many well-loved nieces and nephews.

A memorial service to celebrate Heideman's life will be conducted on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 11 a.m. at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville.

## Fernand Jobin

Fernand P. Jobin Sr. of Mount Kisco passed away surrounded by his loving family and his wonderful caretakers, Helen and Adele, on Jan. 2.

He was 102.

Jobin was born to Thomas and Victoria Jobin in Iberville, Que., Canada on Sept. 19, 1915. He was a nearly lifelong Mount Kisco resident and was an active member of St. Francis of Assisi Church. He will be remembered for the love of his family and for his generosity. Jobin was an avid walker and loved his sports. He could be seen playing tennis, hockey, baseball and softball, among other sports.

He is survived by his loving children,

Clementine (George) Lakin, "Bud" Jobin and Thomas (Carolyn) Jobin. He also leaves behind to mourn his 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his beloved wife, Winifred, his daughter-in-law, Patricia Jobin, and granddaughter Patti.

Family and friends visited Cassidy-Flynn Funeral Home in Mount Kisco on Jan. 5. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Jan. 6. Burial was private.

The family suggests memorial contributions be sent in Jobin's memory to St. Francis of Assisi Church.

## Nathan Donato

Nathan S. Donato passed away peacefully at his Bronx residence on Jan. 2 in his 92nd year.

Donato was born on June 3, 1925. Professionally, he served his beloved city within the ranks of the New York City Police Department.

Visitation was at Pleasant Manor

Funeral Home, Inc. in Thornwood on Jan. 5. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Rosary Church, located at 170 Bradhurst Ave. in Hawthorne on Jan. 6. Interment with his beloved wife followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

## Constance Kohring

Constance Elaine Kohring died on Dec. 28 at 97 years old.

Kohring, daughter of the late Pearl and William Sproul, sister to the late William Sproul, was born in Port Chester. In 1943, she graduated nursing school from the Westchester School of Nursing at Grasslands and became a registered nurse.

Kohring was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hawthorne. In 1945, she worked with the Red Cross and polio patients in Denver. She also worked as a registered nurse at Lawrence Hospital in

Bronxville where she met the love of her life, William H. Kohring III. They married in 1948.

She also worked at Blythedale Children's Hospital as a pediatric nurse. She volunteered at Westchester Medical Center for 28 years and ran a blood pressure screening program, worked in the gift shop and was on the auxiliary board of volunteers.

Kohring lived most of her life in Valhalla with her husband. She is survived by two children, Douglas and Pamela, and daughter-in-law Anna.

## Britta Remming

Britta S.F. Remming passed away on Dec. 27 at 92 years old.

Remming was predeceased by her beloved husband of nearly 63 years, Tom. She was the devoted and loving mother of Marianne (Michael), John (Joan), Elisabeth (Paul), and Erik; much-loved grandmother of Britt (Tom), Thomas John, Abby, Isabella and Matthew; beloved great-grandmother of Brynn, Thomas Charles, Jeremiah and Kara Anne; and dearly loved sister of brother Egon of Brøndby, Denmark.

Britta was born in Copenhagen in 1925. As a child, she sang in a renowned girls' choir and played the piano, the start of her lifelong love of music. During World War II, she and her family endured the Nazi occupation, and she was active in the civil defense corps, volunteering in air raid shelters.

She and Tom married in 1946, and the family immigrated to the United States in 1960. A dedicated mother and homemaker, Remming's greatest joy was gathering the family, upholding and teaching others the traditions of her homeland, which her family lovingly continues. She and Tom were the quintessential hosts, the true embodiment of Danish "hygge." As the respected and dearly loved matriarch of her family, Remming will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the music program at Emanuel Lutheran Church in her memory.

A celebration of Remming's life was held on Jan. 6 at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Pleasantville. Interment followed at Kensico Cemetery.

## Elvira Di Nota

Elvira Di Nota of White Plains died on Jan. 1 at her residence.

She was 91.

Di Nota was born on Oct. 13, 1926, to the late Luigi and Marzia Savarese in Sorrento, Italy. She as a retired chef with Westchester Premier Theatre in Tarrytown and later at the San Roc Caterers in Hastings. She was a member of Antonio Meuci Lodge #213 in White Plains, where she enjoyed cooking at the lodge.

Di Nota was predeceased by her devoted

husband, Vincent Di Nota, in 1989, one son, Gennaro Di Nota, in 1966 and one sister in Italy. She is survived by her loving son, Luigi (Flavia) Di Nota, of Hawthorne; her two cherished grandchildren, Elvira and Vincent (Jennifer) Di Nota; her four great-grandchildren, Michael, Nicholas and Jeffrey Gonyo and Leo Di Nota; and one sister and four brothers in Italy.

Visitation was at Hawthorne Funeral Home on Jan. 3. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne on Jan. 4.



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## Guest Column

### Avoiding a Medicaid Lien or Estate Claim

For many families, a good portion of their wealth exists through the equity in their home. The home may also be the most sentimental asset as it carries many memories and emotional ties. We often counsel clients on different planning techniques to protect the home where Medicaid is contemplated to pay for nursing home or home care. This is a review of just how Medicaid may take your home if you don't implement some form of planning to protect your assets.

It is inevitable that we may all at some point fall victim to an illness and require care, including nursing home care or home care. Medicaid has become the insurance of the middle class, especially in nursing home and home care cases.

In order to be eligible for Medicaid, you cannot have more than \$15,150 in assets. When contemplating Medicaid eligibility, the home is generally treated as an exempt asset for purposes of determining whether you have less than \$15,150 in resources. However, Medicaid keeps track of those benefits and may look for them to be repaid.

If you are a Medicaid recipient in a nursing home, a lien can be placed against your home if you are not reasonably expected to return home. A lien allows Medicaid to recoup what they paid on your behalf when the property is sold. Prior to placing the lien, Medicaid must provide notice to you that they intend



By Salvatore M. Di Costanzo

to file a lien against your home. If proper notice was not provided, there may be an opportunity to remove the lien.

Notwithstanding the above, Medicaid cannot place a lien against your home if any of the following persons live there:

1. your spouse;
2. a minor child, or a child of any age who is certified blind or disabled;
3. a sibling who has an equity interest in the home and who was residing in the

home for at least one year preceding the date you entered the nursing home.

A lien also cannot be placed against your home if you set up a Medicaid Trust and get through the five-year look-back period. This is why the Medicaid Trust has become such a popular planning technique.

If you are a Medicaid recipient while receiving Medicaid home care benefits, Medicaid cannot place a lien against your home, but they can file a claim against your probate estate upon your death if no planning has been done to avoid probate. For instance, when you die, your Will needs to be probated. Once the Will is probated, Medicaid will send the Executor of your estate a letter demanding payment for benefits paid. The Executor of your estate cannot ignore this otherwise they may become personally liable for the amount.

In a recent case, an individual required

home care and did not retain an elder law attorney to work through the Medicaid home care process. Although the home was not considered an available asset, it became part of the Medicaid recipient's probate estate when she died since no planning was done to avoid probate. In this case, Medicaid filed a claim and the entire proceeds of sale were paid to Medicaid at the closing table. Although she failed to plan in advance with a Medicaid Trust, this could have been avoided using a Revocable Trust to avoid probate.

Fortunately, if you take the time to consult with us, there are many options available to protect your home in advance of these unfortunate scenarios. We regularly use Medicaid Trusts, Revocable Trusts and other planning techniques to plan in advance.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Nuclear Power, Natural Gas Will Ensure New York Has Ample Energy

Deepening snow, bitter winds and biting cold this week remind us that winter can be harsh. Thankfully, what makes it bearable in New York is the heat and electricity provided by the nuclear power and natural gas industries that comprise nearly 75 percent of our state's energy generation.

The impending loss of Indian Point in 2021 makes it all the more important to

keep our remaining upstate nuclear plants online and expand our natural gas supply.

Abundant natural gas can fuel our homes cheaply, and it's better for our environment than coal. But our upstate communities need more pipelines – and the state has blocked or delayed permits to build them.

So, while today we have the warmth and light that reliable electricity assures,

we must anticipate a different future, and that means we need the state to act now to plan and implement crucial infrastructure changes to supply and deliver abundant electricity to maintain our quality of life in New York.

**Rob DiFrancesco**

**Executive Director, New York AREA**

### Emergency Blood Drive Set for Jan. 13 in Pleasantville

A blood emergency was declared on Dec. 8 by the New York Blood Center and is still in effect. This problem worsens through the holidays because the number of blood donors historically drops while the number of emergency transfusions rises due to holiday-related activities.

The Emanuel Lutheran Church is sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, Jan. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, located at 197 Manville Rd. in Pleasantville. Whole blood and red cell units will be collected from qualifying

candidates. Although this drive makes it convenient for Pleasantville residents to participate, blood donors from all towns are welcome to lend their help.

To schedule an appointment, call 800-933-2566 or register online at <https://drm.nybloodcenter.org/Public-Scheduler/Default.aspx>. For information regarding your eligibility (such as medical and travel), call 800-688-0900. Although it is helpful to let organizers know in advance that you plan to donate, walk-ins are always accepted.



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**Mel Berger  
Mount Kisco**

By Anna Young

Mount Kisco resident Melvin Berger has provided continuous guidance and compassion to those in need of support in his community for nearly 35 years.

Berger, a former pharmacist, used to see his share of phony prescriptions come his way when he owned and operated Mount Kisco Pharmacy. After reporting several addicts to the police throughout the years, he began to wonder what happened to those individuals after they were arrested.

"These were normal people," said Berger, who has served as chairman of the Mount Kisco Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Council since 1984. "They weren't what you would consider criminals or anything like that."

In 1989, Berger began attending court sessions, gathering statistical data that indicated that about 78 percent of the misdemeanor and violation charges that went before former Mount Kisco Justice Henry Kensing were alcohol or drug related. This led to the formation of the Mount Kisco Drug Court in 1990, a

program that provides treatment in lieu of more severe punishment to non-violent alcohol- and drug-related offenders.

Treatment and rehabilitation can include in-patient or outpatient programs as well as community service, Berger said. With the immediate success of the program, Berger traveled to neighboring communities throughout the country helping courts start a similar program.

"I've found this very effective. Most people don't want the consequence of getting involved in the law," Berger said.

While Berger, a certified addiction and substance abuse specialist, oversees every case that goes through his drug court, he said he becomes emotional when he sees the individuals overcome their addiction and graduate from the program.

"I root so hard for people to do well, especially alcoholics because I see the devastation it causes, not just to the individual, but the family," he said. "It's very difficult when you know kids are being affected and the marriage is being affected."

He also speaks to local youth groups, seniors, Rotary chapters and religious organizations about substance abuse and the heroin epidemic.

In addition to his work with people suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, Berger has spearheaded the Emergency Shelter Partnership, a program that provides overnight housing to the homeless from November through March.

After trespassing offenses began to increase in the village, Berger found that several homeless people were seeking shelter and suffering during the winter months. He was discouraged by the lack of housing for the homeless within a "wealthy community."

The program, in which the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Council collaborated with the Northern Westchester Interfaith Clergy Association, Neighbors Link and the village, has continued to thrive since it was launched in 2005.

Local houses of worship rotate hosting the shelters on a weekly basis from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. The Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester in Mount Kisco opens its facility to the homeless for



showers twice a week. The Mount Kisco Public Library also hosts a weekly film festival to occupy some of the homeless until the shelter reopens.

Those in need a place to stay gather at the county police station on Green Street where a bus shuttles them to the shelter. Food and a bed are provided. Other organizations contribute meals, financial support

and volunteers to help staff the shelters. Berger said social workers are also on hand for youngsters who need guidance.

"I have the shelter and that makes a big difference in people's lives and the drug court makes a big difference," Berger said. "You walk down the street and you see a family and you know in your mind what could have been had you not been available then to help them through a problem."

While Berger has done a lot to help his community, he said he's most proud of his family. He spoke glowingly about his children and six grandchildren, especially after bringing each of them to drug court and showing them the inside of a jail cell.

"I have a good life," Berger said. "I don't take that for granted."

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## Tuesday, Jan. 9

**Italian Language and Culture.** Mara De Matteo, born and raised in Italy and passionate about her native language, combines lively conversation with grammatical instruction in her classes. She creates interactive lessons on the richness of Italian culture, past and present, through real-life anecdotes, literature, personal memoirs, films and even photography. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 6:30 p.m. Every Tuesday. Info: 914-273-3887.

## Wednesday, Jan. 10

**Zumba Fitness.** Achieve long-term benefits while having a blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life. For all fitness levels. Dance Emotions, 75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. Every Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Drop in or weekly discount rates available. Info: Contact Peggy at 914 960-4097.

**Baby Time.** A fun interactive lap-sit story time that includes songs, rhymes and a few very short stories. The experience gives babies an opportunity to socialize and parents a time to share. Recommended for newborns through 12 months old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday and Wednesday (except Jan. 15). Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Ambassadors for Successful Aging.** Are you aware of the benefits available to you as a Westchester County senior? Information can be provided to you on housing, home care, transportation options, counseling options, memory care, nutrition, vision and dental services along with SNAP, HEAP, EPIC and STAR and other programs that can save you money and help you plan for the future. Feel free to discuss a Westchester County "ambassador." No appointment necessary. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Also Mondays at the North White Plains branch, 10 Clove Rd., North White Plains. Info: 914-273-3887 or 914-948-6359.

**New Mommy and Daddy Meet-Up.** Whether it's your first child or your fifth, this is a great way to get out of the house, meet new friends and enjoy time with your baby. World Cup Nursery School, 160 Hunts Lane, Chappaqua. 10:25 to 11:10 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-238-9267 ext. 20.

**Adult Coloring Club.** It's a relaxing, analog stress-reducer that can give you a sense of accomplishment. Coloring also provides a creative outlet to people who

may not be trained artists. The library provides colored pencils and intricate mandala patterns, just bring your creativity. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10:30 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

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**Senior Benefits Information Center.** Counselors offer older adults one-on-one counseling covering a broad range of topics including Medicare health and prescription plans, food stamps, HEAP, EPIC, weatherization, minor home repair and tax relief programs. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 Main St., Mount Kisco. 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-231-3260.

**Preschool Storytime.** This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except Jan. 15). Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Support Group for Alzheimer's Caregivers.** Temple Shaaray Tefila and Westchester Jewish Community Services have scheduled this forum to provide a place for caregivers to discuss their feelings, share their experiences and support one another. A specialist from the Alzheimer's Association will lead the group and provide educational materials and information. All welcome. Temple Shaaray Tefila's Youth Lounge, 89 Baldwin Rd., Bedford. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Registration required. Info and registration: Contact the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900 or visit [www.alz.org/hudsonvalley](http://www.alz.org/hudsonvalley).

**Storytime.** For children 18 months to five years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Every Wednesday and Thursday. Info: Visit 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkiscoliberalry.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberalry.org).

**Meditation Series: Midday Mind Break.** Benefits of meditation include increasing focus and memory; increased health; reduced stress, anxiety and pain; and increased productivity and happiness. Led by Alka Kaminer. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill

Rd., East, Armonk. 12:15 p.m. Free. Also Jan. 24. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.com](http://www.northcastlelibrary.com).

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**Affordable Care Act Navigator.** A trained navigator provided by the county Department of Health will be available to help people with choosing and signing up for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act and the state health marketplace. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 2:30 to 7 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Also Thursdays from 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointment required. Info and appointment for Wednesday sessions: 914-336-6026. Info and appointment for Thursday and Saturday sessions: 914-813-5192.

**Knitting at the Library.** Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels. For ages 10 and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Wednesday. Info: 914-864-8041 or [www.mountkiscoliberalry.org](http://www.mountkiscoliberalry.org).

**Lego Club.** We provide the Legos, you bring your imagination. A fun-building club for students in grades 2-6. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 6 p.m. Free. Meets the second Wednesday of each month. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-8041.

**Sherlock Holmes Film Series: "Sherlock Holmes."** Detective Sherlock Holmes and his stalwart partner Watson engage in a battle of wits and brawn with a nemesis whose plot is a threat to all of England in a screening of this 2009 film. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or [www.chappaqualibrary.org](http://www.chappaqualibrary.org).

**Art Series: David Hockney.** Born in 1937, this English artist is truly a Renaissance man: painter, author, photographer, set designer and one of the main protagonists of the Pop Art movement. One of the most influential and important artists of his time, Hockney is equally well-versed in the scholarship of art history (the methods of creation of Vermeer's masterpieces) as he is on the beautiful hues and blues of Southern California's swimming pools. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887.

**Separation/Divorce Support Group.** A new group for men and women

separated, in the process of separating or post-divorce. Establishes a safe place where attendees can deal with the pain and loneliness brought about by the ending of a significant relationship. This nondenominational group will use the 12 Steps to focus on its members and the choices made to cope and adjust. Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 15 S. Bedford Rd., Mount Kisco. \$10. Every Wednesday. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Contact Ilene Amiel at 914-980-0898 or e-mail [12stepdivorcegroup@gmail.com](mailto:12stepdivorcegroup@gmail.com) or visit [www.meetup.com/Mount-Kisco-12-step-Separation-Divorce-Support-Meetup](http://www.meetup.com/Mount-Kisco-12-step-Separation-Divorce-Support-Meetup).

**Westchester on the Frontlines: Pipeline to Disaster.** A new 42-inch diameter, high-pressure gas transmission pipeline was recently constructed and is now operational within 105 feet of critical emergency structures vital to Indian Point nuclear power plant. With the anticipated closure of Indian Point in 2021 and 45 years of radioactive nuclear waste stored indefinitely on site, what are the risks and vulnerabilities to local communities and more than 20 million people living in the impact radius of these multiple hazards? Ask experts Paul Blanch and Ellen Weininger. In partnership with the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit [www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org).

## Thursday, Jan. 11

**The Breakfast Club.** A program designed for seniors, and includes a free breakfast, a presentation on a healthy lifestyle topic and a light exercise program. Cafeteria (G Level) at Phelps Hospital cafeteria (G Level), 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-3937.

**Knitting Circle.** This group is open to everyone who has an interest in knitting. Live, love, laugh, learn and have fun together during these creative journeys. Come share patterns and ideas and celebrate creative spirits together while enjoying the ancient art of knitting. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Every Monday and Thursday. Info: 914-273-3887.

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**Osteoporosis Support and Education.** A program for people with osteoporosis, *continued on page 17*



## Volunteers Needed to Create Reading Kits for Children Jan. 15

United Way of Westchester Putnam needs your help to make sure that hundreds of books it collected in recent months will go to low-income children in Westchester and Putnam.

On Monday, Jan. 15, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, United Way will host volunteers at the Girl Scout Heart of the Hudson in Pleasantville to help build reading kits for low-income children as part of the organization's United2Read program.

The program seeks to promote literacy and boost grade-level reading among low-income children. Sixty percent of low-income children do not have one children's book in the home and only 38 percent of children in Westchester and Putnam are reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

"These are numbers that are very disturbing and ones we need to change if we want to see progress in moving

people toward self-sufficiency," said Alana Sweeny, President and CEO of United Way of Westchester and Putnam. "Low-income children who are not reading on grade level by the end of third grade are 10 times more likely to drop out of school."

Dorothy Perez, the staff leader of the book drive, said the reading kits will include three books from United Way's recent book drive and activities that inspire parents and children to interact in educational play.

Volunteers are still needed to help

create kits. Community members can choose from two shifts: 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 12 to 1:30 p.m. at Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc., 2 Great Oak Lane in Pleasantville. To sign up, visit <http://bit.ly/2BNu3DK>.

Last year, United Way delivered more than 1,000 books bags filled with reading materials to low-income children and families at pre-schools, daycare and community centers and other nonprofit agencies throughout Westchester and Putnam counties.



United Way Westchester Putnam President and CEO Alana Sweeny, helps Ossining youngster choose a book as part of its book drive to bring reading materials to children in low-income families.

## PCTV Announces Move Into New Home in New Year

Pleasantville Community Television (PCTV) is starting the new year off in a new location after spending 20 years at its studio on Jackson Alley.

The PCTV Board of Directors announced in a statement on Friday that the local studio will operate out of Pleasantville's former water department building on Lake Street.

A water leak in the roof put its longtime Jackson Alley studio out of commission.

"Thank you to our Village staff, Board of Trustees and Mayor Scherer for helping us with this new location," the Board of Directors said in its letter.

The studio will be occupying the front office space for editing and administrative functions and an adjacent larger room for filming public access shows. With renovation still underway, PCTV will continue to utilize the Pleasantville High School recording studio until the new location is constructed into a useable workspace.

"The PCTV Board of Directors cannot thank you enough for your continued support and patience during this difficult and frustrating time for PCTV and we apologize for the delays in broadcast and website upload," the statement to the community read. "Now that we have the editing suite function with all computers up and running, we should be getting back on track."

The Board of Directors noted that the studio's phone number will remain the same.

--Anna Young

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## The Season to Guard Against Burst Water Pipes

Since I now live in a condo in a large building, I thought that I no longer had to worry about the prospect of water pipes freezing and bursting, but, unfortunately, the sprinkler pipes in the attic did freeze and burst during last week's frigid weather causing water damage in the unit next door to mine. And the units below that one suffered water damage as well.

Other than a fire or tornado, the most damaging event a house can suffer is flooding from a burst water pipe. Yet, most people have just a sketchy knowledge of how to avoid this potential disaster.

One of my most memorable mishaps with burst pipes involved a young couple, buyer clients, who had found the home of their dreams and wanted to close as quickly as possible because the lease on their rental was about to expire. But their dream was dashed, at least temporarily, by a discovery we made when we arrived at the house for the engineering inspection.

We were greeted by an ominous sound of water leaking and discovered in the



By Bill Primavera

family room that water was spraying through the seams of the plasterboard walls and half of the ceiling had collapsed. The engineer quickly shut off the water main, but it was too late to prevent the extensive damage to the walls, ceiling, built-in cabinetry and flooring.

As an estate sale, the house was empty, but the selling agent had been very careful to monitor the heating system so that the pipes wouldn't freeze, so she couldn't understand what went wrong. The engineer looked around and found that, outside, the garden house had

not been disconnected from the outside spigot. He explained that water in the hose had frozen and backed up into the pipe that traveled through the garage, which was unheated, to the family room on the other side of the garage wall, causing the pipes to burst. When the ice melted, the room was flooded.

When water freezes, it has the force of 2,200 pounds of pressure per square inch, according to Dave Goldberg, now retired from Goldberg Plumbing & Heating, but whose son is still serving Westchester

and Putnam counties. "One of the most common causes of burst pipes is when people forget to detach their hoses for the winter. It should always be done by mid-October," he said.

"But there are many reasons pipes can burst," he continued. "It can be a mere draft through a tiny crack in a wall, and if it is cold enough outside, the wind chill factor can cause a pipe to freeze, and it can be anywhere in the house, even over the living room."

Goldberg cited the popular use of wood and gas-burning stoves as another cause of burst pipes. "They give you a false sense of warmth," he said. "It can be 70 degrees inside, but that heat may not get to the outside walls where the water pipes are located."

As a safeguard, Goldberg recommends that non-toxic anti-freeze be added to the heating system so that if the power goes off, the water won't freeze. "It's like putting anti-freeze in a car," he said, "and, it should be checked annually to see that it's still at an effective level."

For insulating pipes in the basement or crawl space, he suggests using a heating strip that turns on automatically like a thermostat, and then to wrap both the pipe and heating strip with insulation.

Another safeguard in frigid weather, he said, is to keep water running from both the hot and cold taps where the pipes are against an outside wall. I'm well aware of this technique because, when I lived in an antique single-family home, my wife always cautioned me on frigid nights to keep the water dripping in the mudroom half-bath which was exposed on two sides by outside walls. "Remember to keep the water dripping," she always said, and I always responded back, "I know, I know, you already told me," but then, I would get myself into trouble by turning the faucet off anyway, just by force of habit.

With the weather currently colder than any wintry spell I can remember, keep in mind that using a little extra water by the drip method, especially for pipes on outside walls, is a safe investment to protect against burst pipes.

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providing education on nutrition, exercise (weight-bearing, strengthening and balance) and activities of daily living. Boardroom (C Level) at Phelps Hospital boardroom (C Level), 701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-366-2270.

**Preschool Storytime.** This interactive story time uses picture books, songs, finger plays, action rhymes and other activities to encourage the enjoyment of books and language. Recommended for children two-and-a-half to five years old. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Free. Every Tuesday and Thursday. Info: 914-741-0276 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Mahjongg Club.** Intermediate players welcome. Participants must bring their own set. Henry V. Kensing Memorial Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 1 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.library.org](http://www.mountkisco.library.org).

**Storytime Playgroup.** Come hear a story and music and join in on playtime with toys and books. Children, parents and caregivers will make new friends and share time together. For children one to four years old; with a caregiver. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd.,

Pleasantville. 2 to 2:45 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Berkshire Farm Foster Care Information.** Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth, one of New York's leading nonprofit child welfare agencies, conducts this information session on how to become a foster or adoptive parent. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 2 to 5 p.m. Free. Second Thursday of each month. Info: Contact Judith Liu at 516-406-1853 or e-mail [judithliu@berkshirefarm.com](mailto:judithliu@berkshirefarm.com).

**Gaming Old School.** Join old school gaming enthusiasts to play board games like a kid again. Open to all ages. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.library.org](http://www.mountkisco.library.org).

**Read to Rover.** Dogs love listening to stories. Come meet Rover and read your favorite story. For children five years old and up. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Every Thursday. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.library.org](http://www.mountkisco.library.org).

**English for Speakers of Other Languages Classes.** Provided in partnership with Southern Westchester BOCES. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville.

5:30 to 8:45 p.m. Free. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Mar. 29. Space limited; registration required. (Students may register starting Jan. 2). Info and registration: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

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# A Glimpse Into the Rarefied Air of High-end Wines Sold at Auctions



By Nick Antonaccio

We read with envy the numerous accounts of rare, high-end wines sold in the marketplace. Collectors enter into bidding frenzies to acquire wines from highly rated wineries and highly rated vintages.

However, for most of us 99 percenters, after we read of these wines changing hands amongst a few rich collectors, we never hear of them again until the next sale.

Here's the rub: investors in high-end wines typically seek out trophy wines for bragging rights, not imbibing rights. Rarely are bottles of older vintages of highly regarded wines ever opened for the sheer pleasure and enjoyment such wines afford. Rather, they sit in an expensive temperature-controlled underground cellar, simply on display as trophies.

There is a consensus amongst those in the wine trade that the rarer the wine, the less likely it will ever be consumed. It will merely make the rounds of auction houses, garnering escalating prices with each passage of ownership.

With this thought in mind, I've decided to present a tally, and brief narrative, of the 10 most expensive wines ever sold - to date.

Note: I've written in greater depth on a

*"a tally of the most expensive wines ever sold - to date."*

few of these wines. I annotated them as the "Focus of a Previous Column (FPC)." For copies of these columns, please email me.

10. 1947 Château Cheval Blanc. Talk about bragging rights. This imperial-size bottle Bordeaux, the equivalent of eight standard bottles, was purchased at a Christie's auction in 2010. This size bottle will surely impress friends and family. Price: \$304,375, equivalent to \$38,047 per bottle and \$7,609 per each of the 40-glass capacity. Just enough for a (large) dinner party.

9. 1951 Penfolds Grange Hermitage. A highly regarded, and rare, Australian wine. Who would think a Shiraz could command such high prices in every vintage? There are purported to be less than 20 bottles remaining. Price: \$38,420/bottle; \$7,684/glass.

8. 1945 Château Mouton Rothschild (FPC). One of the most highly regarded vintages from one of the most highly regarded estates in Bordeaux, this wine was sold at auction last May from the cellar of world-famous collector Bill Koch. The astounding price was \$34,350 for each of the 10 bottles auctioned. But that's not the highest price ever paid. In 2007, an anonymous bidder paid significantly

more for a jeroboam bottle (equivalent to six standard bottles). Price: a whopping \$310,700 or \$51,792 per equivalent bottle. That's \$10,358 per glass, if you're ever in a position to enjoy it.

7. 1992 Screaming Eagle Cabernet Sauvignon. One of the most famous wines in the world, this Napa cult wine is a bit of an outlier, as this imperial size bottle is significantly younger than many of the other wines on my list. Sold in 2000 at the famous Napa Valley Wine Auction, a perennial showcase of one-percenters vying for bragging rights, the bidding frenzy amped up the winning bid to \$500,000, the most ever paid anywhere, anytime for a single bottle of wine.

Price: \$62,500/equivalent standard bottle; \$12,500/glass. If you went shopping for a single standard bottle today, it would set you back \$8,500 to \$10,000, still in the one-percent stratosphere.

6. 1811 Château d'Yquem (FPC). This is where we cross the threshold into high stakes bragging rights. The lofty standard bottle prices of the previous four bottles

are far surpassed by the remaining wines in my tally. Beginning with this dessert wine, the most expensive white wine ever sold, prices are now in the affordability range of only the top end of the top one-percenters.

This French producer in the Sauterne region limits production to miniscule levels, even foregoing production in vintages not meeting its strict criteria. And prices reflect this. In 2011, an Indonesian restaurateur purchased this half bottle, one of only ten offered for sale that year. His plan was to display the bottle behind bulletproof glass in his wine bar, waiting for a special occasion to open and enjoy it.

Price: \$117,000 or \$23,400 per glass.

Next week, the top five. Can it get crazier than wines six through ten? Yes, it can.

Nick Antonaccio is a 40-year Pleasantville resident. For over 20 years he has conducted

numerous wine tastings and lectures. Nick is a member of the Wine Media Guild of wine writers. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine.

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Index No. 69552/2016  
Date Filed: 12/19/2017

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,  
NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION,  
Plaintiff,-against-  
ROSETTA SILVESTRO AS HEIR AT  
LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF LUIGIA  
SILVESTRO A/K/A LUISA SILVES-  
TRO; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE"  
1 THROUGH 50, INTENDING TO BE  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DISTRIBU-  
TEES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, TRUST-  
EES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND  
ASSIGNEES OF THE ESTATE OF LUI-  
GIA SILVESTRO A/K/A LUISA SILVES-  
TRO WHO WAS BORN IN 1930 AND  
DIED ON FEBRUARY 27, 2011, A RES-  
IDENT OF THE COUNTY OF WEST-  
CHESTER, WHOSE LAST KNOWN  
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SUCCESSORS TN INTEREST OF THE  
AFORESAID CLASSES OF PERSON, IF

THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE DEAD,  
AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUS-  
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AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE  
UNKNOWN TO THE PLAINTIFF; AS-  
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NEW YORK; MARGUERITE HOLMES;  
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INTENDED BEING POSSIBLE TEN-  
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AND CORPORATIONS, OTHER ENTI-  
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MAY CLAIM, A LIEN AGAINST THE  
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of the Honorable David F. Everett, a Jus-  
tice of the Supreme Court of the State of

New York, Westchester County, signed  
on November 27, 2017 and filed with the  
complaint and other papers in the Office  
of the Clerk of the County of Westchester,  
State of New York. The object of this action  
is to foreclose a mortgage upon the prem-  
ises described below, executed by LUIGIA  
SILVESTRO A/K/A LUISA SILVESIRO to  
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK bearing date  
December 11, 2003 and recorded in Con-  
trol # 441040350 in the County of West-  
chester on May 13, 2004. The aforesaid  
instruments were thereafter modified by  
Modification Agreement dated October 4,  
2007 and recorded in Control # 473230308  
in the County of Westchester on Novem-  
ber 21, 2007 creating a new principal bal-  
ance of \$50,000.00.  
Said premises being known as and by  
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Lot 34 & 35.  
**Date: February 13, 2017**  
**Batavia, New York**  
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**Attorneys for Plaintiff**  
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SUMMONS AND NOTICE

Index No. 56414/2016  
Date Filed: 12/13/2017  
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Citi-  
group Mortgage Loan Trust Inc., Mortgage Pass-  
Through Certificates, Series 2007-AR7,  
Plaintiff,  
-against-  
**Sloan Brown a/k/a Sloan A. Brown**, if she be living  
or dead, her spouse, heirs, devisees, distributees and  
successors in interest, all of whom and whose names  
and places of residence unknown to Plaintiff, Unit-  
ed States of America o/b/o Securities and Exchange  
Commission; CACH LLC; Centerline Stables LLC;  
HSBC Bank USA; State of New York; and "JOHN  
DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the inten-  
tion of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of  
premises being foreclosed herein, and any corpora-  
tions or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest  
or lien upon the mortgaged premises,  
Defendants.

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:**  
**89 Huntville Road, Katonah, NY 10536**  
**TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:**  
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vice of this summons, exclusive of the day of service,  
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fendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60)  
days of servicehereof. In case of your failure to ap-  
pear or answer, judgment will be taken against you  
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**TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:** The  
foregoing Summons is served upon you by publi-  
cation pursuant to an Order of the Hon. David F.  
Everett, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Westchester  
County, entered December 12, 2017 and filed with  
the complaint and other papers in the Westchester  
County Clerk's Office.  
**NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF  
SOUGHT THE OBJECT** of the above captioned ac-  
tion is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$460,000.00  
and interest, recorded in the Westchester County  
Clerk's Office on April 26, 2007, in Control Number  
471060110 covering premises known as 89 Huntville  
Road, Katonah, NY 10536 a/k/a Section 49.18, Block  
4, Lot 40.  
The relief sought in the within action is a final judg-  
ment directing the sale of the premises described  
above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage  
described above.  
Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place  
of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the  
mortgaged premises is situated.

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YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP  
THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RE-  
SPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER  
ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF  
(MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE  
ANSWER WITH THE COURT.  
**Dated: December 12, 2016**  
**Frank M. Cassara, Esq.**  
**Senior Associate Attorney**  
**SHAPIRO, DICARO & BARAK, LLC**  
**Attorneys for Plaintiff**  
**175 Mile Crossing Boulevard**  
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# Anticipating Eagles on a Blustery Birding Day

By Brian Kluepfel

On Jan. 6, Saw Mill River Audubon and friends gathered at the Croton Point Nature Center for our annual Soup Social. It's a festive way to start the year, punctuated by friendly chatter, bird sighting reports, and in the end, delicious soups and desserts.

A slight injury allowed me to escape the morning hike. The group, undaunted by freezing temps and a dearth of eagles at the Croton Point Boat ramp, continued north to George's Island near Montrose, where the frozen Hudson was host to 10 of our national birds. The birds love fishing off the ice floes, and this week, the mighty river was so jammed up that a Coast Guard cutter was summoned to break up the ice, as in days of yore.

I remained inside at Croton Point, helping to prepare the room for the late-morning event, plugging in crock-pots and distributing cutlery. But I was able to do my favorite sort of winter birding from the back room of the nature center, where every winter weekend folks gather to drink coffee, eat cakes and observe birds from the large picture window, which overlooks a half-dozen feeders.

Despite (or perhaps because of) the feeders nearly being blown off their moorings, birds gathered by the dozens: Dark-eyed juncos and fearless chickadees

in varying shades of black-and-white, pairs of Northern cardinals building mini-bunkers in the snow drifts to protect their seed caches, seemingly staining the tundra a bright crimson. Red-bellied and Downy woodpeckers flitted and clambered in competition for the suet cakes, while a lone Blue Jay, the largest bird around, was given a respectful clearing by his avian brethren.

My own contribution was small—I noted that an extra Mourning dove arrived at some point, bringing our total to five. On such keen observation does citizen science thrive.

There was some small debate between Bonnie Coe, an Ossining photographer who also hosts the weekend Feeder Watch at the center, and a guest about whether a particular bird was a Tree sparrow, a House sparrow, or maybe even a White-throated sparrow, but as with most birding debates, this was settled without fisticuffs or thrown objects. In the end, actually, the two parties agreed.

Of course, among the highlights were



STEVE RAPPAPORT PHOTO  
Bald Eagle spotted last week along the Hudson River in Westchester.

two fly-bys of majestic Bald eagles (proof that you really don't have to go outside in 8-degree weather, if you don't want to). One adult flapped quickly by, while a younger immature bird hovered in the air for minutes, upheld by the gusting winds, in perfect view from our west-facing window.

Many kudos to those who did venture out-of-doors and lead the birding expedition up and down the Hudson shore's frozen paths: redoubtable birder Charlie Roberto of Croton, who did not surrender when no eagles were sighted in Croton, and Saw Mill River Audubon Executive Director Anne Swaim, who in addition to helping coordinate the day's activities brought along an awesome pot of veggie chili.

The room heated up as visitors from as far-flung destinations as South Africa, West Africa, New Rochelle and Lewisboro filled the center, eagerly partaking in oven-fresh oatmeal cookies, Walker's

shortbread cookies, and simmering pots of winter squash, lentil and other tangy soups.

And, naturally, there were the birds. Even in the worst weather, we usually spot a few, and folks were already eagerly amending their 2018 lists. A small walk around the center reminded one of its history, and the fact that Croton Point has been rejuvenated from a garbage dump to a park which, when carefully maintained can attract visitors like bobolinks (a small change in how the grass is mown allowed that species to return).

Small, committed groups like Saw Mill River Audubon allow these minor miracles to occur, as did similar groups who fought against DDT and allowed for the return of the Bald eagle to the Hudson Valley (and they also make awesome soups).

Don't forget that the annual Hudson River Eagle Fest is Feb. 10 at Croton Point Park. Project Feeder Watch happens at the Croton Point Nature Center every Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 11pm until early April—a great opportunity for beginning birders, and photographers, too (high praise to Bonnie, M.J., Rose and the other volunteers who make this happen).

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# Happenings

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2008 financial crisis. From acclaimed director Steve James, this award-winning documentary asks what the purpose of a bank should be, especially in an immigrant community, and whether the prosecution of this small financial institution has much larger implications for the role of banks in our society. Part of the Global Watch 2018: Crisis and Social Action series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. Members: \$8. Non-members: \$13. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

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Index No. 68828/2016

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Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America,

**Plaintiff,**

-against-

**James Whalen a/k/a James Whalen, Jr. a/k/a James F. Whalen, Jr.,** if he be living or dead, his spouse, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; Citibank, N.A.; Murrelde Whalen; State of New York; and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises, Defendants.

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# ExaminerSports

## Bobcats Pay a Big Price for a Win Against John Jay

By Andy Jacobs

With the return of junior forward Ben Leff from an injury last Wednesday evening, Byram Hills basketball fans finally got the chance to see what the Bobcats might be capable of this season when at full strength.

That glimpse lasted for less than one quarter.

Leff, who scored 10 points in just seven and a half minutes of playing time in his debut, provided back-to-back baskets that stretched the Bobcats' early lead over visiting John Jay to 13-2 with 3:30 left in the first quarter. But just one minute later, teammate Willy Samsen exited the game with a wrist injury and the Bobcats were suddenly forced to deal with more adversity.

"We're happy with the win, but we're thinking of Willy," said Bobcats head coach Ted Repa after his team had completed a 58-44 victory over the Indians in the first game of the new calendar year. "We're obviously really concerned. I mean, that's a 15-point scorer."

Samsen, the sweet-shooting junior with size and spring, landed on his shooting wrist after getting fouled while scoring a bucket. He did manage to go to the free-throw line, but his foul shot didn't even reach the rim. That was the end of his night and the start of more worries for Repa.

"Just for a few minutes tonight was the first time, and then Willy went down," he said of the Bobcats' struggle to get all their key pieces on the floor together this season. "Yeah, it's been frustrating. But sometimes resiliency is taught through hard lessons in life."

Resiliency was something undersized John Jay showed a bit of in the first half. The Indians trailed 17-7 after the opening quarter, but after successive baskets from Dan Ford and Charlie Murphy midway through the second period the big Byram Hills lead was sliced to just 22-18.

"We had some breakdowns, but they played really hard," said Repa about the Indians. "So they weren't gonna go away."

The Bobcats did close the first half on a 7-1 run to rebuild the 10-point advantage they had after the first quarter. The second half began with a 3-pointer from the top of the key by Skylar Sinon, who finished with a game-high 21 points, along with eight rebounds. A runner in the lane by Sinon with 5:45 to go in the third quarter gave the Bobcats a 34-19 cushion.

Later in the period, Leff provided his final two baskets of the night, a short flip from the right baseline and then a turnaround jumper in the lane, and the Bobcats maintained their 15-point lead, 40-25.

"Ben Leff being back is a huge thing for us," said Repa. "He was tough to stop



Byram Hills sophomore Sam Goldman heads for the basket during last week's 58-44 victory over visiting John Jay.

tonight. So obviously we need him to compete in Class A. He only played seven and a half minutes tonight. His limit was eight. So hopefully we can double that moving forward and then get him back to speed."

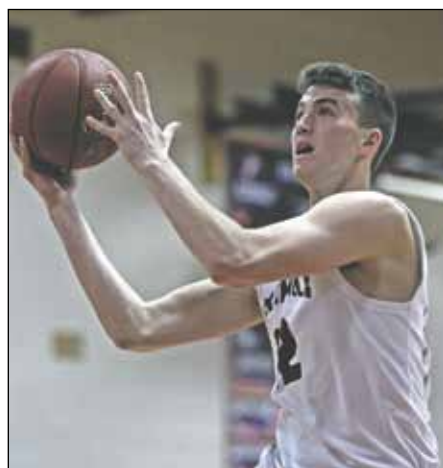
Sinon, of course, has already been playing at full speed this season. The varsity veteran now in his fifth year with the Bobcats had 25 points and nine rebounds as Byram Hills, now 6-2, ended the week with a 51-34 win over Ardsley at the Westchester County Center on Friday.

Against John Jay, he converted on all three free throws after being fouled while launching a 3-pointer with just over a minute left in the third quarter, enabling the Bobcats to take a 46-29 lead into the final period, which began with a Sinon fall-away jumper from the right baseline. His runner from right of the lane then gave the Bobcats their largest lead of the night, 50-30, with 6:15 left on the clock.

"He's like the one guy we can't take off the court," said Repa about Sinon. "He's



Senior forward Dylan Friedman tries to score inside after grabbing an offensive rebound in the Bobcats' 58-44 win over the John Jay Indians.



The Bobcats' Ben Leff, playing his first game of the season, gets inside for a bucket vs. John Jay.

our everything. He's our leader. He's averaging 10 assists a game along with 20 points. So he's doing a lot. He's just a great kid."

When Sinon did go to the bench, John Jay took advantage and went on an 11-1 run to move within 51-41 with 2:22 to go. But the Bobcats' Dylan Friedman, who finished with 14 rebounds, made both ends of a 1-and-1 foul opportunity to start a 5-0 Byram response that sealed the victory.

"Clearly we have to get better at a lot of little different things," said Repa after watching his backup players struggle against the Indians' full-court press in the



Jack Lorenzo of Byram Hills shoots the ball in the second half of last Wednesday's win over the Indians.



Skylar Sinon sends up a runner in the second half of last Wednesday's Bobcat win over John Jay.

fourth quarter. "The inexperienced guys, this is good for them because they see the mistakes and they can learn from them."

With Samsen expected to miss at least a couple of weeks, some of them figure to get playing time they might not have expected. Repa had been hoping the new year would usher in the chance for his team to start playing like a contender for a sectional title, but now the Bobcats may have to wait for Samsen's return to start clicking on all cylinders.

"There's only six weeks left," said Repa, unaware at the time what the X-rays would reveal. "Our fingers are crossed."



Byram Hills head coach Ted Repa questions a call during last week's home game vs. John Jay.



# Briarcliff Girls Defeat the Vikings in Tourney Final

By Andy Jacobs

Maybe it wasn't quite in the blink of an eye, but the Briarcliff girls' basketball team sure turned Saturday's game with Valhalla into a rout in a big hurry.

With just over a minute to go in the first quarter, the teams were tied at 18 apiece before the Bears went on a 15-1 blitz to seize firm control on their way to a lopsided 75-42 victory over the Vikings in the championship final of the 14th annual Lt. Charles Garbarini Memorial Basketball Tournament at Pleasantville High School.

"I think we slowed 'em down a little bit in the first quarter," said Vikings coach Stephen Boyer after watching the Bears cruise past his team over the final three periods. "The second quarter, they started to just run up and down the floor. They're very athletic, they can all shoot and they can score. It's tough to defend."

Alana Lombardi finished with a game-high 19 points to lead four Briarcliff starters in double figures, and Julia Barbalato, often overlooked in the Bears' high-powered offense, dazzled by scoring 12 of her 14 points in the first quarter. Maddie Plank, playing just her second game since returning from a wrist injury, had 12 points.

"If we rebound the ball, we're pretty good in transition," said Bears coach Don Hamlin, whose team is now 9-1 this season. "I thought we gave up too many second shots in the first half. I didn't think we did a very good job of boxing out, and we cleaned that up."

Valhalla was still within 37-27 late in the first half after a layup by Sam Morillo, who led the Vikings with 15 points. But the Bears then proceeded to score 10 straight points to open up a 20-point lead and the outcome was never in doubt after that.



Briarcliff guard Kacey Hamlin dribbles across the court in the Bears' 75-42 tourney win over Valhalla.



Briarcliff's Maddie Plank takes the ball to the basket as Valhalla's Shannon Brosnan tries to stop her in Saturday's game.

Two free throws by Kacey Hamlin started the burst, then Kaitlyn Ryan and Barbalato soon followed with jump shots. The run concluded with a drive through the lane by Lombardi with 41 seconds left in the half and, after a basket by the Vikings' Morillo, the Bears took a 47-29 lead into the locker room.

"I thought both teams were playing well to start the game," said coach Hamlin. "It was good back and forth."

"I think we got a little gassed," said the Vikings' Boyer. "Then we got a little foul trouble. But they don't stop. They've got so many weapons and that's what their game is, to push the ball. When you play Briarcliff, besides playing defense, you've got to put the ball in the basket because



Valhalla's Sam Morillo pulls down a rebound during the championship game of the annual Garbarini Memorial Basketball Tournament.



Sophomore Alana Lombardi of Briarcliff drives toward the lane in the first half against the Vikings.

they're so capable of scoring 60, 70 points."

The Bears, already leading by 18 points at intermission, poured it on in the third quarter, outscoring Valhalla by an 18-3 margin. Lombardi erupted for nine points over the final 3:15 of the period. Meanwhile, the Vikings' first points of the quarter, on a basket by Sierra Lockhart, didn't come until exactly four minutes remained.

"Obviously the three-headed monster with Lombardi, Hamlin and Maddie, it's tough to defend," said Boyer. "And the other two girls on their team, Barbalato and Jordan (Smith), they're more than role players. They do a great job for them."

The Vikings began the fourth quarter trailing by 33 points and never got any closer than 30 the rest of the way as both teams scored 10 points in the period.



Shelby Sekinski of Valhalla dribbles near midcourt as Briarcliff's Kaitlyn Ryan gives chase in the title game of the Garbarini Memorial Tournament.



Valhalla's Kayla Greenberg boxes out Briarcliff's Jordan Smith in the first half of Saturday's tournament final at Pleasantville High School.

Eight of the Valhalla points came from the free-throw line, including three by guard Shelby Sekinski, who finished the day with 12 points. Briarcliff's final three baskets of the game were all made by Julia Dalessandro.

For Hamlin, the win over Valhalla was another opportunity to get star guard Plank back in the swing of things. She made her return in last Wednesday's 78-29 blowout win over Westlake at home in the tourney's opening round, scoring 13 points, all in the third quarter.

"She just makes everything easier for everybody else," he said. "She's in control, she finds the open man, she puts us where we're supposed to be defensively. Just makes things easier for the kids and for me, actually."

According to Hamlin, as well as Plank played in her return, she's not even close to her peak form yet, which he predicted "could be devastatingly good." That should be just splendid news for the Vikings, whose reward for getting crushed by the Bears on Saturday is a rematch this week.

"We're playing 'em Wednesday," said Boyer. "It's a great challenge for us (the Viking coaches) and I think it's a great challenge for the girls. So I can't wait to get an opportunity. We'll make some adjustments and we'll try to stay up with that fast pace that Briarcliff does run."

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# Ryan's Hot Hand Helps the Bears Defeat Valhalla

By Andy Jacobs

On the coldest of days, Briarcliff's Jack Ryan quickly discovered he had the hottest of hands.

The Bears' senior sharpshooter made four 3-pointers and scored 16 points by the time Saturday's game against Valhalla was just 10 and a half minutes old. Even though he got into serious foul trouble and never scored another point, the damage was already done as the Bears held onto the lead Ryan helped build and defeated the Vikings 55-46 in the championship game of the 14th annual Lt. Charles Garbarini Memorial Basketball Tournament.

"It was great to see him start strong like that because we know the way he can shoot," said Bears head coach Cody Moffett afterwards. "But it was a little frustrating because of silly reach-in fouls. We've just gotta try to avoid those."

The early shooting display by Ryan came as no surprise to Vikings first-year coach Richard Clinchy, whose team scored the game's first five points, but then got overwhelmed the rest of the first quarter as Ryan began draining shots from beyond the 3-point arc. His third 3-pointer of the period, with 1:43 remaining, gave the Bears a 13-10 lead and left Valhalla playing from behind for the remainder of the game.

"Oh, he was great," said Clinchy. "He's one of those, he gets a star on the scouting report because we know how good he is. He's a great leader, he's a great ball handler. He must be wonderful to coach. And he comes out on fire and we had to make an adjustment and play a defense we actually have not played before because of him."

The title game of the tournament, which raised over a thousand dollars for the "Answer the Call" charity despite the frigid weather, was played at Pleasantville High School. It didn't take long to realize that Ryan was in a zone shooters dream

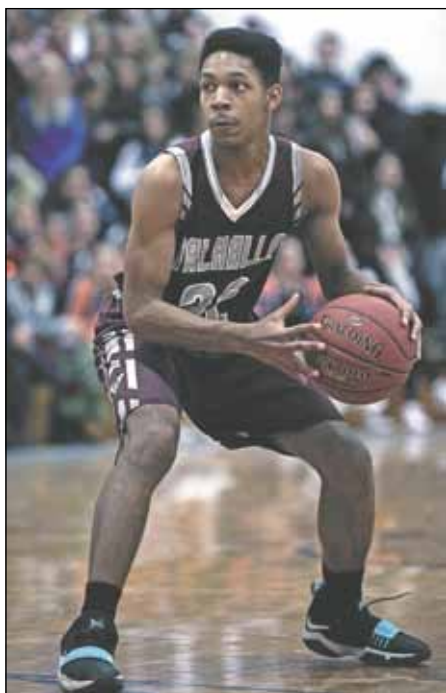


Briarcliff's Jack Ryan dribbles near midcourt in Saturday's tournament final. He scored a game-high 16 points.

about. After the Vikings jumped out to an early lead on a 15-foot baseline jumper by Drew Drayton-Bay and then an Orlando Clarke 3-point shot, Ryan took over.

By the end of the first quarter, he had collected 11 points and Briarcliff had a 16-10 advantage. But five quick and acrobatic points from Ethan Bartlett, who led Valhalla with 14, sliced the Bears' lead to just one point. Ryan then answered with his fourth and final trey of the game, this time from the right corner. With 5:32 left in the half, he made two foul shots, his last points of the day, as Briarcliff built a 21-15 edge.

Unfortunately for the Bears, Ryan was called for his third foul with 1:41 remaining in the half. Even worse for



Valhalla senior Orlando Clarke protects the ball as he gets pressured by Briarcliff's Tucker Wexler (left) and Miles Jones in Saturday's tournament game.

Drew Drayton-Bay of Valhalla gets set to pass the ball near the top of the key in Saturday's game vs. Briarcliff.



Valhalla's Ethan Bartlett rises above the crowd to grab a rebound in the championship game of the 14th annual Lt. Charles Garbarini Memorial Basketball Tournament.

Briarcliff, which led 28-19 at halftime, his fourth foul came just a minute into the third quarter. By then, Valhalla had switched to a box-and-one defense with junior guard Jordan Rush face guarding him all over the court.

"We tell other guys this is your opportunity to still be aggressive because the space on the floor is a little more open," said Moffett about adjusting to the change in the Viking defense. "But then we also don't want J. R. to get out of the flow of the game. We still want him to be aggressive when he has an opportunity as well. So it's just trying to find your good balance."

A 3-pointer by Rush midway through the third quarter moved Valhalla to within five points, but the Vikings entered the final period trailing 40-34 after the Bears' Miles Jones connected on a 20-foot jumper from right of the key just before the buzzer.

The fourth quarter began with Briarcliff extending to an 11-point lead as Tucker Wexler drove the baseline for a layup and Jones followed with a 3-point shot. But Valhalla answered with six straight points, four of them coming from Clarke, and closed to within 45-40 with 4:17 left in the game.

Though Ryan managed to finish the game with the four fouls, it was another Bear who stepped up in the final minutes to preserve the lead. Sophomore guard A J Panarese provided a pair of 3-pointers sandwiched around a Jackson Gonseth layup during an 8-0 spurt that quelled the Vikings' comeback bid.

"The other guards stepped up and hit some big shots when we had to give up something to take away something," said the Vikings' Clinchy after watching Ryan take on a supporting role in the final quarter. "He certainly was the difference maker in the first half, and then credit to their other guards in the fourth quarter when he was not."

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Miles Jones of Briarcliff shoots a jump shot over Valhalla's Marlin Wise in the first half of the Garbarini Memorial Basketball Tournament title game.

"Yeah, it was a total team effort," said Moffett, whose Bears improved to 6-1 this season. "We preach ball movement. So when the ball moves and a player moves, if you're open you're gonna take the shot. That's kind of the way we've been preaching, kind of the way we've been playing these last three years. It's been successful, so these guys know the deal when it comes to that."

The two teams are set to meet again today (Tuesday) at Valhalla, and Clinchy, for one, will be glad to finally play another home game after eight straight on the road.

"We started out slow," he said about his team, now 4-5. "We're playing much better now. So certainly to begin the year, I leave here encouraged and enthused about the rest of the season."



Briarcliff forward Spencer McCann shoots the ball in the lane during the Bears' 55-46 win over Valhalla in Saturday's tourney final.



# New York Section 1 Basketball Receives Community Support

## Petition Established Demanding Reversal of Executive Committee Decision

New York Section 1 Basketball Coaches Associations continue to gain traction in challenging NY Section 1 Executive Committee to reverse their November 27 decision in pulling the plug on Westchester County Center's 83-year storied history of hosting Section 1 boys and girls high school basketball tournaments.

A "Bring Section 1 Basketball Tournament Back to the County Center" on-line petition was created today. It followed a "Bring-Section 1 BBall Tourney Back to Westchester County Center" Face Book page that was established Thursday. Both social media platforms support the Coaches Associations and on behalf of supporting student-athletes, coaches, Athletic Directors, and fans, demand a reversal on the decision and immediate accountability and transparency from the Executive Committee.

"The Executive Committee's actions, lack of accountability and transparency have sent us a clear message," said Anthony Nicodemo, Sauders High School Head Basketball Coach, Director of the Lower Hudson Basketball Coaches Association and President of Section 1 Boys Basketball Association. "The Executive Director and President are not listening to anyone who is at the forefront of athletics. The athletic directors knew this was wrong. They knew it was bad for the kids. They tried to stand up and got stonewalled. We are not



select agenda-driven group of Section 1 officials. It was wrong. Section 1 officials have forgotten that they are paid by the public to run the tournament. They do not own the tournament. We do. They are accountable to us. To date they have ignored the public outrage, the media and the hard work of well-respected Section 1 Athletic Directors and coaches who have run the tournament for decades."

Harrington, a 60-year-old from Yonkers-an all-city player at Iona and an academic All-American at William and Mary in 1978, has been retained to represent Section 1's high school basketball coach's associations in their fight to return the tournament to the County Center. His objective is finding an amicable solution. If not, Harrington said he intends to pursue legal action against Section 1 decision makers on their behalf.

You can visit both on-line petition and Face Book at links below.

<https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/bring-section-1-basketball-tournament-back-to-the>

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rolling over on this and will continue to fight this battle."

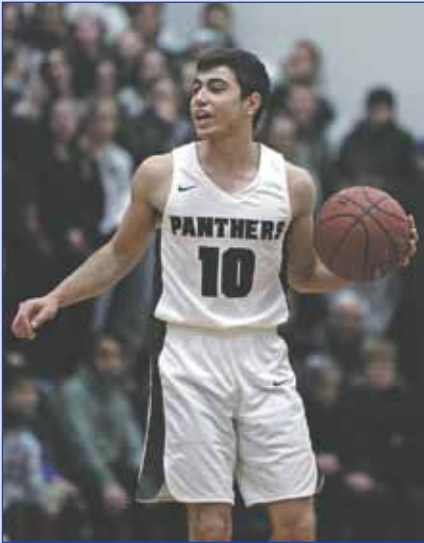
Following the Executive Committee's decision to move the championships out of the County Center, several members of the Section 1 basketball committees, including boys' basketball chairman Roman Catalino, recently resigned in protest of the decision and the Executive Committee's lack of communication and respect for the committee members.

"Since 1933 the County Center has been the iconic basketball venue for the section 1 boys and girls high school baseball tournament," Said attorney Bill Harrington. "The November 27 decision to abandon the county Center as the host site it's been for 83 years, appears to have been made in a back room by a

### Westlake Defeats the Panthers in Garbarini Tourney Consolation



Westlake's Terence O'Brien tries to drive past Pleasantville's Brendan O'Neill during the Wildcats' 52-42 win in the Garbarini Memorial Tournament consolation game Saturday afternoon.



Pleasantville junior Danny Melillo holds the ball at the top of the key in Saturday's tournament game vs. Westlake.



Westlake's Tyler Tsiakaros battles Pleasantville's Nick Salzarulo for rebound position in the consolation game of the 14th annual Lt. Charles Garbarini Memorial Basketball Tournament on Saturday afternoon at Pleasantville High School.

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### THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz By Edward Goralski

**Revolutionary Tale.** This week's quiz is based on "Revolution," the fourth volume of Peter Ackroyd's history of England. The book begins in 1688 with a revolution and finishes in 1815 with a famous victory. Ackroyd's storytelling will expose readers to little-known facts of British history along with this week's quiz words.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. <b>dint</b> (n.)          | A) a loud noise       | B) slight value              | C) exertion          |
| 2. <b>procure</b> (v.)       | A) to offer more      | B) obtain something          | C) display outwardly |
| 3. <b>chicanery</b> (n.)     | A) trickery           | B) elegance of dress         | C) a series of turns |
| 4. <b>manifold</b> (adj.)    | A) easily understood  | B) marked by grandeur        | C) many and various  |
| 5. <b>ensconce</b> (v.)      | A) to make sure       | B) settle in a safe place    | C) take in           |
| 6. <b>appurtenances</b> (n.) | A) accessory objects  | B) rightful endowments       | C) acts of approval  |
| 7. <b>rubicund</b> (adj.)    | A) occurring abruptly | B) having a ruddy complexion | C) fundamental       |
| 8. <b>quietus</b> (n.)       | A) a minor objection  | B) a lingering doubt         | C) final settlement  |

- ANSWERS:**
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| 1. C. Force or effort; exertion                                    | 2. B. To obtain something especially with care or effort | 3. A. Deception by artful subterfuge or sophistry; trickery                  | 4. C. Many and various; diverse       |
| 5. B. To establish or settle (someone) in a comfortable safe place | 6. A. Accessory objects; apparatus                       | 7. B. (Especially of someone's face) having a ruddy complexion; high-colored | 8. C. Final settlement (as of a debt) |



# Struggling Foxes Earn a Much-Needed Victory

By Andy Jacobs

After losing six of its first nine games this season, the Fox Lane girls' basketball team stepped onto its own home floor late Wednesday afternoon desperately in need of a victory.

"Oh my God, so badly I can't even tell you," head coach Kris Matts would concede shortly after his struggling team found a way to emerge with a 44-40 win over the Eastchester Eagles in a game that for a while reminded him of some others he had already seen his Foxes lose during the 2017 portion of the schedule.

"This was the same story over again," he said. "We were dominating early, we start to lose it a little bit, then start to fatigue. The old things started creeping in — the offensive rebounds, turnovers — and then all of a sudden we're in a nail biter. Every game prior to this has turned around at that point and we've lost."

This time, though, the Foxes held Eastchester scoreless over the game's final three minutes and closed with a 7-2 run that enabled them to overcome the 38-37 deficit they faced with 5:07 remaining. A 3-pointer from the left corner by Natalie Pence, her fifth of the game, broke the last tie of the day with 4:17 to go and gave Fox Lane the lead for good.

"The fact we were dominating, we had the scare and we closed it out, I think is gonna be really big for the mentality of the girls going forward," said Matts. "This is a huge pick-me-up. Huge, because we've been in so many games where we haven't been able to close it out."

The Foxes, led by senior star Maria Violante, who scored eight of her 13 points in the opening quarter, built a 15-11 advantage heading to the second period. Pence provided her second trey of the day just 50 seconds into the second quarter and the Foxes suddenly had a seven-point cushion. They built their largest lead of the game, 22-13, with exactly four minutes left in the half as Leah Figueroa connected on another 3-pointer.

But Eastchester immediately answered with a 9-0 spurt that started and ended with baskets from Angelina Porcello, tying the game with 1:25 to go before halftime. A free throw by Lucy Crerend with 40 seconds left gave Fox Lane a 23-



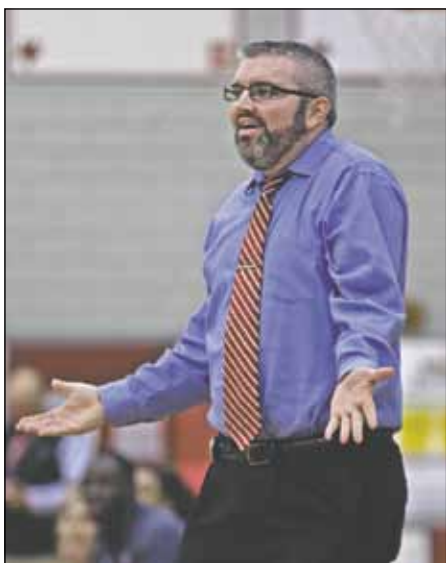
Fox Lane star Maria Violante drives to the basket in last Wednesday afternoon's home win over Eastchester.

22 edge at intermission.

Once the third quarter got underway, both teams struggled mightily shooting the ball and the score didn't change at all until Pence finally nailed a pullup 3-pointer from the top of the key just over four and a half minutes in. Another Pence 3-pointer, this time from the right corner, stretched the Foxes' lead to 32-26 with 1:35 left in the period.

The Eagles closed the third quarter with baskets from Fiona Teahan and Nicole Patrylow to slice the Fox Lane lead to just two points. Violante, who recently reached the 1000-point milestone and tormented Eastchester by grabbing 18 rebounds and blocking 12 shots, scored underneath on a dish from Crerend to give the Foxes a 36-32 lead with 6:45 left in the game.

"When you have one of the best players in the state, you know with Maria, it's a blessing and curse," said Matts. "It's a



Fox Lane head coach Kris Matts pleads with the referees during the Foxes' home win last Wednesday afternoon.



The Foxes' Lucy Crerend dribbles to the left of the foul line in the second half of the 44-40 victory over Eastchester last week.

blessing because all anyone does is get her the ball and magic happens. The bad thing is sometimes there are blinders on. They're just looking at her and they're not realizing that they have potential. There's girls on this team that are going to become leaders as soon as they realize that they can."

Eastchester grabbed its first, and only, lead of the second half when senior guard Cassidy Mitchell made a pair of free throws with 5:07 left on the clock. A foul shot by Melanie Matts tied the game with 4:44 to go, then 27 seconds later Pence, who finished with a game-high 15 points and added half a dozen rebounds and steals, came through with the 3-pointer that gave Fox Lane the lead for good.

A basket by Patricia Murtagh moved the Eagles to within 41-40 with 3:15 remaining, but they never scored again. Perhaps the biggest play of the final moments came after Pence missed two straight foul shots with 25.8 seconds left. Teammate Adriana Picolino, only a freshman, managed to grab an offensive rebound, setting the stage for a Crerend

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Fox Lane sophomore Suzy Paul shoots the ball from the left corner during the Foxes' win over visiting Eastchester.

free throw with 21 seconds remaining and then two more from Violante that sealed the outcome with 12.9 seconds to go.

"Adriana Picolino, she is 150 percent heart," said Matts. "Her heart is bigger than her entire body. She's a power forward and she's shorter than some guards. But she just hustles, dives for everything. She made the difference tonight on every loose ball and I'm really proud of her."

The way his players battled their way down the stretch to a big win over the Eagles now has Matts hoping that the Foxes have finally turned a corner.

"The season stands on a knife edge in situations like this," he said. "If you lose, the confidence starts to go away and it's hard to have those speeches anymore where it's like, 'We can do this. We can do this.' But you win, then you can gain momentum. To come out with a victory in this tough-fought game, I think is really gonna put wind in their sails going forward."



Fox Lane's Natalie Pence, who scored a game-high 15 points, tries to pass from her knees after winning a battle for a loose ball near midcourt in last Wednesday's win over the Eagles.

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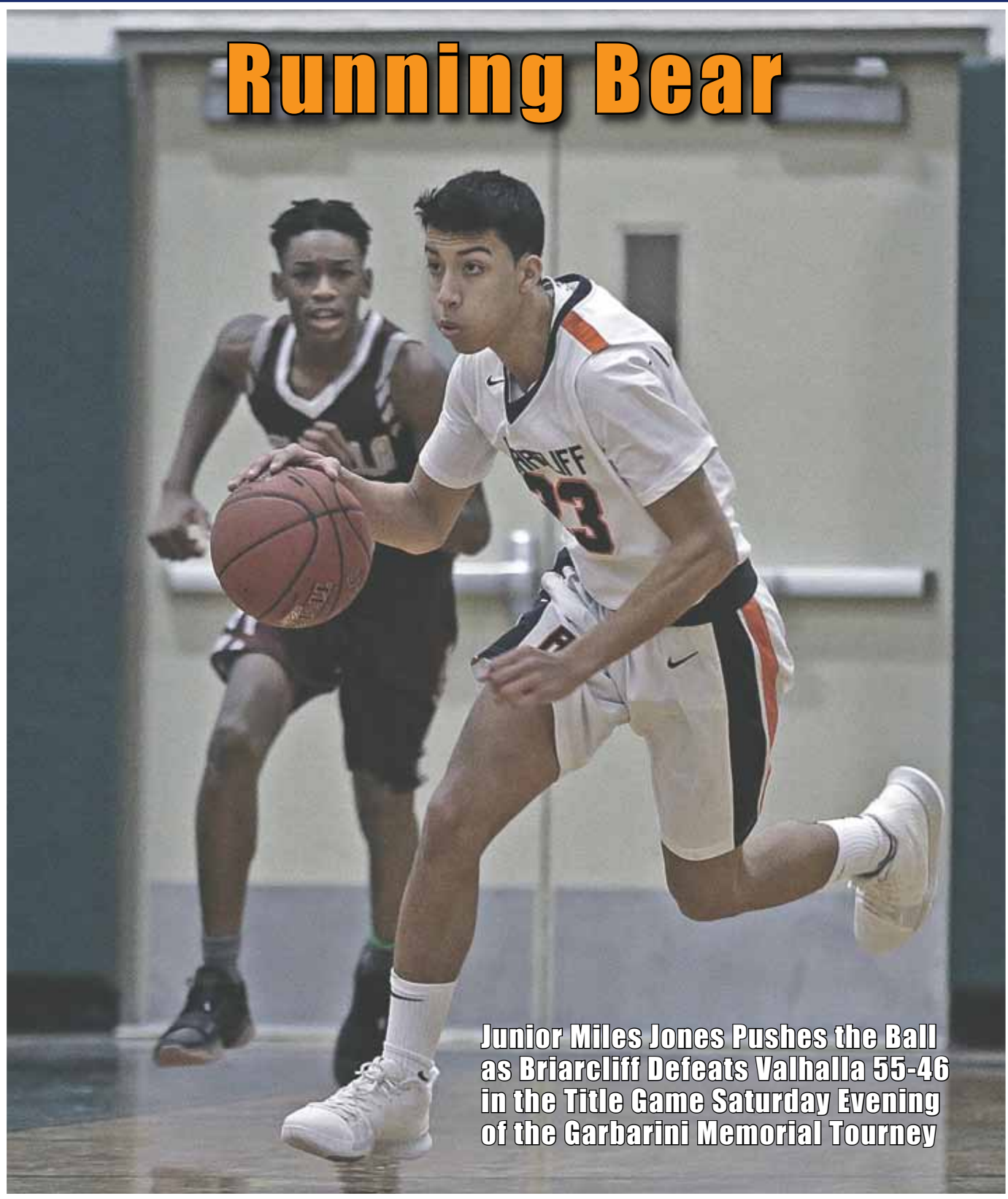
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## Running Bear



Junior Miles Jones Pushes the Ball as Briarcliff Defeats Valhalla 55-46 in the Title Game Saturday Evening of the Garbarini Memorial Tourney

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